SUPPLEMENTARY RESOLUTIONS

IN REFERENCE TO CONFEDERATION, PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council, the duties levied upon maltsters and brewers under and by virtue of the Excise Laws of Canada would be detrimental if made applicable to British Columbia, that His Excellency be therefore earnestly requested to take such steps as he may deem advisable to bring the same to the notice of the Canadian Government, and further to take care that no export duties shall be charged on spars exported from British Columbia.

Resolved, That this Council respectfully represent to His Excellency the Governor, that, in negotiating the Terms of Union of British Columbia with Canada, it is of the first importance to point out to the Government of that Dominion, that the circumstances of this Colony are in many respects so different from those of the Eastern Provinces, that the application of the present Canadian Tariff to this Colony, while reducing the aggregate burthen of taxation, would injuriously affect the agricultural and commercial interests of this community; and that it be, therefore, urgently impressed upon that Government that it is absolutely necessary to our well-being under Confederation that special rates of Customs Duties, and special Customs Regulations, be arranged for the Colony, in such manner as may be found practically most advisable, so as to secure, while our requirements in this respect remain as at present, an equal measure of protection to our Agricultural Products, and of facility to our Commerce, as are provided under the existing British Columbia Tariff.

Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, recommending that the Dominion Government shall be requested to cause a Geological Survey of British Columbia to be made; such Survey to be commenced within one year after its admission into Union.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to insert in the Terms of Confederation to be proposed to Canada, some such clause as the following:—

All public works and property of British Columbia at the time of admission to belong to British Columbia, except such public works and property as shall properly belong to the Dominion under the British North America Act, and such portion of the main trunk road through British Columbia, or other roads then constructed, as may be necessary to complete a continuous line of coach road from a point at or below Yale to a point at the foot of the Eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, and that the same shall be free of toll of every kind whatsoever.