

The following resolution was moved by J. W. Crosskill, Esq., and seconded by Eliakim Tupper, Esq. :—

“Whereas, An attempt has been made to overthrow the constitution of Nova Scotia, guaranteed to this Province by the British Government, and to substitute therefor an Act known as the ‘British North America Act,’ under the operation of which Nova Scotia will be annexed to the Province of Canada;

“And whereas, The people of Nova Scotia, by petition to the Legislature, and by addresses and petitions to the British Government and Imperial Parliament, protested against annexation, and denied the right of the Nova Scotia Legislature, without the consent of the people, to legislate away the constitution;

“And whereas, A majority of the Legislature, in defiance of such remonstrances, usurped the right to pass upon such annexation, and by fraud and misrepresentation succeeded in inducing the Imperial Parliament to enact the said British North America Act;

“And whereas, Such Act is a menace to the liberties of this people, and a grievous wrong to a loyal Province, and should be resisted by all lawful and constitutional means;

“And whereas, The people of Nova Scotia are loyal to the Crown, earnestly desirous of perpetuating the connection with the mother country, and to maintain their allegiance, so long as their rights are respected, and their liberties protected; yet they repudiate with indignation the attempt made to annex them to Canada, in defiance of every principle of right and justice; and they sternly repudiate all idea of recognizing the New Dominion, or of transferring their loyalty to a government at Ottawa:

“Therefore resolved, That the declaration published by the members elect of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, in which they announce their determination to seek for a repeal of the British North America Act, meets our cordial approval; and further resolved, that we pledge ourselves to aid and sustain the government of the country in every way in their endeavors to have such Act repealed.”

The meeting was subsequently addressed by the Hon. W. C. Whitman, Miner Tupper, Handley Fitch, and A. M. Gidney, Esquires.

W. H. Ray, Esq., M. P., who arrived late, addressed the meeting for upwards of an hour, and was loudly cheered.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings of this great Repeal gathering, and men returned to their homes fully determined never to give up the struggle for their independence.

I. B. GIDNEY,
Secretary.

Bridgetown, January 22nd, 1868.