

very large claim against the *United States* Government under the *Oregon Treaty*—and Ships, Goods, Pelts and business premises in *England* and *Canada* valued at £1,023,569. The value of the territorial rights of the Company therefore, in the estimation of the Company itself, will be easily arrived at.

The results of our communications with the Committee of Her Majesty's Government were placed, by Mr. *Cardwell*, in the form of a Despatch to Your Excellency; that document bears date the 17th June, 1865, and has already reached Your Excellency's hands. It contains a correct statement of the result of the conference.

Although the subject was not specially referred to us, we did not fail to call the attention of the Colonial Minister to the anomalous position of foreigners who have settled in *Canada* and become naturalized subjects under our Provincial Statutes. Mr. *Cardwell* at once admitted the hardship of the case, and stated that it was the desire of Her Majesty's Government to remedy it, and that with that view he had referred the subject to the Law Officers of the Crown for their opinion as to the best mode of doing so. ↲

It will be gratifying to many devoted subjects of Her Majesty throughout *British America*, whose fears have been excited by the language too often heard of late years, on the subject of Colonial connection, that we received from Her Majesty's Ministers the assurance that the British Government acknowledge the obligation of defending every portion of *Canada* with all the resources at its command.

Such in brief is the outline of our communications with Her Majesty's Government, and we cannot conclude this report without gratefully acknowledging the distinguished consideration extended to us as the representatives of *Canada*, not only by the Minister with whom we were brought more directly in contact, but by many eminent personages with whom we had the honor of conferring on the objects of our mission. To Mr. *Cardwell* we are especially indebted for unremitting kindness and attention. We are happy to believe that the result of our visit to *England* has been to inspire more just views as to the position and feelings of the Canadian people, and to draw closer the ties that have so long and so happily attached our Province to the Mother Country.

JOHN A. MACDONALD,
GEO. ET. CARTIER,
GEO. BROWN,
A. T. GALT.

Quebec, 12th July, 1865.

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COPY of a Despatch from the Right Honorable *Edward Cardwell*, M.P., to Governor General Viscount *Monck*.

(No. 95.)

DOWNING STREET, 17th June, 1865.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to inform your Lordship that several conferences have been held between the four Canadian Ministers who were deputed, under the Minute of your Executive Council of March 24th, to proceed to *England* to confer with Her Majesty's Government on the part of *Canada*, and the Duke of *Somerset*, the Earl *De Grey*, Mr. *Gladstone*, and myself, on the part of Her Majesty's Government.

On the first subject referred to in the Minute, that of the Confederation of the British North American Provinces, we repeated on the part of the Cabinet the assurances which had already been given of the determination of Her Majesty's Government to use every proper means of influence to carry into effect without delay the proposed Confederation.

On the second point, we entered into a full consideration of the important subject of the defence of *Canada*, not with any apprehension on either side that the friendly relations now happily subsisting between this country and the *United States* are likely to be disturbed, but impressed with the conviction that the safety of the Empire from possible attack ought to depend upon its own strength and the due application of its own resources. We reminded the Canadian Ministers that on the part of the Imperial Government we had obtained a vote of money for improving the fortifications of *Quebec*. We assured them that so soon as the vote had been obtained the necessary instructions had been sent out for the immediate execution of the works, which would be prosecuted with dispatch; and we reminded