

that You may graciously be pleased to cause to be laid before the Parliament of the United Kingdom a measure containing the recitals and clauses hereinafter set forth to confirm and give effect to the Terms of Union agreed between Canada and Newfoundland;

An Act to confirm and give effect to the Terms of Union agreed between Canada and Newfoundland.

Whereas by means of a referendum the people of Newfoundland have by a majority signified their wish to enter into Confederation with Canada;

And whereas the Agreement containing Terms of Union between Canada and Newfoundland set out in the Schedule to this Act has been duly approved by the Parliament of Canada and by the Government of Newfoundland;

And whereas Canada has requested and consented to the enactment of an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom to confirm and give effect to the said Agreement and the Senate and House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled have submitted an Address to His Majesty praying that His Majesty may graciously be pleased to cause a Bill to be laid before the Parliament of the United Kingdom for that purpose;

Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows;

1. The Agreement containing Terms of Union between Canada and Newfoundland set out in the Schedule to this Act is hereby confirmed and shall have the force of law notwithstanding anything in the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1946.

2. This Act may be cited as the British North America Act, 1949, and the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1946, and this Act may be cited together as the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1949.

Schedule

(Full text of terms of Union)

And a Debate arising thereon;

Mr. Drew, seconded by Mr. Graydon, moved in amendment thereto:

That the Motion be amended by deleting the words:

“A humble Address be presented to His Majesty the King in the following words”:—

and substituting therefor:

“And whereas it is desirable that the Government of Canada should consult with the Governments of the several Provinces in respect to the said matter.

“Now therefore be it resolved, that the Government of Canada be required to consult at once the Governments of the several Provinces and that upon a satisfactory conclusion of such consultations ‘a humble Address be presented to His Majesty in the following words’:—”

And the Debate still continuing; the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. Raymond (Beauharnois-Laprairie), adjourned.

The House then adjourned at 10.56 o'clock, p.m., until to-morrow at 3 o'clock, p.m.