

5 proposition of the United States, the foregoing stipulation in  
6 favor of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, or either  
7 of them, will be omitted; but in all other respects the United  
8 States will give full effect to the plan of union. If Prince  
9 Edward Island, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and New Brun-  
10 swick shall decline the proposition, but Canada, British Co-  
11 lumbia, and Vancouver island shall, with the consent of Great  
12 Britain, accept the same, the construction of a railway from  
13 Truro to Riviere du Loup, with all stipulations relating to the  
14 maritime provinces, will form no part of the proposed plan  
15 of union, but the same will be consummated in all other  
16 respects. If Canada shall decline the proposition, then the  
17 stipulations in regard to the Saint Lawrence canals and a rail-  
18 way from Ottawa to Sault Ste. Marie, with the Canadian  
19 clause of debt and revenue indemnity, will be relinquished.  
20 If the plan of union shall only be accepted in regard to the  
21 northwestern territory and the Pacific provinces, the United  
22 States will aid the construction, on the terms named, of a rail-  
23 way from the western extremity of Lake Superior, in the  
24 State of Minnesota, by way of Pembina, Fort Garry, and the  
25 valley of the Saskatchewan, to the Pacific coast, north of  
26 latitude forty-nine degrees, besides securing all the rights and  
27 privileges of an American territory to the proposed Terri-  
28 tories of Selkirk, Saskatchewan, and Columbia.