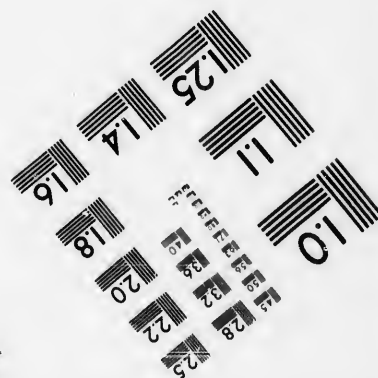
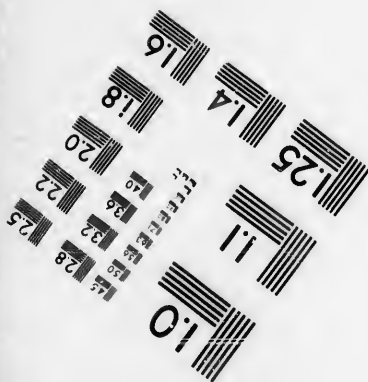
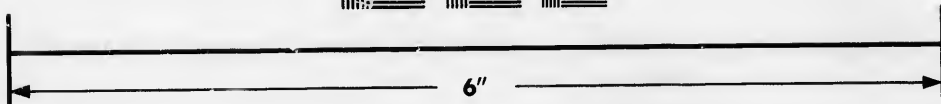
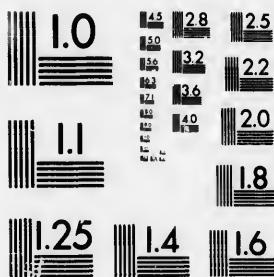


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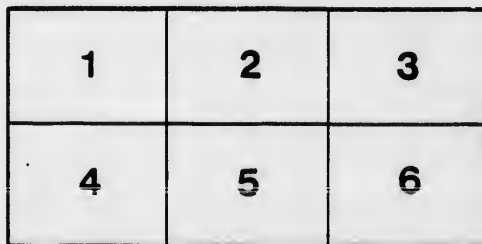
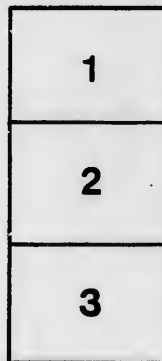
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Mr. BANKS, on leave, introduced the following bill:

A BILL

For the admission of the States of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Canada East, and Canada West, and for the organization of the Territories of Selkirk, Saskatchewan, and Columbia.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That the President of the United States is hereby authorized
- 4 and directed, whenever notice shall be deposited in the De-
- 5 partment of State that the governments of Great Britain and
- 6 the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward
- 7 Island, Newfoundland, Canada, British Columbia, and Van-
- 8 couver's Island have accepted the proposition hereinafter
- 9 made by the United States, to publish by proclamation that,
- 10 from the date thereof, the States of Nova Scotia, New Bruns-
- 11 wick, Canada East, and Canada West, and the Territories of
- 12 Selkirk, Saskatchewan, and Columbia, with limits and rights

13 as by this act defined, are constituted and admitted as States
14 and Territories of the United States of America.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the following
2 articles are hereby proposed, and from the date of the procla-
3 mation of the President of the United States shall take effect,
4 as irrevocable conditions of the admission of the States of
5 Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Canada East, and Canada
6 West, and the future States of Selkirk, Saskatchewan, and
7 Columbia, to wit:

8 ARTICLE I.

9 All public lauds not sold or granted; canals, public har-
10 bors, light-houses, and piers; river and lake improvements;
11 railway stocks, mortgages, and other debts due by railway
12 companies to the provinces; custom-houses and post offices,
13 shall vest in the United States; but all other public works
14 and property shall belong to the State governments respec-
15 tively, hereby constituted, together with all sums due from
16 purchasers or lessees of lands, mines, or minerals at the time
17 of the union.

18 ARTICLE II.

19 In consideration of the public lands, works, and prop-
20 erty vested as aforesaid in the United States, the United States
21 will assume and discharge the funded debt and contingent
22 liabilities of the late provinces, at rates of interest not exceed-
23 ing five per centum, to the amount of eighty-five million seven

24 hundred thousand dollars, apportioned as follows: To Can-
25 ada West, thirty-six million five hundred thousand dollars;
26 to Canada East, twenty-nine million dollars; to Nova Scotia,
27 eight million dollars; to New Brunswick, seven million dol-
28 lars; to Newfoundland, three million two hundred thousand
29 dollars; and to Prince Edward Island, two million dollars;
30 and in further consideration of the transfer by said provinces
31 to the United States of the power to levy import and export
32 duties, the United States will make an annual grant of one
33 million six hundred and forty-six thousand dollars in aid of
34 local expenditures, to be apportioned as follows: To Canada
35 West, seven hundred thousand dollars; to Canada East, five
36 hundred and fifty thousand dollars; to Nova Scotia, one hun-
37 dred and sixty-five thousand dollars; to New Brunswick, one
38 hundred and twenty-six thousand dollars; to Newfoundland,
39 sixty-five thousand dollars; to Prince Edward Island, forty
40 thousand dollars.

41 ARTICLE III.

42 For all purposes of State organization and representation
43 in the Congress of the United States, Newfoundland shall be
44 part of Canada East, and Prince Edward Island shall be part
45 of Nova Scotia, except that each shall always be a separate
46 representative district, and entitled to elect at least one mem-
47 ber of the House of Representatives, and except, also, that
48 the municipal authorities of Newfoundland and Prince Ed-

49 ward Island shall receive the indemnities agreed to be paid
50 by the United States in Article II.

51 ARTICLE IV.

52 Territorial divisions are established as follows: (1,) New
53 Brunswick, with its present limits; (2,) Nova Scotia, with the
54 addition of Prince Edward Island; (3,) Canada East, with the
55 addition of Newfoundland and all territory east of longitude
56 eighty degrees and south of Hudson's strait; (4,) Canada
57 West, with the addition of territory south of Hudson's bay
58 and between longitude eighty degrees and ninety degrees;
59 (5,) Selkirk Territory, bounded east by longitude ninety de-
60 grees, south by the late boundary of the United States, west
61 by longitude one hundred and five degrees, and north by the
62 Arctic circle; (6,) Saskatchewan Territory, bounded east by
63 longitude one hundred and five degrees, south by latitude
64 forty-nine degrees, west by the Rocky mountains, and north
65 by latitude seventy degrees; (7,) Columbia Territory, inclu-
66 ding Vancouver's Island, and Queen Charlotte's island, and
67 bounded east and north by the Rocky mountains, south by
68 latitude forty-nine degrees, and west by the Pacific ocean and
69 Russian America. But Congress reserves the right of chang-
70 ing the limits and subdividing the areas of the western terri-
71 tories at discretion.

72 ARTICLE V.

73 Until the next decennial revision, representation in the

74 House of Representatives shall be as follows: Canada West,
75 twelve members; Canada East, including Newfoundland,
76 eleven members; New Brunswick, two members; Nova
77 Scotia, including Prince Edward Island, four members.

78 ARTICLE VI.

79 The Congress of the United States shall enact, in favor
80 of the proposed Territories of Selkirk, Saskatchewan, and
81 Columbia, all the provisions of the act organizing the Terri-
82 tory of Montana, so far as they can be made applicable.

83 ARTICLE VII.

84 The United States, by the construction of new canals, or
85 the enlargement of existing canals, and by the improvement
86 of shoals, will so aid the navigation of the Saint Lawrence
87 river and the great lakes that vessels of fifteen hundred tons
88 burden shall pass from the Gulf of Saint Lawrence to Lakes
89 Superior and Michigan: *Provided*, That the expenditure un-
90 der this article shall not exceed fifty millions of dollars.

91 ARTICLE VIII.

92 The United States will appropriate and pay to "The
93 European and North American Railway Company of Maine"
94 the sum of two millions of dollars upon the construction of a
95 continuous line of railroad from Bangor, in Maine, to Saint
96 John's, in New Brunswick: *Provided*, That said "The Eu-
97 ropean and North American Railway Company of Maine"
98 shall release the government of the United States from all

124 cable, shall be surveyed according to the rectangular system
125 of the General Land Office of the United States; and in the
126 Territories west of longitude ninety degrees, or the western
127 boundary of Canada West, sections sixteen and thirty-six
128 shall be granted for the encouragement of schools, and after
129 the organization of the Territories into States, five per cen-
130 tum of the net proceeds of sales of public lands shall be paid
131 into their treasuries as a fund for the improvement of roads
132 and rivers.

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ARTICLE XI.

134 The United States will pay ten millions of dollars to
135 the Hudson Bay Company in full discharge of all claims
136 to territory or jurisdiction in North America, whether
137 founded on the charter of the company or any treaty, law,
138 or usage.

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ARTICLE XII.

140 It shall be devolved upon the legislatures of New Bruns-
141 wick, Nova Scotia, Canada East, and Canada West, to con-
142 form the tenure of office and the local institutions of said
143 States to the Constitution and laws of the United States,
144 subject to revision by Congress.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if Prince Ed-
2 ward Island and Newfoundland, or either of those provinces,
3 shall decline union with the United States, and the remaining
4 provinces, with the consent of Great Britain, shall accept the

5 proposition of the United States, the foregoing stipulation in
6 favor of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, or either
7 of them, will be omitted; but in all other respects the United
8 States will give full effect to the plan of union. If Prince
9 Edward Island, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and New Brun-
10 swick shall decline the proposition, but Canada, British Co-
11 lumbia, and Vancouver island shall, with the consent of Great
12 Britain, accept the same, the construction of a railway from
13 Truro to Riviere du Loup, with all stipulations relating to the
14 maritime provinces, will form no part of the proposed plan
15 of union, but the same will be consummated in all other
16 respects. If Canada shall decline the proposition, then the
17 stipulations in regard to the Saint Lawrence canals and a rail-
18 way from Ottawa to Sault Ste. Marie, with the Canadian
19 clause of debt and revenue indemnity, will be relinquished.
20 If the plan of union shall only be accepted in regard to the
21 northwestern territory and the Pacific provinces, the United
22 States will aid the construction, on the terms named, of a rail-
23 way from the western extremity of Lake Superior, in the
24 State of Minnesota, by way of Pembina, Fort Garry, and the
25 valley of the Saskatchewan, to the Pacific coast, north of
26 latitude forty-nine degrees, besides securing all the rights and
27 privileges of an American territory to the proposed Terri-
28 tories of Selkirk, Saskatchewan, and Columbia.

