

that effect passed at a Meeting of the Consulting Council of the Association; and he expressed his hearty concurrence in the objects for which the Institution had been formed, considering the great and urgent distress which prevailed in Scotland from a redundant and unemployed population. These views were reiterated by the Hon. Sir W. M. Napier, Bart., the Convener of the County of Renfrew; whereupon it was moved by Dr. Alison, seconded by Sir William Drysdale, and unanimously resolved—That the state of destitution in Scotland, which has been gradually increasing from the Peace, has reached an extent which demands the immediate attention of the Government, and of all other persons in Scotland interested in the moral and social welfare of the industrious classes.

2nd. It was moved by Dr. Thomas Rolph, Government Agent for Emigration for Canada, and seconded by Sir Allan Napier Macnab, Speaker of the late Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada, and unanimously resolved—That Her Majesty's possessions in British America present an inexhaustible outlet for the redundant population of the United Kingdom, whilst it is matter of national importance that their great resources should be made available.

3rd. It was moved by R. Broun, Master of Colstoun, seconded by the Hon. Sir John Campbell, Bart., and unanimously resolved—That the British American Association for Emigration and Colonization is entitled to public confidence and support, as an Institution calculated materially to advance the opulence, prosperity, and peace of the Mother Country and the Colony.

4th. It was moved by the Very Rev. Principal MacFarlane, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Aiton, and unanimously resolved—That Contributions to the Benevolent Fund of the Association shall be solicited, for the purpose of aiding in the erection of Churches, Schools, and such other charitable foundations as concern the religious and moral welfare of our British-American fellow subjects.

5th. It was moved by Isaac Buchanan, Esq., Member of the Legislative Assembly of Canada, seconded by the Hon. Sir W. Dunbar, Bart., of Mochrum, and unanimously resolved—That the Right Honourable the Lord Provost shall be requested to allow his name to be added to the Consulting Council of the Association, and accept the thanks of the Meeting for presiding upon the occasion.

Whereupon the Lord Provost, on leaving the Chair conveyed the thanks of the Meeting to the Deputation, and expressed his entire acquiescence in the wish that he should become one of the Consulting Council of so important an Association.

And the Commissioners further report—That the Deputation having proceeded to Glasgow, where it was joined by the other Member, Mr. Andrews, it was introduced to the Right Honourable Sir James Campbell, the Lord Provost of that City, and other influential persons connected with its trade and manufactures, when the Lord Provost at once acceded to the wish conveyed to him, that he should convene and preside at a public Meeting to take the objects of the Association into consideration; and a Meeting was accordingly convened to be holden at the Town Hall of the City, on the 27th ultimo,—which was numerously attended.

That the Lord Provost, on taking the Chair, stated the object of the Meeting, and expressed himself strongly in favour of a systematic plan of Emigration to British North America, as an effectual means of relieving the distress of the Labouring Classes in the West of Scotland; after which the following Resolutions were successively moved, discussed, put to the Meeting, and carried without a dissentient voice:—

1st. Moved by Mr. Sheriff Alison, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Norman Macleod—That the destitution of Glasgow, the manufacturing districts of the West of Scotland, and the Highlands generally, has reached an appalling character and extent, and cannot, in the opinion of the Meeting, be effectually remedied by any measure short of Emigration on a national scale.

2nd. Moved by Sir Allan Napier Macnab, and seconded by Dr. Rolph—That the resources of our British-American Provinces, if drawn out by an extensive infusion into them of capital and population, will afford an immediate and effectual remedy for the distress prevalent in the United Kingdom from redundant labour.

3rd. Moved by W. Andrews, Esq., and seconded by the Hon. Sir John Cunningham Fairlie, Bart.—That the British-American Association, which has been formed for these combined objects, is entitled to the support of all persons in the Kingdom desirous of advancing the moral and general welfare of the Labouring Classes.

4th. Moved by R. Broun, Master of Colstoun, and seconded by W. Murray, Esq.—That the Rev Dr. Norman Macleod, whose great exertions in the cause of his suffering fellow-countrymen in the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, in the year 1837, was so instrumental in raising a sum of upwards of £100,000 sterling, to rescue them from starvation, and Mr. Sheriff Alison, whose warmest exertions have long been conspicuously directed to the relief of distress in Great Britain, and the advancement of her Colonial interests, be requested to allow their names to be added to the Consulting Council of the Association.

5th. Moved by the Hon. Sir W. A. Maxwell, Bart., and seconded by William Houston, Esq., of Johnstone Castle—That the Lord Provost be requested to allow his name to be added to the Consulting Council, and to accept the best thanks of the Meeting for presiding thereat.

Whereupon Dr. Macleod, Mr. Sheriff Alison, and the Lord Provost, severally stated their willingness to act on the Consulting Council, and to give the Association every aid in carrying out its objects.

And the Commissioners further report, that on the evening of the same day Dr. Rolph and Mr. Andrews, two of the Deputation, attended a Meeting at the town of Paisley, convened to take into consideration the state of the industrial classes, which, in consequence of the great number congregated, was adjourned from the Council Chamber to the Town Hall; that the Provost presided at the Meeting, supported by many of the leading Clergymen and Manufacturers of the district; and after the objects and plans of the Association had been fully discussed and considered, a variety of Resolutions, approving of them, and pledging the persons present to support the undertaking, were proposed and unanimously adopted.

And the Commissioners further report, that they have formed Committees, and appointed Agents, in aid of the Association in the City of Glasgow, and at Paisley: that they shall immediately proceed to the appointment of a Committee and an Agent, in the City of Edinburgh, and in the other principal Towns of Scotland, from which they intend to emanate parochial Associations in the respective districts, to secure the co-operation of the working clergy in aid of the Institution.

And the Commissioners report, that they are making arrangements, in concert with a Member of the Board, Dr. Rolph, in his character of Agent for Emigration to Canada, to extend the operations of the Association throughout England and Ireland, from which they anticipate the most beneficial results to the Association, and to the industrial classes of the community.

The Commissioners now necessarily direct the attention of the Meeting to the state of the Association, and to the means adopted to advance its interests and its influence, with such a regard to the beneficial employment of its capital, the application of its resources, and the direct promotion of the important objects for which it was formed—the furtherance of Emigration—the proper colonization of the lands it shall from time to time acquire—and the advancement of the social condition of the industrious classes.

The whole of the arrangements which necessarily precede the announcement of a great public undertaking have been matured, and some important arrangements have been made in East Canada, and also in Prince Edward's Island, to acquire tracts of country for immediate location and settlement; the Commissioners having, in their negotiations, had especial reference to the interests of the Emigrants to be intrusted to their care, and to the economical application of the capital of the undertaking.

The attention of the Commissioners was directed, in the first instance, to Eastern Canada, where they negotiated for the acquirement of four Seignories and other adjoining properties, containing about 200,000 acres of land; and they have the gratification to report, that these properties are eminently calculated, by position and fertility, for the location of a body of yeomen and labourers of a superior order.

That the Estates are in the direct vicinity of other located lands, at an easy distance from a River capable of navigation, adjoining to Roads already formed, and within forty miles of the town of Montreal; that Mills and other conveniences have been erected, and that the whole of the Estates are susceptible of cultivation, and may be brought into a productive state in a comparatively short space of time.

The Commissioners likewise report, that the pecuniary arrangements connected with these purchases, have been entered into with a due regard to the nature of the property and the interests of the Association, it having been agreed that one third of the purchase money shall be paid in the first and second years after the date of the agreement. Possession to be given upon payment of the first instalment, and the remaining two thirds of the whole amount to be covered by Shares in the permanent Stock of the Association; with the express understanding, that none of the Shares shall be disposed of except with the authority of the Board, and through the Broker of the Association, for a period of three years.

The Commissioners likewise report, that they have reason to anticipate that they shall be able to cover nearly the whole of the first cash payment of their Eastern Canada Estates by a well arranged system of Emigration, with the object to their location and settlement in the ensuing year.

The Commissioners have not omitted that attention to Western or Upper Canada which the character of the district particularly demands, but having availed themselves of the local knowledge and eminent position of Sir Allan Macnab, to whom, as Chief Commissioner, the superintendence of the whole of the Estates of the Association in British North America will be intrusted, they content themselves, and they feel confident the Meeting will appreciate the motives which influence them not to dilate farther on the subject, with stating that arrangements have been made, through which very extensive tracts of country will be acquired in the Western Province, through the instrumentality of Sir Allan Macnab, at a minimum price; and that he has undertaken to place permanently a considerable portion of the capital Stock of the Association in Canada at par, subject to a condition against transfer, except with the authority of the Board, and through the Broker of the Association, for the period of three years.

That inexhaustible source of wealth, the Fisheries of the American Seas, have engaged the anxious attention of the Board; and the Commissioners report, that the arrangements they have already made, and the negotiations they have in progress, justify them in