

NOVA SCOTIA.
Her Reply to Great Britain's Refusal of Self-Government.

In a communication to his Excellency, Major-General Charles Hastings Doyle, Lieutenant-General and Commander of H. M.'s troops in and over the province of Nova Scotia, the Executive Council of that province say that they have read the despatch, his Grace the Duke of Buckingham in reply to the address of the Representatives of the people, for a repeal of the Act of Union with mingled emotions of surprise and regret.

When the Representatives of the people unanimously informed the Queen that Confederation had been forced upon the Province, without in any manner consulting them, it is astonishing that the Colonial Minister should take the liberty of contradicting them, and of asserting that Confederation first originated with the Legislature of Nova Scotia. This assertion is unavailing by the slightest fact. In fact, the Legislature never offered an opinion in favor of Confederation by vote, resolution, or any other action on the subject before the Quebec scheme was published. Confederation was devised altogether in Canada, and the scheme was never in any manner submitted to the people of this Province, and every expression that they have been able to give of their wishes on the subject has been directly adverse to the measure.

When it was brought forward in the session of 1855, no less than 2,000 of the people petitioned against it. When it was ascertained that the leaders of the Government and of the opposition had conspired to have it carried through the Imperial Parliament, upwards of thirty-one thousand petitioned against it, and delegates were sent to England to oppose its passage.

Since the Constitution was conferred on the Province, upwards of a century ago, the laws were made and taxes were levied by the representatives of the people in their own Legislature. The Legislative Council in the Upper Branch were appointed by the Sovereign under the advice of the Executive Council, who, since the introduction of responsible Government always possessed the confidence of the people. Their whole Legislature were, therefore, either actually or virtually chosen by themselves, and the members of that body, to which the taxes were imposed, had to render an account of their conduct to the representatives of the people in their own Legislature. The Legislative Council in the Upper Branch were appointed by the Sovereign under the advice of the Executive Council, who, since the introduction of responsible Government always possessed the confidence of the people. Their whole Legislature were, therefore, either actually or virtually chosen by themselves, and the members of that body, to which the taxes were imposed, had to render an account of their conduct to the representatives of the people in their own Legislature.

FROM SOUTH AMERICA.
Reported Fall of Humaita.

Lisbon, Aug. 28.—One of the steamers of the regular mail line between Rio Janeiro and this port arrived late last evening with advices from Rio to August 8.

Her news is highly important. The tactics of the allied forces in attempting to reduce the Paraguayan fortress of Humaita by starvation have been entirely successful. The Paraguayans held out to the last moment, and on July 21, when their stores were exhausted, evacuated the position, and the allied forces marched into Humaita the next day. Two hundred and fifty cannon, and a large quantity of ammunition, small arms, etc., which the Paraguayans were compelled to abandon, were captured by the allies. The retreating Paraguayans were pursued, and four thousand of them cut off from the main body and surrounded in Gran Chaco. They formed in line of shot, and the allies were ordered to surround them. Three of the Brazilian iron-clads forced their way through the obstructions, and past the batteries on the Parana, and had joined the main army. The allied commander was also advancing troops on Lopez from the land side, and as the guns of the allied fleet commanded all routes of retreat, it was expected that the Paraguayans would soon be forced to surrender their position. It was reported that the Paraguayans had also evacuated the important defensible town of Turpo. In view of all these advantages gained by the allies, the general opinion was that the war would soon be brought to a successful termination. There were no new developments in regard to the difficulty between Mr. Webb, the American Minister, and the Brazilian Government. A formidable revolt had broken out in Paraguay, but it was summarily put down, and many of the ringleaders were captured. Two of them, Berres and Carreiras, were tried and sentenced to imprisonment by the Paraguayan Secretary of Foreign Affairs. The ministry of the Brazilian Government is removing the Presidents of the provinces, and appointing others in their place, which action is opposed by the liberal party everywhere throughout the country.

PARAGUAYAN ACCOUNTS.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—Accounts of the recent events on the Rio Parana have been received from Paraguayan sources. The Paraguayans claim that the allies received severe checks in two battles on July 16 and 18. The fortress was subsequently evacuated without the knowledge of the enemy. All the heavy guns were spiked, and the arms, ammunition, and stores, were removed.

The governments of Chili and Bolivia have offered their good offices to Lopez, as mediators. The Paris Peace has Paraguay advices which explain that Humaita was abandoned because Lopez had completed his new defensive line of fortifications on the big river. The Paraguayans were confident that the allies, though holding the river, would not attempt to enter the interior of the country, and they believed that the war would soon be brought to a successful termination by the assistance of the combined powers.

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In BANKRUPTCY.
The undersigned, Charles H. Adams of Philadelphia, in the County of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, within said district, who has been appointed a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district.
LAW OFFICE OF WALTER M. WATSON, 224 1/2 N. 3d Street, in the City of Philadelphia.

IN THE ORPHAN'S COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

The Author appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and adjust the accounts of **MARY HAMILL**, deceased, and to report distribution of the same to the parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment, on MONDAY, September 1st, at 2 o'clock, at the Court of the Orphan's Court, No. 34 1/2 N. 3d Street, in the City of Philadelphia.

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