

A Bill upon these lines shall be enacted, and other steps taken to promote the continuance and development of this Industry.

11th.—The Agricultural interests of the country shall be still further fostered. In view of the settlement of the Treaty Shore Question, and the removal of those obstacles that have barred the advancement of the West Coast which is properly regarded as embracing the best agricultural lands in the Island, the Government have this summer had surveying parties marking out lines of road through the lands in that vicinity, intending at the next session of the Legislature to introduce a measure to encourage settlement on what was known as the Treaty Coast, and, at the same, to turn to profitable account fertile lands elsewhere in the Island.

12th.—The effort commenced to determine the value of the Coal Areas shall be continued until their true value has been clearly demonstrated.

13th.—Education, for which the present Government have done so much, as I have already shown, shall receive a further substantial grant.

14th.—The Government's policy of reducing taxation, when the revenues of the Colony appear to warrant it, shall be continued and a careful regard for the interests of all classes in the community shall be preserved.

15th.—The Civil List shall be carefully revised, with a view to the proper recognition of faithful public service and greater efficiency,—and

### LASTLY:

As the question of Confederation has been brought prominently before the public by the action and attitude of my opponents, I consider it proper to emphasize the official declaration that the Government has already made in regard to the question. The Government as a united body have declared that so far as they are aware "there is no desire on the part of the people of this Colony to be included as a Constituent part of the Dominion of Canada, but, on the contrary, the desire is evident that the Colony should retain its autonomy, and continue to maintain an honourable and independent position as part of the British Empire."

After giving careful consideration to the question as it has been presented to me, and weighing the advantages and disadvantages that Union with the Dominion of Canada would bring to the people of this Country, after perusing the declarations of the Canadian Press as to the methods that some of the Canadian advocates for Union propose to employ in this Colony to bring about that Union, I am convinced that it would not be to the political, commercial or moral advantage of the people of this Country to join in that movement. My watchword to my fellow-countrymen is, therefore,

## NO CONFEDERATION!