

And, in accordance with the terms of the said Addresses relating to the Electoral Districts for which, the time within which, and the laws and provisions under which the first election of members to serve in the House of Commons of Canada for such Electoral Districts shall be held, it is hereby further ordered and declared that Prince County shall constitute one District, to be designated Prince County District, and return two members; that Queen's County shall constitute one District, to be designated Queen's County District, and return two members; that King's County shall constitute one District, to be designated King's County District, and return two members; that the first election of members to serve in the House of Commons of Canada for such Electoral Districts shall be held within three calendar months from the day of the admission of the said island into the Union or Dominion of Canada; that all laws which at the date of this Order in Council relating to the qualification of any person to be elected or sit or vote as a member of the House of Assembly of the said island, and relating to the qualifications or disqualifications of voters, and to the oaths to be taken by voters, and to Returning Officers and Poll Clerks and their powers and duties, and relating to Polling Divisions within the said island, and relating to the proceedings at elections and to the period during which such elections may be continued, and relating to the trial of controverted elections and the proceedings incidental thereto, and relating to the vacating of seats of members and to the execution of new writs in case of any seat being vacated otherwise than by a dissolution, and to all other matters connected with or incidental to elections of members to serve in the House of Assembly of the said island, shall apply to elections of members to serve in the House of Commons for the Electoral Districts situate in the said Island of Prince Edward.

And the Right Honourable Earl of Kimberley, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Arthur Helps.

SCHEDULE.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the Dominion of Canada in Parliament assembled, humbly approach your Majesty for the purpose of representing:

That during the present Session of Parliament we have taken into consideration the subject of the admission of the Colony of Prince Edward Island into the Union or Dominion of Canada, and have resolved that it is expedient that such admission should be effected at as early a date as may be found practicable under the 146th section of "The British North America Act, 1867," on the conditions hereinafter set forth, which have been agreed upon with the Delegates from the said Colony, that is to say—

That Canada shall be liable for the debts and liabilities of Prince Edward Island at the time of the Union.

That, in consideration of the large expenditure authorized by the Parliament of Canada for the construction of railways and canals, and in view of the possibility of a readjustment of the financial arrangements between Canada and the several provinces now embraced in the Dominion, as well as

the isolated and exceptional condition of Prince Edward Island, that colony shall on entering the Union be entitled to incur a debt equal to fifty dollars per head of its population as shown by the Census Returns of 1871, that is to say, four millions seven hundred and one thousand and fifty dollars.

That Prince Edward Island, not having incurred debts equal to the sum mentioned in the next preceding resolution, shall be entitled to receive by half yearly payments in advance from the General Government interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on the difference from time to time between the actual amount of its indebtedness and the amount of indebtedness authorized as aforesaid, viz., four million seven hundred and one thousand and fifty dollars.

That Prince Edward Island shall be liable to Canada for the amount (if any) by which its public debt and liabilities at the date of the Union may exceed four million seven hundred and one thousand and fifty dollars, and shall be chargeable with interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on such excess.

That, as the Government of Prince Edward Island holds no lands from the Crown, and consequently enjoys no revenue from that source for the construction and maintenance of local works, the Dominion Government shall pay by half-yearly instalments in advance to the Government of Prince Edward Island forty-five thousand dollars per annum, less interest at five per cent. per annum upon any sum not exceeding eight hundred thousand dollars, which the Dominion Government may advance to the Prince Edward Island Government for the purchase of lands now held by large proprietors.

That, in consideration of the transfer to the Parliament of Canada of the powers of taxation, the following sums shall be paid yearly by Canada to Prince Edward Island for the support of its Government and Legislature, that is to say, thirty thousand dollars, and an annual grant equal to eighty cents per head of its population as shown by the Census Returns of 1871—viz. 94,021—both by half-yearly payments in advance; such grants of eighty cents per head to be augmented in proportion to the increase of population of the island as may be shown by each subsequent decennial census, until the population amounts to 400,000, at which rate such grant shall thereafter remain, it being understood that the next census shall be taken in the year 1881.

That the Dominion Government shall assume and defray all the charges for the following services, viz. :—

The salary of the Lieutenant-Governor.

The salaries of the Judges of the Superior Court and of the District or County Courts when established.

The charges in respect of the Department of Customs.

The Postal Department.

The protection of the Fisheries.

The provision for the Militia.

The Lighthouses, Shipwrecked Crews, Quarantine and Marine Hospitals.

The Geological Survey.

The Penitentiary.

Efficient steam service for the conveyance of mails and passengers to be established and maintained between the island and the mainland of the Dominion, winter and summer, thus placing the island in continuous communication with the Intercolonial Railway and the railway system of the Dominion.

The maintenance of telegraphic communication