

# ROYAL GAZETTE EXTRA.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7, 1866.

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## Prince Edward Island.

(No. 11.)

Downing Street,  
27th September, 1866.

Sir,—

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information, the enclosed copy of a Resolution, adopted by the Delegates in England, from the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, together with a copy of a despatch, which I have addressed, on the subject, to Viscount Monck.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

(Signed) CARNARVON.

Lieut. Governor Dundas,  
&c., &c., &c.

*The Earl of Carnarvon to Viscount Monck.*

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## Canada.

(No. 63.)

Downing Street,  
26th September, 1866.

My Lord,—

I have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a Resolution, which has been placed in my hands, by the Delegates from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, now in England, adopted by them as a means of bringing Prince Edward Island into the contemplated Union of the British North American Provinces. I forward this Resolution to Your Lordship, at the request of the Delegates, that it may be communicated to those gentlemen who are appointed to be delegates on behalf of Canada, and that it may be ascertained how far it meets with their concurrence. I have further to request that you will apprise the Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island of the result. I have, in the meantime, transmitted a copy to Lieutenant Governor Dundas, of the Resolution, and of this Despatch.

I have taken this course, in order to give effect to the wishes of the Delegates, now in England; but it must be understood that I do so, without expressing any opinion of my own on the subject, as this would be premature at the present stage of the question.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) CARNARVON.

Governor

The Right Hon. Lord Monck,  
&c., &c., &c.

(COPY.)

At a meeting of the Delegates from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, held at the Alexandra Hotel, London, on the 22nd day of September, 1866, all being present except the Hon. Mr. Wilmot, it was unanimously resolved that, inasmuch as the co-operation of Prince Edward Island, though not indispensable to a Union of the other British North American Provinces, is, on many accounts, very desirable; and as the settlement of the

land question, which has so long and so injuriously agitated that Colony, would be attended with great benefit, and at the same time place the local Government of the Island, by the possession of the proprietary lands, now on a footing with the other Provinces, which have Crown Lands and Minerals as a source of local revenue.

Therefore Resolved—

That, in case the Legislature of the Island should authorize the appointment of Delegates to act in conjunction with those from the other Provinces, in arranging a plan of co-operation, prior to the meeting of the Imperial Parliament, the delegates from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are hereby pledged to support the policy of providing such an amount as may be necessary for the purchase of the proprietary rights, but not to exceed \$800,000.

(Signed) CHARLES TUPPER,  
S. L. TILLEY.

(COPY.)

QUEBEC, October 26th, 1866.

Sir,—

I have the honor to transmit, for your information, copies of a Despatch and enclosure, which I have received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, together with a copy of an approved minute of the Executive Council of Canada, in reference to that Despatch.

I have, &c., &c., &c.,

(Signed) MONCK.

Lieut. Governor Dundas,  
&c., &c., &c.

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General, in Council, on the 22d October, 1866.*

The Committee of Council have had under their consideration the despatch of the Colonial Secretary to Your Excellency, of the 26th September last, and the accompanying Resolution of the Delegates from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and they now beg leave to report—

That the Resolution referred to is as follows:—

At a meeting of the Delegates from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, held at the Alexandra Hotel, London, on the 22nd day of September, 1866, all being present except the Hon. Mr. Wilmot, it was unanimously resolved that, inasmuch as the co-operation of Prince Edward Island, though not indispensable to a Union of the other B. N. A. Provinces, is, on many accounts, very desirable; and as the settlement of the Land Question, which has so long and so injuriously agitated that Colony, would be attended with great benefit, and, at the same time, place the local Government of the Island, by the possession of the Proprietary lands, more on a footing with the other Provinces, which have Crown Lands and Minerals, as a source of local Revenue.

Therefore Resolved—

That, in case the Legislature of the Island should authorize the appointment of Delegates in conjunction with those from the other Provinces, in arranging a plan of co-operation, prior to the meeting of the Imperial Parliament, the Delegates from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are hereby pledged to support the policy of providing such an amount as may be necessary for the purchase of the Proprietary Rights, but not to exceed eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000).

It would seem, from this Resolution, that the gentlemen from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick pledge themselves as Delegates, and not as representing the Governments of their respective Provinces, to support the policy of providing the amount mentioned.

As their powers will expire with the settlement of the Scheme of Union, it is to be inferred that their pledge can only be carried out by their advocating the insertion of a clause in the Imperial Act, binding the future Government and Legislature of United British North America, to pay the sum of \$800,000.

The Canadian Government do not consider that they have any power or right to consent to the payment of that, or any sum, without the previous consent of the Canadian Parliament, and they, therefore, cannot confer upon their Delegates powers which they do not themselves possess.

The Committee fully appreciate the motives which induced the Delegates from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to adopt the Resolution, and they agree with the Delegation as to the desirableness of bringing Prince Edward Island into the contemplated Union.

The Committee are of opinion that every proper exertion should be made for that purpose, and recommend that the subject of the adjustment of the land question should be fully discussed by the delegates from the three Provinces in London, in a liberal spirit. Should the result of the discussion be, that, in the opinion of the Delegates, pecuniary compensation should be given to the Proprietors, for the surrender of the Proprietary rights, the Committee would further recommend that the Canadian Delegation be authorized to join with those from the Maritime Provinces, in a strong representation to the first Government and Parliament of the United Provinces, in favour of their granting the compensation agreed upon by them.

Certified.

(Signed) WM. H. LEE,  
C. E. C.

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