

10. Under the arrangements which I have sketched, if the Colonial Secretary and Attorney General can be provided for, I think it probable that the Canadian Government may be relieved from any present necessity for the *payment* of pensions. But, I regard it as absolutely necessary that the provision of pensions should be made, at the rate of two-thirds the present amount of salary as security to the officers concerned, that they will not be allowed to go without either employment or pension. It will be easy to provide that the pensions shall not be drawn in cases where the claimants accept suitable employment.

11. I think it very important that the arrangements in respect of the whole of this question, should early be placed upon a satisfactory basis. It is my duty to bear testimony to the loyalty and good feeling with which I have been supported by the official body in carrying out a policy which they could not but be aware entailed some risk to them as regards their personal interests, and it is not unnatural that the subject should continue to cause some uneasiness and anxiety.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

A. MUSGRAVE.

His Excellency

The Right Honorable Lord Lisgar,
&c., &c., &c.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
23rd January, 1871.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to forward for the information of Your Lordship's advisers, printed copies of an Address to the Queen, which has been passed by the unanimous vote of the Legislative Council, praying that Her Majesty will be pleased, under the provisions of the 146th section of the British North America Act, to admit British Columbia into the Dominion of Canada on the basis of the terms and conditions offered to this Colony by the Government of the Dominion of Canada therein set forth.

2. Mr. Trutch, who is already known to Your Lordship's Government as one of the Delegates who conferred with them upon this subject last year, will proceed to Ottawa next month for the purpose of affording any details of information which may be required during the passage of the proposed corresponding Address through the Canada Parliament; and also to adjust such matters of arrangements between the two Governments as it may be necessary to settle before the declaration of Union.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

A. MUSGRAVE.

The Right Honorable

The Lord Lisgar, G. C. B., G. C. M. G.,
&c., &c., &c.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia in Council assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty for the purpose of representing:—

That, during the last Session of the late Legislative Council, the subject of the admission of the Colony of British Columbia into the Union or Dominion of Canada was taken into consideration, and a Resolution on the subject was agreed to, embodying the terms upon which it was proposed that this Colony should enter the Union;