

PROPOSED TERMS OF UNION.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL.RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERN-
MENT.

Resolved, That it is expedient that the Colony of British Columbia shall be Confederated with Canada, on the following Terms and Conditions; that is to say:—

1. Canada shall be liable for the Debts and Liabilities of British Columbia existing at the time of Union.

2. The population of British Columbia shall for the purpose of financial arrangements be estimated at 120,000. British Columbia not having incurred debts equal to those of other Provinces now constituting the Dominion, shall be entitled to receive, by half-yearly payments in advance from the General Government, interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the difference between the actual amount of its indebtedness at the date of Union and the proportion of the Public Debt of Canada for 120,000 of the population of Canada at the time of Union.

3. The following sums shall be annually paid by Canada to British Columbia, for the support of the Local Government and Legislature, to wit:—

That the Governor be respectfully requested to strike out figures "\$35,000," and insert in lieu thereof "\$75,000."

That the figures "400,000" be altered to "1,000,000."

An annual grant of \$35,000, and a further sum equal to 80 cents a head per annum of the population, both payable half-yearly in advance, the population of British Columbia being estimated as aforesaid at 120,000. Such grant equal to 80 cents a head to be augmented in proportion to the increase of population, when such may be shown, until the population amounts to 400,000, at which rate such grant shall thereafter remain.

4. The Dominion shall guarantee interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum on such sum, not exceeding £100,000, as may be required for the construction of a first-class Graving Dock at Esquimalt.

5. In addition to the other provisions of this Resolution, Canada shall assume and defray the charges of the following services:—

a. Salary and allowances of the Lieutenant-Governor;

That word "pensions" be inserted after the word "allowances."

b. Salaries and allowances of the Judges and Officers of the Supreme Court, and of the County Courts;

c. The charges in respect of the Department of Customs;

d. The postal Department;