

we show *by our acts* that we value the connexion, and will do what in us lies to maintain it.

These, then, are the four reasons advanced, to show us the necessity of an immediate federal union of the Provinces. Repeating that at present it is from a Nova Scotia point of view only that we are looking at them, we ask, do they seem good ones to us?

It may be said, that we ought to sink all petty differences about the interests of one Province or another, and that we shall receive an equivalent for anything we lose. When, at some future day, the time may come for a legislative union, we shall be prepared to give and take in a liberal spirit. That, however, is not the question. What we are called upon to do, is to decide whether this federation is necessary; and, if so, are we willing to join it on the terms proposed? Moreover, let us see that *we decide this momentous question for ourselves*, and do not allow ourselves to be handed over to the Canadians, by a vote of the House of Assembly. Whatever desires many of that body may have to consummate this federation, they were not elected to hand over the government of this Province, and such an act is beyond their functions.

No one has convinced us that this plan is necessary, or even expedient, but it does not require much reflection to see on which side all the advantages are to be. The carrying out of it, is of great importance to Canada, and to aggrandize those Provinces, we are to yield up our valuable seaboard, to relinquish the control of our revenue, to submit to an increase of taxation, to abrogate our independence, to change our name. The advantages