

Mr. De Cosmos then offered the following Preamble and Resolution:

Whereas, we recognize in the successful consolidation of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, into one great Government, constituting a new Nationality, the hand of destiny pointing unerringly to the speedy consolidation of all British North America;

And whereas, the recent action of the Canadian Parliament in asking the Imperial Government to transfer the North-West Territory to the Dominion, making British Columbia its western boundary, removes all obstacles of a territorial character to our admission into the Confederacy;

And whereas, the Legislative Council, at its last session, unanimously passed an Address to the Governor, asking him to apply to the Government of Canada to admit this Colony into the Dominion; and whereas, information respecting such admission has not, as yet, been communicated to the public through the Legislative Councillors as was expected;

*Resolved*, That we deem it expedient that steps should be taken to conclude negotiations with the Government of Canada, for the immediate admission of this Colony into the Dominion, on fair and equitable terms; and that an essential condition to such admission should be the construction by the Dominion Government, within two years, of a trans-continental wagon road, connecting Lake Superior and the head of navigation on the Lower Fraser.

When put to vote, the resolution in favor of Confederation, with the Overland Wagon Road as an essential condition, was successful amidst the wildest enthusiasm. Only about twenty hands were raised in opposition. A resolution appointing a Committee to wait upon the Governor to ascertain what progress had been made in the matter, and to take steps to further negotiations for the Union of this Colony with the Dominion was unanimously adopted, and the meeting broke up with three cheers for the Mayor.—*Colonist*.

Mr. Seelye offered the following resolution, which was seconded and carried unanimously:—

*Resolved*, That a Committee of six, including the Mayor, be appointed by the Chair to wait on His Excellency the Governor, and urge the adoption and carrying out of the views of this meeting, and that such Committee be authorized to transact any other business that they may deem expedient to further the cause of Confederation.

The Mayor appointed Messrs. Lumley, Franklin, A. De Cosmos, Dr. Powell, H. E. Seelye, Robert Wallace and G. J. Findlay, who, with His Worship added, completes the number called for in the resolution.