

The twelfth paragraph being again read, as followeth :—

“That we receive from His Excellency, with the most profound attention, the announcement that a careful consideration of the general position of *British North America* induced the conviction that the circumstances of the times afforded the opportunity, not merely for the settlement of a question of Provincial politics, but also for the simultaneous creation of a new Nationality ;—that preliminary negotiations were opened by His Excellency with the Lieutenant Governors of the other Provinces of *British North America*, and that the result was that a meeting was held at *Quebec*, in the month of October last, composed of delegates from those Colonies, representing all shades of political party in their several communities, nominated by the Lieutenant Governors of their respective Provinces, who assembled here, with the sanction of the Crown, and at His Excellency's invitation, to confer with the Members of the Canadian Ministry on the possibility of effecting a Union of all the Provinces of *British North America* ;—that this Conference, after lengthened deliberations, arrived at the conclusion that a Federal Union of these Provinces was feasible and desirable, and the result of its labors is a plan of Constitution for the proposed Union, embodied in a series of resolutions which, with other papers relating to the subject, His Excellency has directed to be laid before us ;—and that the general design of a Union, and the particular plan by which it is proposed to carry that intention into effect, have both received the cordial approbation of the Imperial Government.”

The Honorable Mr. *Dorion (Hochelaga)* moved, in amendment thereto, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Laframboise*, That the words, “But this House deems it a duty “respectfully to express to Your Excellency its firm conviction that the people of this “Province, fully appreciating the blessings of their existing political relations with the “Great Empire of which they form part, neither wish nor seek to create a new nationality,” be added at the end thereof.

And the Question being put, That those words be there added ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

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Messieurs

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| <i>Caron,</i> | <i>Dunkin,</i> | <i>Labreche-Viger,</i> | <i>Pouliot,</i> |
| <i>Coupal,</i> | <i>Fortier,</i> | <i>Laframboise,</i> | <i>Rymal,</i> |
| <i>Currier,</i> | <i>Geoffrion,</i> | <i>Lajoie,</i> | <i>Thibaudeau,</i> |
| <i>Dorion (Drum. & Arth)</i> | <i>Holton,</i> | <i>O'Halloran,</i> | <i>Wallbridge (N. Hast's) and</i> |
| <i>Dorion (Hochelaga),</i> | <i>Houde,</i> | <i>Pâquet,</i> | <i>Wright (Ottawa Co.)—25</i> |
| <i>Duckett,</i> | | | |

NAYS :

Messieurs

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| <i>Alley,</i> | <i>Cowan,</i> | <i>Jones (South Leeds),</i> | <i>Rose,</i> |
| <i>Archambeault,</i> | <i>De Boucherville,</i> | <i>Knight,</i> | <i>Ross (Champlain),</i> |
| <i>Beaubien,</i> | <i>Dickson,</i> | <i>Langevin,</i> | <i>Ross (Dundas),</i> |
| <i>Bellerose,</i> | <i>Dufresne (Montcalm),</i> | <i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.,</i> | <i>Ross (Prince Edward),</i> |
| <i>Biggar,</i> | <i>Dunsford,</i> | <i>Mackenzie (Lambton),</i> | <i>Smith (East Durham),</i> |
| <i>Blanchet,</i> | <i>Evanturel,</i> | <i>Mackenzie (N. Oxford),</i> | <i>Smith (Toronto East),</i> |
| <i>Bowman,</i> | <i>Gagnon,</i> | <i>McConkey,</i> | <i>Somerville,</i> |
| <i>Brown,</i> | <i>Galt,</i> | <i>McDougall,</i> | <i>Sturton,</i> |
| <i>Burwell,</i> | <i>Gaucher,</i> | <i>McGee,</i> | <i>Sylvain,</i> |
| <i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.,</i> | <i>Gaudet,</i> | <i>McIntyre,</i> | <i>Taschereau,</i> |
| <i>Cartwright,</i> | <i>Haultain,</i> | <i>McKellar,</i> | <i>Thompson,</i> |
| <i>Cauchon,</i> | <i>Higginson,</i> | <i>Morris,</i> | <i>Tremblay,</i> |
| <i>Chambers,</i> | <i>Howland,</i> | <i>Morrison,</i> | <i>Walsh,</i> |
| <i>Chapais,</i> | <i>Huot,</i> | <i>Pinsonneault,</i> | <i>Wells,</i> |
| <i>Cockburn,</i> | <i>Irvine,</i> | <i>Poulin,</i> | <i>White, and</i> |
| <i>Cornellier,</i> | <i>Jackson,</i> | <i>Rémillard,</i> | <i>Wood.—64.</i> |