

The Committee appointed at the Meeting held on the October now beg to report that they have had several formal sittings in addition to a formal communication with various persons interested in the important subjects referred to them by the Resolutions under which they were named. -

They had also ^{an} interviews with the Hon. A. J. Galt who communicated confidentially the conclusions at which the Government had arrived on the subject of Education. Your Committee are not at liberty to state the details of that interview or of the arrangements, but they consider that if carried out they will place the Protestant Minority in a better position than they at present are in - and they would recommend that a Resolution be come to by this Meeting for communication to His Excellency the Governor General and also to Mr Galt - urging that the substance of the guarantee which the Government Bill of Last Session was intended to provide should be secured in the Imperial Act - or failing that, that such other Provisions calculated to attain the same end as are practicable should be inserted. -

Your Committee had also to consider the further and even more important question of the future representation of the English Speaking ^{as well in the General as in the Local Legislatures} Minority in Lower Canada, and other kindred questions affecting the interests of that Population. They feel that if any steps are to be taken to bring about fundamental changes as regards Lower Canada as well

in the Federal as in the Local Legislatures, in
the character of the proposed Union as settled
by the Quebec Resolutions, or even in its more
material details by efforts from this country
such changes could only be effected by being
powerfully urged after a clear explanation of
opinion by a numerous body of the People here
and it was evident to your Committee that
such explanation of opinion could not be ob-
tained without much previous agitation -
The Committee believe that a Public Ap-
pear at the present moment in the interests of
the English Ministry in favor Canada might
prove a counter agitation by arousing the
fears of their fellow subjects of another union,
which would not only give consistency to
opinions and much but might endan-
ger the success of Union itself.

They are far from being indebted to
the importance of obtaining such modifica-
tions as should secure to the English share-
ing Participation a share in the Representation
justifiable to their numbers and the many
interests of the interests they propose - nor to
the desirability of settling the question of
amalgamation, the Administration of the
Crown lands and other kindred subjects
in the general Government -

But on full consideration they incline
to the belief that to bring about such changes
they must have recourse to the State as a like
means which they might not unreasonably
expect would be entertained by the English
Ministry and Parliament on the question
that is presented of a formal and
public character in the official interests
of a Ministry in favor Canada however
influential

influential and respectable - and they feel that nothing but the certainty of success could justify their recommending Public Agitation here, entertaining as they do so strong a conviction that such a course might lead to results injurious to the general welfare.

In conclusion Your Committee believe that means ^{should} ~~may~~ be informally adopted to place those Members of the House of Commons who are in a position to watch over their interests in possession of all needful information - and they ask authority from this Meeting to take such steps as they may think necessary to that end, as well as to co-operate with any Public Bodies or other persons who may contemplate a similar course of action on any of the special questions affecting the interests of the British Population in Lower Canada. -

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