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subject to the approval of the Governor General in Council. Such surrender shall also be subject to the reservations and provisos contained in the 7th and 8th sections of the Act of the Legislature of Newfoundland, 7 Vic. cap. 1, but these shall in like manner be at all times subject to approval as aforesaid.

That it shall be optional, however, for Newfoundland before entering the Union, to reserve to itself all the lands and rights conveyed to the General Government by the last preceding clause, and in that case Canada shall be relieved of the payment of the aforesaid sum of \$150,000 per annum.

That the encouragement, benefits, and protection accorded by the Dominion to fisheries in other parts thereof shall be extended to the fisheries of Newfoundland, and unless Parliament shall make other provision, the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of Newfoundland, 31 Vic. cap. 1, sec. 3, shall remain in force.

That in addition to the present local water rates and assessments in the town of St. John, the water dues now paid by vessels entering that harbour as well as the present duty on coal entering the said harbour shall be available to Newfoundland and be applied in reduction of the interest for which Newfoundland is now responsible in respect of its liability toward the General Water Company. Such duties on coal and water dues shall be subject to adjustment from time to time by the Legislature of Newfoundland. On an address of such Legislature to that effect the general Government will issue bonds bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum, maturing not less than 15 years from the dates thereof to be delivered to the Government of Newfoundland for the purpose of funding the aforesaid liability to the said General Water Company. On a like address the Dominion Government will also issue bonds to fund the liability contracted in respect of the Harbour Grace Water Company, all such sums being charged to Newfoundland as part of its debt.

That the Dominion will provide an efficient Mail Service between the present Dominion, Newfoundland, and the United Kingdom, by steamers adapted and giving adequate facilities for the conveyance of passengers and cargo.

The obligations of Newfoundland with respect to the present Mail Service between Newfoundland and Halifax, will be undertaken by the Government of the Dominion, and on the expiry of existing arrangements other provision will be made for maintaining the services in a manner equally advantageous to Newfoundland.

Efficient coast steam service, including Labrador, in connexion with the Post Office, will be established, and maintained by the Government of the Dominion.

That Canada will assume and defray the charges of the following services :

Salary of the Lieutenant Governor.

Salaries and allowances of the Judges of the Superior Court, the Judges of District Courts, and Labrador Judge and Bailiff.

The Charges in respect of the Department of Customs.

Postal Department.

Protection of Fisheries.

Provision for Volunteer, Militia, and Naval Brigade Force.

Light-houses, Shipwrecked Crews, Quarantine, and Marine Hospitals.

The Surveyor General and his Staff (in case the lands shall be transferred.)

The Geological Survey.

The Penitentiary.

And such further charges as may be incident to and connected with the services which by the British North America Act, 1867, appertain to the General Government, and as are or may be allowed to the other Provinces.

That no exceptional tax shall be imposed on any of the exports of Newfoundland.

That Newfoundland shall, in case the union takes place previous to the next census, in the year 1871, be entitled to be represented by eight members in the House of Commons, and thereafter the representation shall be subject to the provisions of the British North America Act, 1867.

That the union shall take effect on such day as Her Majesty, by Order in Council, on an Address to that effect in terms of the 146th section of the British North America Act, 1867, may direct, and Newfoundland may, in such Address specify the divisions, if any, for which any of the four senators to which that Colony is entitled, shall be named, and the electoral districts for which, and the time within which the first election for members to serve in the House of Commons in Canada shall take place.

That the constitution of the Executive Authority, and of the Legislature of Newfoundland shall subject to the provisions of the British North America Act, 1867, continue as they exist at the Union, until altered under the authority of the Act.

That the provisions in the British North America Act, 1867, shall, except those parts thereof which are in terms made, or by reasonable intentment may be held to be specially applicable to, and only to affect one, and not all the Provinces now composing the Dominion, and, except so far as the same may be varied by the provisions herein, may be applicable to Newfoundland in the same way and to the like extent as they apply to the other Provinces of the Dominion, and as if the Colony of Newfoundland had been one of the Provinces originally united by the said Act.

We, therefore, humbly pray, that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by and with the advice of Your Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, under the provisions of the 146th Section of the British North America Act, 1867, to admit Newfoundland into the Union or Dominion of Canada, on the terms and conditions herein-after set forth.

(Signed) JAMES COCKBURN, Speaker.

House of Commons, Ottawa, 10th June 1869.

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