

sian fur-trading posts on this Continent—if we have, at this moment, an agreement with Great Britain, that neither power shall exceed an insignificant number of guns on the Great Lakes, and if the Telegraph, when successfully submerged on the Atlantic plateau, is unquestionably to be neutralized during the accident of international hostilities—surely an emigrant route in the first instance, and a railroad soon thereafter to succeed the wagon or mule track, may be safely entrusted to the guardianship of peace and civilization. No other guaranty of protection is needed, than the enlightened intelligence and moral sensibility of the Anglo-Saxon communities, only separated by an ocean.

Believing that he was not alone in these opinions and sentiments, Mr. Taylor said in conclusion, that he had ventured to embody them in resolutions, which he would read; but if a single suggestion of reluctance to entertain them was intimated, by any gentleman present, he begged leave in advance to withdraw them. He then offered the following

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolved, That the citizens of Minnesota, in common with the States of the Northwest, are deeply interested in a connection between the northern lakes and the Pacific Ocean; and if sectional counsels shall prevail at Washington, excluding the great national highway between Lake Superior and Puget Sound, from its equal and just recognition by Congress, then we congratulate the citizens of the Lake States, that by co-operation with our Canadian brethren, an international route through the valleys of the Red River of the North, the Saskatchewan and the Columbia is not only practicable, but will develop the most valuable portions of the North American continent into powerful and populous States.

Resolved, That the great physical fact will vindicate itself, namely, that the commerce and power of the globe lies north of the fortieth degree of north latitude, and that four-fifths of Europe, with a corresponding area of the Pacific coast of North America, is north of the centre of Minnesota.

Resolved, That the discovery of gold fields on Frazer River, and the probable removal from the Saskatchewan District, British Oregon and Vancouver Island, of dominion by the Hudson Bay Company, opening those immense and fertile territories to settlement, are considerations which imperatively demand a far different policy by the Government of the United States than has hitherto prevailed.

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