

Ministers, the course intended to be taken by the Dominion Government in fulfilment of the 11th Article of the Terms of Union of this Province with Canada.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed.) JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Honorable
the Secretary of State
for Canada.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the 22nd day of November, 1873.

The Committee of Council having had under consideration a memorandum from the Honorable the Provincial Secretary, dated 19th November, 1873, setting forth the facts:—

That the Government of British Columbia has protested against the non-fulfilment by the Dominion Government of the 11th Article of the terms of Union.

That beyond the acknowledgment of receipt no reply has been made by the Dominion Government to the despatch conveying that protest.

That the Government of British Columbia, looking at the actual position of affairs, felt compelled to await the action of the Parliament of Canada, expected shortly to meet, and which did meet on the 23rd October last past.

That the Parliament of Canada has been prorogued, not to meet until February next, without making provision for the construction of the Pacific Railway.

That the Legislative Assembly of the Province stands called to meet at Victoria on the 18th day of December next, and that the non-fulfilment by the Dominion Government of the Terms of Union has caused a strong feeling of anxiety and discomfiture to exist throughout the Province. The Committee advise your Honor to ask the Dominion Government through the proper channel for a decided expression of its policy with regard to the fulfilment of the 11th Article of the Terms of Union, in order that the information may be given to the Legislature at the opening of the coming Session. And to request that the decision arrived at be communicated to your Honor by telegram at the earliest moment possible, and the Committee respectfully suggest that if the present report be sanctioned, your Honor will be pleased to forward the same to His Excellency the Governor General, and also to draw his attention to the minutes of Council, each bearing date the 25th July last, on the same subject, one being a protest against the breach of Article 11, and the other a denial of the right of the Dominion Government to a conveyance, or several of any of the public lands for railway purposes until the line of railway should be defined.

Certified,
(Signed,) W. J. ARMSTRONG,
Clerk, Executive Council.

To His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, Victoria:—

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 96, of the 24th ultimo, enclosing with reference to your previous despatches on the subject, a further minute of your Executive Council respecting the non-fulfilment by the Dominion Government of the 11th Article of the "Terms" of the Union of British Columbia with Canada.

In reply, I have to inform you that the subject will receive the consideration of the Government.

I have, &c.

Department, Secretary of State,
13th December, 1873.