

the summer of 1873. That invitation was referred to your Council, who gave the matter very careful consideration, and by correspondence and otherwise, endeavored to ascertain whether an adequate number of Representatives could be expected to attend a Special Meeting at St. John. Replies were not satisfactory that a sufficiently numerous meeting would assemble in response to a call of the Council merely, (as provided for in Sect. 2, Art. VI. of the Constitution.) An explanatory communication was, therefore, sent to the St. John (N.B.) Board, indicating that your Council would endeavor to remedy the matter. It is, therefore, suggested that at the close of the sessions of this Fourth Annual Meeting, there shall be an *adjournment* to the City of St. John,—in this way, with the direct influence of the whole Board, providing definitely for a meeting in the heart (so to speak) of the Maritime Provinces,—leaving special meetings in any emergency to be called under the rule above-referred to.

Since last Annual Meeting, Prince Edward Island has been united to the Dominion;—it is understood that the coming in of Newfoundland is not very far off;—and your Council are of opinion that it is expedient, and would be productive of the happiest results, to hold a meeting at St. John in the summer of 1874. The attendance of considerable numbers from all the Maritime Provinces might be naturally expected; and the occasion would be a most favorable one for increasing and strengthening the commercial bonds that unite the Eastern Provinces of the Dominion with those of the West.

#### INCREASE OF AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS.

The influence of the Dominion Board is perhaps best shown by the increase in number of affiliated organizations. In looking over the Secretary's correspondence, your Council observe that several announcements have been received from new local Boards intimating their intention to be represented at the Fourth Annual Meeting,—including delegates from Charlottetown, P.E.I. This steady augmentation of constituent organizations is encouraging; and your Council recommend special efforts for increasing the membership of the local Boards, and for the establishment of new ones.