

respective debts of any of the Provinces do not amount to the sums set against them, then such Provinces shall receive interest at the rate of five per cent. from the Dominion for the difference between their actual debts and the sums specified.

The Dominion shall pay certain sums yearly to the several Provinces for the support of their Governments and Legislatures, viz., to Ontario, eighty thousand dollars; Quebec, seventy thousand dollars; Nova Scotia, sixty thousand dollars; New Brunswick, fifty thousand dollars, with an additional grant to each Province of eighty cents. per head, according to the census of 1861, and to the two maritime Provinces, according to the numbers in each census, till their numbers come up to four hundred thousand in each, all interest due by any of the Provinces being deducted from such sums. Certain other sums are proposed to be paid to New Brunswick, but need not be specified.

Absolute free trade exists between the Confederate Provinces, and the Customs and Excise Laws are regulated by the Dominion Parliament.

The Parliament and Government of Canada regulate all intercourse of the Dominion with Britain and with foreign countries; and all the acts of the Federal Legislature are published in English and French.

The Intercolonial Railway between Quebec and Nova Scotia, as an essential part of the union arrangement, had to be commenced within six months after the union was consummated. The surveys were within that time proceeded with, and since the northern route, usually known as the Robinson, has been fixed upon, at this date (1869), some of the contracts for its construction have been allotted, and the whole will be pushed through as speedily as possible.

Provision is made in the Act of Union for the recep-