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The Hon. A. A. McDonald then stepped forward and addressed the meeting. He spoke at considerable length upon Colonial Union, and other matters of importance also. He condemned the Quebec scheme of Union, but would give his concurrence to a plan of Union which would benefit this Island in any material way, and considered that we were in a better condition at present—enjoying, as we are, the great privilege of Responsible Government—than we would be were we unable to have the Confederation upon the terms of the Quebec Report. Whatist not opposed to Colonial Union upon a basis which financially did justice to this Island, and, in the matter of representation, ensured to it its legitimate influence in the General Government—scheme, in fine, formed in a statesman-like manner, and with a due regard to economy, he decidedly objected to the scheme connected at Quebec in the autumn of 1864, and which was now the only one before the public. During the debates in the Legislative Council, he opposed the principles of Union, and pointed to the Journals of the House of Assembly for a verification of what he then said. Mr. McDonald pointed to some items (and very large ones, too,) in the report of the Public Accounts, as also showed that large amounts were expended by the present Government party and taken out of the public revenue, which could be saved by proper management, and spent to better advantage than paying a shabby and rowdy set of drunken officials, such as Sherbrooke, Curran, and Wadley, etc., etc. for no other purpose than leading the heroes of many a hard-fought battle to collect the rents of proprietors; to wage, by military force, from the poor widow and orphan, the scanty earnings which should be the sustenance of a large family during the dreary months of a North American winter. As I did not take down the figures read by the Hon. Mr. McDonald, I am unable to give the whole amount, but the person who assists to become acquainted with the enormous amount spent upon the proceedings of the present Government against Tenant Leaguers, collecting proprietors' rents, etc., etc., can find it in a late number of the Herald. Mr. J. H. Fletcher was the next speaker. He complimented Mr. McDonald upon the stand which he took in opposition to the Quebec scheme of Union, and said that Confederation was entirely against the wishes of nine-tenths, if not more, of the people of this Island; and contended that any scheme of Union would prove ruinous to this Colony, both in a financial and political point of view. He referred to the deception and fraud used by the Confederationists, in accusing the anti-Confederates of being annexationists and disloyal subjects; but he repudiated the charge, as his love of British institutions was quite as strong as that of any among the Confederates. The Queen of England may be in favor of Union; the Minister of the Imperial Government may be in favor of Union; but while the people of this Colony are opposed to it, he considered that any scheme that even asked to compel the people to go into Confederation against their wishes, while we hold the Constitution that was guaranteed to us on the faith of the British Crown. In referring to public works, he said that the report of the Quebec scheme states that the Inter-Colonial Railway was to be opened at the expense of the General Government, which would be of no advantage to this Island, and therefore did not see the justice of taxing the people of this Colony, who could avail themselves of such works for only eight months in the year, equally with those whose geographical position enabled them to use them all the year round, and by whose doors they run. He compared the constitution of the Colonies as under Confederation, with the constitution of the United States, and showed that, as the small State of Rhode Island had as equal a number of representatives as the large State of New York, consequently this Island should have the same as the rest of the Colonies; if there had been fair play shown at the time the scheme was framed at Quebec. In speaking of defence, he forcibly showed that, as Canada was unable to protect herself, it was natural to suppose that she was unable to protect the whole frontier of British America, and, therefore, as long as we remain as we are, under the protecting arm of Great Britain, we need not fear of being insulted by any other nation. Mr. Fletcher also condemned the proceedings of Liberal members in the House of Assembly, during the last session, because they, along with the Government party, proclaimed the Tenant League movement as illegal and unlawful, and he challenged any member, either Liberal or Tory, to prove that it was an illegal association. What he blamed them for was, while professing to be the friends of the tenantry, and hearing the association which headed the forlorn hope of our freedom during the panic which immediately followed the rejection of the Award, persecuted, maligned, insulted, and vilified by a Government the most tyrannical, and not having the independence to stand up and challenge the Government to prove their assertion, and bring to justice those persons who were proclaimed to be illegal and unlawful, etc., etc. Resolved, That this meeting heartily approve the action taken by the Legislature in the last session, disapproving the terms of the Quebec scheme of Union of the British North American Colonies; and we furthermore pledge ourselves to support no proposal at the coming election unless it pledges himself to oppose Confederation on any terms. Resolved also, That we will not give our support to any person at the coming election who will not comply with the following pledge:— We, the undersigned, pledge ourselves, if returned to sit in the Legislature, that we will not cast a vote, directly or indirectly, in favor of an Union of the British North American Colonies, during the tenure of our holding; and, further, if present at the coming election, either as electors or as a majority of the people, we will immediately resign our seats into the hands of our constituents. Mr. Manoh Howe then addressed the meeting, and, in a very fluent and eloquent speech, proceeded to discuss the financial and constitutional aspects of the Quebec scheme, which he did at considerable length and with much ability. He contended that the Imperial Government had not the power to coerce us into Confederation, and said that the weaker power die with a sword in his hand, fighting for the constitution which he is now living under; the constitution guaranteed by the Imperial Government at the time Responsible Government came into operation in this Island, than to consent to come under the terms of the Quebec Report. He referred to the financial condition of this Island under Confederation, and went on to show that the only thing assured to this Colony by that measure was an annual loss of one-half of her revenue, and an increase of taxation, and in all these facts staring her in the face, he felt confident that no man, having the interest of this Island at heart, could consent to such a measure as that concocted at Quebec in the autumn of 1864. Taking into consideration the expenditure of the past year, and comparing it with the amount we would receive from the General Government, we come to the conclusion that our work would be undone, and that we would have to resort to local taxation, as in Canada, and the public services of the country, such as schools, roads, etc., could only be maintained by stamp fees, and an increase of land tax. He regretted that the Government were divided upon an important question, and he looked upon the presence of "red-hot unionists" at the Council Board in the light of spies in the camp, as did also the Hon. A. A. McDonald and Mr. J. H. Fletcher. Mr. Henry Mooney spoke strongly against Confederation, and in a few and appropriate words, briefly remarked that the Union of the Colonies, if effected, would give us tribute to them as did the Union of Ireland with England to that of the former. Dr. Munroe spoke briefly and pertinently. He opposed Confederation in every shape and form; but as it had been so ably and fully discussed by those gentlemen who preceded him, it was unnecessary for him to go over the same ground. He recommended all that was said by his predecessors. It was moved by Mr. J. H. Fletcher that Mr. J. H. Fletcher be invited to permit himself to be nominated as a candidate for this District at the coming election, which invitation he declined upon the grounds that he was invited by another District, and he considered himself duty bound to comply with the first requisition, and thanked the audience for thinking him worthy of such an honor.

It was then moved, that Mr. J. H. Fletcher decline to be a candidate for this District. Mr. Manoh Howe requested to come forward at the coming election, and permit himself to be appointed as the representative for this District. Mr. Howe, in consideration of what was then said, remarked that he would sooner speak among themselves, when he would not be present, upon such a question, as he would be unwilling to speak their mind in his presence. On motion, Mr. Henry Mooney took the chair, a vote of thanks was unanimously presented to Mr. Howe for the excellent manner in which he discharged his duties as chairman. Three cheers were then given for the Hon. A. A. McDonald; three for Mr. Manoh Howe, and three more for Messrs. J. H. Fletcher and Dr. Munroe. The meeting then broke up. PATRICK J. MULLIGAN, Sec'y. Baldwin's Road, Aug. 24, 1866. P. S.—Other papers please copy. The Herald. Wednesday, September 5, 1866. THE NEWS OF THE WEEK. THE two most important items of news received from abroad since our last issue, are the announcements of large reinforcements being sent from England to Canada, and the recovery of last year's Atlantic Cable. With reference to the Fenians, if we are to believe the statements of their leaders, or to draw any inference from the speeches and sympathies of leading Americans, such as Speaker Colfax and Governor Oglesby, we would incline to the opinion, that a second and much more formidable invasion than that of last spring, will be attempted at no distant day, but with what effect we hesitate to predict. Her Majesty's Government having attributed the safety of Canada to the prompt and effective measures adopted by the American Government to uphold the neutrality laws of the United States, we may reasonably suppose that if President Johnson and his Cabinet were to wink at the invasion which is anticipated, the safety hitherto enjoyed could not be looked for, as the fate of Canada would be speedily decided by the Fenians. However, we have not the time or space to enlarge upon this point at present; but we intend to devote considerable space to the subject next week. In regard to the recovery of the old cable, as soon as it is successfully re-laid—an event which we confidently expect to chronicle in our next number, as the "Great Eastern" is now engaged in performing that important task, and may be looked for at Hearst's Content in the course of a few days—with two Atlantic Cables in successful operation, we have no doubt that more satisfaction, both with regard to the transmission of news and other despatches and the rates of charging for the same, will be afforded than is now experienced by commercial men and newspaper publishers on both sides of the Atlantic. Mr. Field, whose name will be ever honorably and intimately associated with this great enterprise, it is, we believe, shortly expected here, and we trust that he will meet with that proper reception which his enterprise and perseverance entitle him to. Statesmen and warriors too often receive the homage or respect which the triumphs of peace, and the benefactors of mankind more honestly deserve. In so far as this small colony is concerned, however, we hope to see the rule reversed on Mr. Field's arrival among us, and trust that all parties will unite in accordant him a reception of which neither he nor they need feel ashamed. THE MILITIA AND THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE. WE understand that when the Oath of Allegiance was being administered to the militiamen who assembled, under orders from J. B. Cooper, on the Prince of Wales College grounds, at two o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday the 28th ult., several refused to be sworn. We shall be curious to see what will be done to these parties for their foolish and disloyal conduct. There is one thing certain, that had they been Catholics who so refused, they would at once be set down as Fenians, and the whole country would be in an uproar. Special constables, spies and domiciliary visits would be the order of the day, and night, and if they escaped being shot or mobbed, nothing short of an indictment for treason would await them. Now, however, that the tables are turned, and that those who have objected to take the oath of allegiance are anything but Catholics, we do not hear a word of reproach about the affair, or of any steps being taken to punish those who have set Her Majesty at defiance and encouraged others to do the same. What will be done in these cases by the Commander-in-Chief and his subordinates? Will they act without "fear, favor, or affection," or the reverse? We shall see. THE WESTMINSTER REVIEW for July has been received. Its contents are: 1. Tenant-right in Ireland; 2. Brigandage; 3. Ecco Homo; 4. The Origin of Language; 5. The Legendary Lore of Ireland; 6. Italy, Venice and Austria; 7. Chancer, his Position, Life, and Influence; 8. Felix Holt, the Radical; Contemporary Literature. The first article is a peculiarly interesting one, as it discusses in a thorough and comprehensive manner, that great source of poverty and discontent in Ireland,—its wretched system of land tenure. The article might be read with advantage in this Colony, and we would advise some of our Tenant Union friends to procure a copy of the present Number of this Review. The third article is by far the most absorbing of the series. It treats on a recent work entitled "Ecco Homo," or a History of the Life of Christ, written in so superior a style as to have commanded the attention and admiration of the literati of Europe. The critic analyzes the work in that athletic spirit—combined with great literary and scientific acumen—for which "The Westminster Review" is remarkable. Everybody is asking why the two six-pounds of which this Colony can boast have been placed in front of the Colonial Building, Queen Street, since Wednesday night last? Are the Fenians coming,

or is a gunpowder plot apprehended? The knowing ones assign as a reason for the presence of the "dread artillery" on the Square, that the Volunteers intended to honor General Doyle with a salute previous to his departure for Halifax on Thursday morning. The steamer started at five o'clock, and the volunteers having overlaid themselves, the probability is the General was half way across to Bras before they were prepared to fire the salute. We do not vouch for the accuracy of this story, but we should not be surprised if it turned out to be true. The public will understand the cause of our silence about an article which appeared in the "Patriot" of the 1st September instant, over the signature of "A Protestant who knows,"—wherein a grave charge against our moral character is contained—when we inform them that, in justice to ourselves, we have placed the whole matter in the hands of a lawyer. We yield up the most of our editorial space this week in order to give our correspondents a chance of ventilating themselves. A young man named Samuel Brown, who had been in the United States for some years, and served in the Northern army during the late war, but belonging to New Brunswick, and lately settled at Quaco in that Province, committed suicide by taking poison last week in St. John while on his way to Boston for goods. Messrs. Garvie & McDonald, of the Halifax "Citizen," have dissolved Partnership by mutual consent. Mr. McDonald continues the business. The subscribers to the "Citizen" will miss Mr. Garvie's contributions. AID TO THE SUFFERERS BY THE LATE FIRE. WE have great pleasure in inserting the following communications in His worship the Mayor of Charlottetown. 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