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OF

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, February 28, 1865.

THE House having, by several Proclamations hereto annexed, been prorogued until this day, then to meet for the dispatch of business;

And being met—

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Robert Hyndman, Esquire, Usher of the Black Rod :

Mr. Speaker ;

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands the attendance of this Honorable House at the Bar of the Council Chamber, instantan.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker and the House went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber ;

And being returned—

Mr. Speaker reported, that when the House did attend His Excellency this day in the Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Legislature, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, and is as follows :—

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council ;

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly ;

I rejoice that I am enabled, at the commencement of another Session of this Legislature, to congratulate you on the general prosperity of this Island.

You will, I am confident, join with me in an expression of gratitude to Almighty God for the abundant harvest, and the many blessings which have been bestowed on the people of this Province during the past year.

In compliance with the resolution which you passed last Session, I appointed Delegates to confer with Delegates appointed by the Governments of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, for the purpose of discussing the expediency of a Legislative Union of the Maritime Provinces.

Correspondence on this subject, together with a Report of the Conference of the Delegates will be laid before you.

From these papers you will learn the origin of a second Conference, to consider the wider question of a General Union of the British North American Provinces.

On the invitation of the Governor General I nominated Delegates to proceed to Quebec to attend this second Conference.

In appointing Delegates, I deemed it expedient, on both occasions, to select them from each of the political parties in the Legislature.

Copies of the Resolutions adopted at the Quebec Conference, will be submitted to you.