

and forty-sixth section of the "*British North America Act, 1867*," to admit Prince Edward Island into the Union or Dominion of Canada, on the terms and conditions set forth in the above-mentioned Resolutions ;

Wherefore, we, the Senate of Canada, fully concurring in the terms and conditions expressed in the Address of the House of Commons, humbly pray that Your Majesty will be pleased, by and with the advice of Your Most Honorable Privy Council, under the provisions of the one hundred and forty-sixth section of the "*British North America Act, 1867*," to admit Prince Edward Island into the Dominion of Canada.

(Signed)

P. J. O. CHAUVEAU,

Speaker of the Senate.

The Senate, May 21, 1873.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Prince Edward Island, in Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty, and pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by and with the advice of Your Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, under the provisions of the one hundred and forty-sixth section of the "*British North America Act, 1867*," to admit Prince Edward Island into the Union or Dominion of Canada, on the terms and conditions expressed in certain Resolutions recently passed by Houses of the Parliament of Canada, and also by the Houses of the Legislature of Prince Edward Island, which said Resolutions are as follows :—

1. That Canada shall be liable for the debts and liabilities of Prince Edward Island at the time of the Union ;

2. That in consideration of the large expenditure authorized by the Parliament of Canada for the construction of railways and canals, and in view of the possibility of a re-adjustment of the financial arrangements between Canada and the several Provinces now embraced in the Dominion, as well as the isolated and exceptional condition of Prince Edward Island, that Colony shall, on entering the Union, be entitled to incur a debt equal to fifty dollars per head of its population, as shown by the census returns of 1871,—that is to say: four million seven hundred and one thousand and fifty dollars ;

3. That Prince Edward Island, not having incurred debts equal to the sum mentioned in the next preceding Resolution, shall be entitled to receive, by half-yearly payments, in advance, from the General Government, interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on the difference from time to time, between the actual amount of its indebtedness and the amount of indebtedness authorized as aforesaid—viz., four million seven hundred and one thousand and fifty dollars ;

4. That Prince Edward Island shall be liable to Canada for the amount (if any) by which its public debt and liabilities at the date of the Union, may exceed four million seven hundred and one thousand and fifty dollars, and shall be chargeable with interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on such excess ;

5. That as the Government of Prince Edward Island holds no lands from the Crown, and consequently enjoys no revenue from that source for the construction and maintenance of local works, the Dominion Government shall pay, by half-yearly instalments, in advance, to the Government of Prince Edward Island, forty-five thousand dollars per annum, less interest at five per cent. per annum, upon any sum not exceeding eight hundred thousand dollars, which the Dominion Government may advance to the Prince Edward Island Government for the purchase of lands now held by large proprietors ;