

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Currie*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Christie*, it was *Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

The Honorable Sir *N. F. Belleau* informed the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

MONCK.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council, copies of a correspondence between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Governor General, relative to the Union of the British North American Provinces and the construction of the Intercolonial Railway.

Quebec, 6th September, 1865.

*Mr. Cardwell to Viscount Monck.*

(Copy—Canada—No. 124.)

DOWNING STREET, 29th July, 1865.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship, for your information, the copies of two Despatches which I have addressed to the Lieutenant Governors of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, apprising them of the purport of the interviews which I have had with the gentlemen composing the Deputations from the Governments of these Provinces respectively.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD CARDWELL.

The Viscount *Monck*, &c., &c., &c.

*Mr. Secretary Cardwell to the Honorable A. H. Gordon.*

(Copy—New Brunswick—No. 88.)

DOWNING STREET, 28th July, 1865.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 53, of the 20th of June, reporting that, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of Assembly, the Honorable *A. J. Smith*, President of the Council, and the Honorable *J. C. Allan*, Attorney General, had been appointed delegates on behalf of *New Brunswick*, to represent to Her Majesty's Government the views and feelings of the House and of the people of that Province on the subject of the Union of *British North America*. Having had the honor to confer with these gentlemen, I have answered them in entire accordance with the Despatches I have addressed to you, explaining the views of Her Majesty's Government on the subject of Confederation. I also observed to the Deputation that, as regards an union of the Maritime Provinces, Her Majesty's Government can give no countenance to any proposals which would tend to delay the Confederation of all the Provinces, which they are so desirous to promote, and can only aid in the promotion of a closer union between *New Brunswick* and *Nova Scotia* if that closer union be ancillary to and form part of the scheme for general union.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD CARDWELL.

Lieutenant Governor

The Hon. *A. H. Gordon*, C.M.G., &c., &c., &c.