

CONFEDERATION 1861-67



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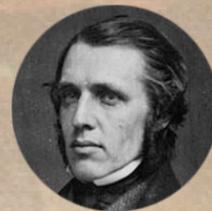
Alexander Campbell



John A. Macdonald



William Pearce Howland



William McDougall

1861

1 January

The **American Civil War** caused panic regarding Canada's own security. Groups emerged, calling for Canada's independence in light of the potential threats posed by the American's Manifest Destiny.

1864

1 January

The formation of **Great Coalition** was a grand coalition between the Reformers and Conservative parties of the two Canadas. It was formed in order to stop the political and economic deadlock between Canada East and Canada West, which paved the way for Confederation.

1864

1 September

Charlottetown Conference

was originally a gathering of the Maritime Union. However, John A. Macdonald and others of the Great Coalition took part and convinced the Maritimes to join a sovereign Canada.



Charlottetown Conference



The Great Coalition

1866

4 December

The **London Conference**, held in London, was the final event that would solidify Confederation a year later. 16 delegates from the Great Coalition drafted the British North America Act of 1867. The bill was passed through the British House of Commons and signed by the Queen.



London Conference

1864

10 October

The **Quebec Conference** was one of the most important events leading up to Confederation. During the two week meeting, delegates agreed to divide power between "general" parliament and "local" provincial governments, and create a House of Commons and a Senate. The results of the Quebec Conference were the 72 resolutions, which laid the political blueprints for Canada to become a sovereign nation three years later.



Quebec Conference

Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick joined Confederation in 1867. Other provinces and territories followed throughout the next three decades.

CONFEDERATION AND ONWARDS...

1867

1 July

The **Constitution Act of 1867**, formerly known as the British North America Act, was passed into law on the first of July, now known as Canada Day. This act created what was known as the Dominion of Canada, until after the Second World War when we became an independent nation.



Queen Victoria

