

for being present and giving so much information on the subject. As respects Lunenburg he believed if it were not for the Education Measure he could have brought in a government candidate pledged to support a Union of the Colonies. As respects the other county mentioned the hon. member for Yarmouth (Mr Killam) could not get his own candidate in, and Mr. Townsend had been returned. He (Dr T) believed that Yarmouth might be considered opposed to Union, but every one knew what was the ruling sentiment in that county. At a meeting held in that county for the purpose of sending delegates to the Detroit Convention, leading men came forward with the hon. gentleman for Yarmouth and declared that if the treaty were abrogated the sooner Nova Scotia was annexed to the United States the better. He was informed that the other hon. member (Mr. Townsend) stood up manfully, and said they ought to be ashamed. Under such circumstances it was not strange that a portion of the county of Yarmouth opposed the Union of the Colonies.

Mr. COLIN CAMPBELL said that the hon. member for Yarmouth would know the sentiments of the representatives of the county of Digby at the proper time. They were prepared to assume themselves the responsibility of dealing with the question in that spirit and manner that would best advance the interests of the country.

Mr. KILLAM said that he would deal with the question of Confederation at the proper time. He had not attempted to influence the constituency against Mr. Townsend. He was not aware that any opinions in respect to annexation had been mentioned in the meeting referred to.

Mr. HATFIELD regretted that so much time had been wasted that might be more profitably employed.

Mr. McLELAN said that he believed the effect of Confederation would be to annex the Provinces to the United States.

Mr. C. J. CAMPBELL presented a petition from H. Cameron and others against Confederation. The subject then dropped.

Mr. WHITMAN introduced a bill to legalize assessment rolls of the county of Annapolis.

The house then adjourned.

MONDAY, April 16.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

Mr. BOURNOUT introduced a bill to incorporate the Myra Bay Harbor Company.

Mr. S. CAMPBELL presented a petition for the alteration of a mail route.

Also, two petitions against Confederation.

Mr. PRYOR reported favorably on a number of bills from the committee on private and local bills, and unfavorably of the bill relative to the erection of a lock-up at Waverly these objections being already provided for by existing statutes.

Hon. PROV. SEC. laid on the table a report of the officer commanding H. M. S. *Lilly* in reference to the fog trumpet at Sambro.

UNION OF THE COLONIES.

The adjourned debate was resumed.

Mr. C. J. CAMPBELL said: The Provincial Secretary told us, some days ago, that the Government were awaiting the action of New Brunswick on the question of Confederation. I do not think that this Province should place itself in that position. Nova Scotia is the most important of the Maritime Provinces, and I do not see why we should wait for others to lead us on this important question. It is the duty of the Government and of this Legislature to take a leading part in the discussion of this measure. When the question was introduced a year or two ago, much diversity of opinion existed as to the details which had been arranged at Quebec, and matters stood in a different light from that in which they now appear. At that time we looked forward to peace and tranquillity with the United States; we had free trade with that country. But how has the aspect changed since then. We do not stand in the same position as we stood in six months ago. The United States have shewn every disposition to annex these Provinces, and have shewn a determination to punish us by every means in their power. Besides that, we have been threatened with an invasion, and it becomes our duty to come forward like loyal citizens and to unite ourselves for purposes of defence. There are sentiments in this Assembly favorable to annexation, and if the country were informed of the fact those sentiments would be rooted at from one end of Nova Scotia to the other. Whatever objections the people entertained to the Quebec scheme twelve months ago matters have entirely changed. There is not a man in my County who is not loyal to the heart and who would not consent to any scheme that would save us from annexation or from invasion. Mr. ANNAND told us that two years ago the country was calm, so it was; the dangers of to-day were then far in the distance and the people felt at liberty to discuss the minor points of the scheme of union, and to thwart the government from motives of self interest, but the aspect has greatly changed. All the trifling disputes which have engaged our attention should be at once buried before the great objective of maintaining British connection. The advice of the British Government and press should lead us to look forward to the time when we shall become an ally instead of Colonies of Great Britain,—that is the proud position which many of us have looked forward ever since we came to the country. Can any one pretend to say that Great Britain would allow us to annex ourselves to the United States when the Government of that country are threatening her in every possible manner? Would the mother country part with all the resources at her command in this Province, and a law then to be handed over to her bitter enemy? The idea is preposterous. Mr. ANNAND has told us that the Railway should precede the union—that might be an advantage, but he knows that though that matter has been agitated for ten or twelve years we have failed in obtaining the road. It is quite evident that we cannot have these advantages