

RESOLUTIONS adopted at a Conference of Delegates from the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and the Colonies of Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, held at the City of Québec, 10th of October, 1864, as the basis of a proposed Confederation of those Provinces and Colonies.

1. The best interests and present and future prosperity of *British North America*, will be promoted by a Federal Union, under the Crown of *Great Britain*, provided such Union can be effected on principles just to the several Provinces.

2. In the Federation of the *British North American* Provinces, the system of Government best adapted under existing circumstances to protect the diversified interest of the several Provinces, and secure efficiency, harmony and permanency in the working of the Union, would be a general Government, charged with matters of common interest to the whole country; and Local Governments for each of the *Canadas*, and for the Provinces of *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick* and *Prince Edward Island*, charged with the control of local matters in their respective sections. Provision being made for the admission into the Union, on equitable terms, of *Newfoundland*, the *North-West Territory*, *British Columbia* and *Vancouver*.

3. In framing a Constitution for the General Government, the Conference, with a view to the perpetuation of our connection with the Mother Country, and to the promotion of the best interests of the people of these Provinces, desire to follow the model of the British Constitution, so far as our circumstances will permit.

4. The Executive Authority or Government shall be vested in the Sovereign of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and be administered according to the well-understood principles of the *British* Constitution, by the Sovereign personally, or by the Representative of the Sovereign duly authorized.

5. The Sovereign or Representative of the Sovereign shall be Commander in Chief of the Land and Naval Militia Forces.

6. There shall be a General Legislature or Parliament for the Federated Provinces, composed of a Legislative Council and a House of Commons.

7. For the purpose of forming the Legislative Council, the Federated Provinces shall be considered as consisting of three divisions: 1st, *Upper Canada*; 2nd, *Lower Canada*, 3rd, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick* and *Prince Edward Island*; each division with an equal representation in the Legislative Council.

8. *Upper Canada* shall be represented in the Legislative Council by 24 members, *Lower Canada* by 24 members, and the three Maritime Provinces by 24 members, of which *Nova Scotia* shall have 10, *New Brunswick* 10, and *Prince Edward Island* 4 members.

9. The Colony of *Newfoundland* shall be entitled to enter the proposed Union, with a representation in the Legislative Council of 4 members.

10. The *North-West Territory*, *British Columbia* and *Vancouver* shall be admitted into the Union on such terms and conditions as the Parliament of the Federated Provinces shall deem equitable, and as shall receive the assent of Her Majesty; and in the case of the Province of *British Columbia* or *Vancouver*, as shall be agreed to by the Legislature of such Province.

11. The Members of the Legislative Council shall be appointed by the Crown under the Great Seal of the General Government, and shall hold office during life: if any Legislative Councillor shall, for two consecutive sessions of Parliament, fail to give his attendance in the said Council, his seat shall thereby become vacant.

12. The Members of the Legislative Council shall be *British* subjects by birth or naturalization, of the full age of thirty years, shall possess a continuous real property qualification of four thousand dollars over and above all incumbrances, and shall be and continue worth that sum over and above their debts and liabilities, but in the case of *Newfoundland* and *Prince Edward Island* the property may be either real or personal.

13. If any question shall arise as to the qualification of a Legislative Councillor, the same shall be determined by the Council.

14. The first selection of the Members of the Legislative Council shall be made, except as regards *Prince Edward Island*, from the Legislative Councils of the various Provinces, so far as a sufficient number be found qualified and willing to serve; such Members shall be appointed by the Crown at the recommendation of the General Execu-