

*The Province of British Columbia.*

"That those portions of Vancouver Island known as 'Victoria District,' 'Esquimalt District' and 'Metchosin District,' as defined in the official maps of those districts in the Land Office, Victoria, and which maps are designated respectively, 'Victoria District Official Map, 1858,' 'Esquimalt District Official Map, 1858,' and 'Metchosin District Official Map, A.D. 1858,' shall constitute one district to be designated 'Victoria District,' and return two members.

"And, that all the remainder of Vancouver Island, and all such islands adjacent thereto as were formerly dependencies of the late Colony of Vancouver Island, shall constitute one district to be designated 'Vancouver Island District,' and return one member.

We further humbly represent that the proposed terms and conditions of Union of British Columbia with Canada, as stated in the said address are in conformity with those preliminarily agreed upon between delegates from British Columbia and the members of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, and embodied in a report of a Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 1st July, 1870, which approved report is as follows :—

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 1st July, 1870.*

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a despatch, dated the 7th May, 1870, from the Governor of British Columbia, together with certain resolutions submitted by the Government of that colony to the Legislative Council thereof—both hereunto annexed—on the subject of the proposed Union of British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada; and after several interviews between them and the Honorable Messrs. Trutch, Helmcken, and Carrall, the delegates from British Columbia, and full discussion with them of the various questions connected with that important subject, the Committee now respectfully submit for your Excellency's approval the following terms and conditions to form the basis of a political Union between British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada.

1. Canada shall be liable for the debts and liabilities of British Columbia existing at the time of the Union.

2. British Columbia not having incurred debts equal to those of the other Provinces now constituting the Dominion, shall be entitled to receive by half-yearly payments, in advance, from the General Government, interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, on the difference between the actual amount of its indebtedness at the date of the Union, and the indebtedness per head of the population of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick (27-77 dollars) the population of British Columbia being taken at 60,000.

3. The following sums shall be paid by Canada to British Columbia for the support of its Government and Legislature, to wit, an annual subsidy of 35,000 dollars, and an annual grant equal to 80 cents per head of the said population of 60,000, both half-yearly in advance, such grant of 80 cents per head to be augmented in proportion to the increase of population, as may be shown by each subsequent