

MEETING AT EAST RIVER.

In pursuance of a requisition to John McPhie, Esq., a meeting was held at Bridgville, East River, on Monday, 27th January. The meeting was large and respectable, and animated by one feeling—that of determination to support the Repeal policy of the Government. John McPhie, Esq., was called to the Chair, and R. McConnell, of New Glasgow, who was present, appointed Secretary. The Chairman briefly stated the object of the meeting, after which the following resolutions were adopted by acclamation:—

Moved by Alex. Grant, Esq., seconded by Mr. Wm. McGillvary:

"Whereas, The preamble of the British North America Act contains a deliberate falsehood when it sets forth that Nova Scotia desired to be federally united with Canada—the consent of this Province being neither asked nor given;

"Therefore resolved, That this meeting enter their protest against the tyrannical manner in which Nova Scotia was forced into Confederation, and claim the right for this Province to be governed in accordance with the well understood wishes of the people, under the constitution guaranteed to them by the Crown as a loyal Province of the British Empire."

Moved by Mr. Simon McDonald, seconded by Mr. Lauchlan McLean:

"Whereas, The interests of Canada are directly hostile to those of Nova Scotia; and whereas, we have lost control of our own revenues, and are practically without any effective representation in the Dominion Parliament and Government; and whereas, it is in direct opposition to the principles of the British Constitution and Responsible Government that a people should be taxed without representation;

"Therefore resolved, This meeting cannot recognize as valid or binding upon them any act of the Dominion Parliament."

Moved by Mr. Donald Fraser, seconded by Mr. Wm. Grant:

"Whereas, The members of our Local Parliament have issued a manifesto, setting forth their intention of appealing to the British Parliament for a Repeal of so much of the British North America Act as applies to Nova Scotia;

"Therefore resolved, That this meeting approve and sustain their proceedings so far, and recommend them to employ every means within their reach for the accomplishment of said desirable object; and in case Repeal is refused, this meeting would recommend the Government to assume their rightful powers, and control our revenues as has been done previous to the passing of Confederation."

Moved by Mr. Angus McMillan, seconded by Mr. Thoms Frame:—

"Whereas, The Dominion Government still unconstitutionally retain