

through this province, that consequently this branch in the opinion of this meeting demands the warmest encouragement and support of the Legislature and people of this province.

4th. Resolved unanimously, that this meeting will afford every facility and aid in promoting these great public works, and as a substantial evidence of the sincerity of its opinions we will individually pledge ourselves to make a free grant of whatever cultivated lands may be required for a breadth of way over which the said railroad may pass, belonging to us respectively, as also a free grant of any wilderness lands that may be required for a similar purpose, together with one half of the quantity of such wilderness lands so belonging to us, in addition to such part as may be required for a width of way.

5th. Resolved unanimously, that a written agreement be immediately prepared, embodying the above views, and be submitted for signature.

6th. Resolved unanimously, that the Hon. Edward B. Chandler and Mr. W. H. Buckerfield be a committee to prepare a draft of such agreement.

7th. Resolved unanimously, that it is the opinion of this meeting that judging from the effects already produced by railway communications in other countries, the most beneficial results may be expected to arise from this undertaking to the agricultural and commercial interests of the province, and that it may through its main line and its probable connexions be the means of attracting the large and unceasing emigration from Europe, as well as the traffic between that continent and the greater part of North America, more especially from Canada and the Western States of the Union, to the ports of this and the adjoining province.

8th. Resolved unanimously, that copies of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the provincial Secretaries of the several provinces, for the information of the respective Governments.

(Signed) WILLIAM CRANE, Chairman.

The chairman having left the chair, Mr. John Robb was called thereto, when it was resolved unanimously, on the motion of Robert D. Gilbert, Esq., seconded by the Hon. Edward B. Chandler, that the thanks of this meeting be given to the Hon. William Crane for his able conduct in the chair, and for the valuable information he has kindly afforded to the meeting.

Despatch from Sir John Harvey, Lieut.-Governor of Nova Scotia.

(No. 63.)

No. 1.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieut.-Governor Sir JOHN HARVEY to
Earl GREY.

Government House, Halifax, Dec. 8, 1848.

(Received December 22, 1848.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's Despatch of the 17th November (No. 131)*, which, with the report of Major Robinson, will be submitted to the Legislature early in the session.

* Similar Despatch
to that addressed to
Lord Elgin, Nov. 17.
Vide page 3.

Your Lordship may rely on the members of my Government giving to the subject thus presented the favourable consideration which is due to a project so vast, and involving, as it necessarily does, so many national and intercolonial interests.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. HARVEY.

To the Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.