

Conference Conservatrice

ASSEMBLEE NOMBREUSE TOUTES LES PARTIES DE LA PROVINCE REPRESENTES

Mardi le 23 janvier, les conservateurs de la province ont tenu leur conférence annuelle, à Charlottetown. L'assemblée ayant été organisée, l'hon. sénateur Ferguson, président sortant de charges, adressa d'abord l'assemblée, félicitant les conservateurs sur les victoires politiques remportées durant l'année et sur la brillante perspective qui s'annonçait pour l'avenir.

La conférence après avoir nommé un comité devant voir aux différentes résolutions, procéda à la nomination des officiers pour l'année courante. Furent élus :

L'hon. Daniel Gordon Prés. Hon. M. Alex. Martin, M. P. Prés. Ed Hackett..... Vice do Ghs. Smallwood..... Sec. L'hon. Sénateur Ferguson et M. A. C. McDonald, M. P. Dél.

ORDONNATEURS FEDERAUX John McLean, pour Kings Co. Jas Clow " Queens-Est. Pat. Blake " West Neil McQuarrie " Prince Est. Jno P. Brennan " West

ORDONNATEURS PROVINCIAUX COMTE DE PRINCE 1er District, H. J. Pineau, M. L. A. 2me " John Forbes

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COMTE DE KINGS 1er District, John Kickham, M. L. A. 2me " Lawrence Doyle 3me " Cyrus Shaw, M. L. A. 4me " A. P. Prowse, M. L. A. 5me " A. J. McDonald, M. L. A.

Le comité suivant fut nommé pour préparer la résolution devant être soumise à la conférence : Ed. Hackett, Alex. Martin, Cyrus Shaw, Dr. J. T. Jenkins, A. A. McLean.

Les personnes dont les noms suivent furent nommés membres ex-officio et ajoutés aux ordonnateurs (Conveners) :

COMTE DE PRINCE 1er District, J. E. Birch, M. L. A. 2me " A. Williams 3me " Dan. McIntyre 4me " Herb McDonald 5me " Geo. Compton

COMTE DE QUEENS Charlottetown, P. McCourt 1er District, John Bradley 2me " Thos. Doyle 3me " John McQuarrie 4me " Henry Wool

COMTE DE KINGS 1er District, O. H. Sterns 2me " Edward Jardine 3me " J. E. McDonald 4me " Jno. A. Stewart 5me " Jos. Fairchild

Lorsque s'ouvrit la séance de l'après-midi, le fauteuil fut occupé par M. Alex. Martin qui remercia la conférence de l'honneur qu'elle venait de lui faire en le nommant Président pour l'année courante. Le nouveau président s'engagea à faire tout en son pouvoir pour l'avancement du parti conservateur. Des discours furent ensuite

prononcés par l'hon. Gordon, chef de l'opposition de la province. MM W Campbell, M. L. A. et J. T. Mellish, qui tous trois s'exprimèrent en termes élogieux à l'égard de l'hon. sénateur Ferguson, le président sortant de charge, pour les précieux services qu'il avait rendus au parti et proclamèrent leur confiance en son successeur. M. Mellish proposa que les remerciements de la conférence soient présentés à l'hon. sénateur Ferguson pour son habileté consommée comme président. Cette proposition fut adoptée à l'unanimité. L'hon. sénateur répondit avec cette chaleur d'expression qu'on lui connaît.

Plusieurs autres résolutions dont une, entre autres, allait à remercier les électeurs de Tignish, New London, Belfast et Murray Harbor pour avoir si emphatiquement condamné le gouvernement Farquharson aux récentes élections partielles, furent soumises et adoptées unanimement.

Le président déclara alors que la conférence avait terminé ses travaux.

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TERRENEUVE L'admission de Terre-Neuve dans la confédération canadienne est redevenue question du jour.

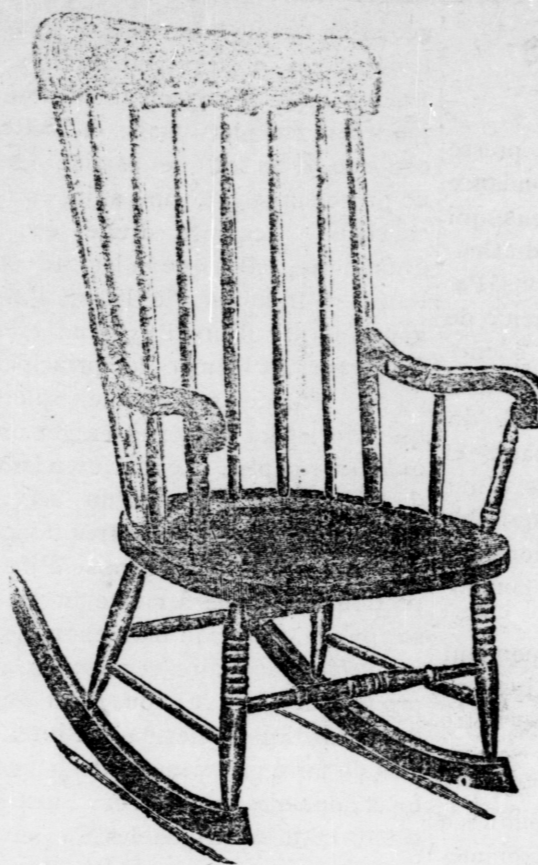
Pour qu'il y ait avantage au Canada, dans cette addition à son effectif provincial, tout dépendra des conditions de l'union projetée.

Il y a quatre ou cinq ans, les excellents insulaires de Terre-Neuve paraissaient très disposés à s'allier aux Canadiens, pour des destinées communes. Mais, à cette époque, cette colonie était en banqueroute ou à peu près. C'était été un fardeau de plus pour la Confédération, acceptable seulement en vue d'avantages possibles et lointains. Aujourd'hui, Terre-Neuve, grâce au génie spéculatif de l'entrepreneur Reid, est sortie de ses difficultés financières. C'est peut être le meilleur moment pour les deux parties de faire un pacte égal.

Et voilà que les hommes politiques de Terre-Neuve ne regardent plus le projet du même oeil, M. A. B. Morine, entr'autres, ex-premier du cabinet Winter, ne voit pas de profit immédiat à l'union.

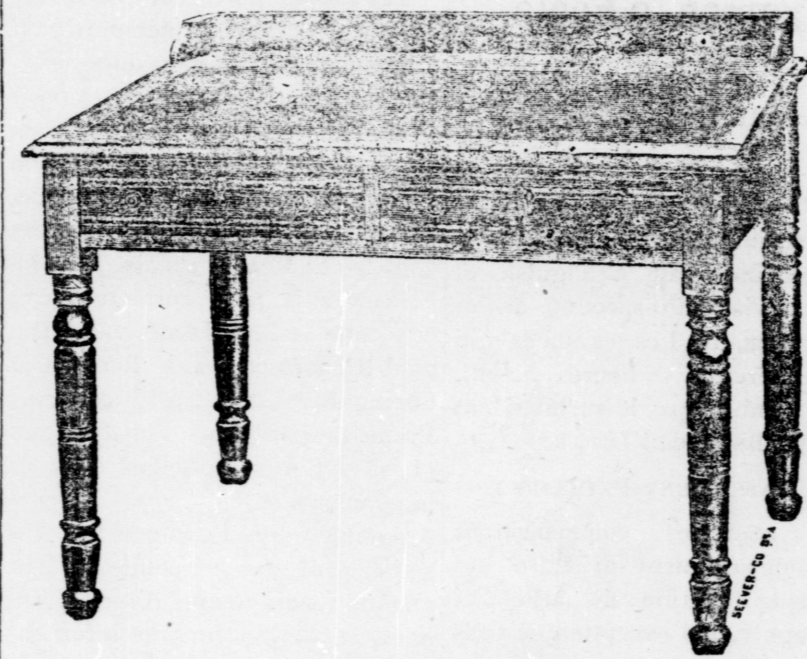
Si c'est comme cela, le Canada peut fort bien, de son côté, se passer de Terre-Neuve. De fait, notre situation politique est assez chargée d'affaires compliquées sans nous mettre à dos d'autres problèmes, comme l'est celle question du "French Shore", par exemple—La Presse.

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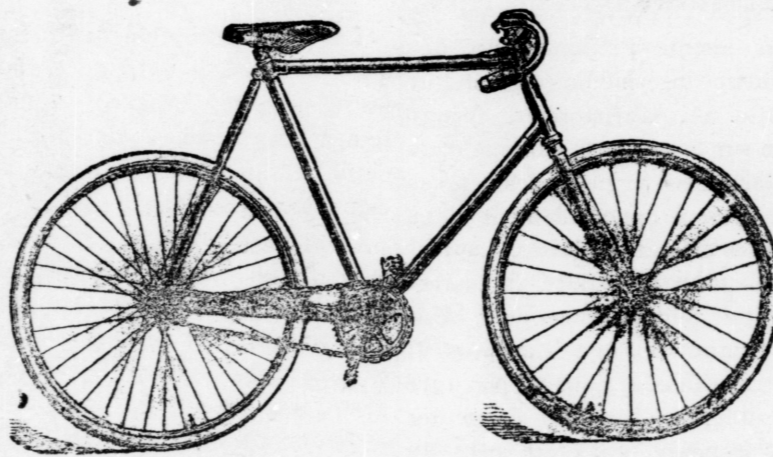
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