

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to establish a Board of Health for the City of Fredericton.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House without any amendment.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and the Bill read a third time presently.

The said Bill was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That Mr. Dibblee do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was delivered by the Honorable Mr. Mitchell, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.

The Honorable Mr. Saunders read the same; and it was again read by the Clerk, as follows:—

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Message to the Legislative Council, 16th April, 1866.

ARTHUR GORDON.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor lays before the Legislative Council further Correspondence relating to the Union of the British North American Colonies.

A. H. G.

The Lieutenant Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Fredericton, 14th March, 1866.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose, for your information, a copy of a paragraph of the Address which has this day been agreed upon by the Legislative Council of this Province, in answer to my Speech at the opening of the Session, from which you will perceive that that Body have expressed a strong and decided opinion in favour of an Union of the British North American Colonies.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ARTHUR H. GORDON.

[Enclosure.]

“The Correspondence on the affairs of British North America, which Your Excellency announces will immediately be laid before us by command of Her Majesty, will receive at our hands that careful and respectful attention due to matters emanating from so high a source, and be considered with an anxious desire to meet the wishes of Her Majesty's Government, being fully convinced that an Union of the British North American Colonies will strengthen the ties which bind them to the Mother Country, and be consistent with the true interests and prosperity of this Province.”

The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant Governor.

Downing Street, 31st March, 1866.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 12, of the 14th of March.

I have perused with much satisfaction the paragraph of the Address which you enclose, expressing the strong opinion of the Legislative Council in favour of the Union of the British North American Provinces.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

EDWARD CARDWELL.