

resolutions providing for the local constitutions of Upper and Lower Canada, subsequently to be known as the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

While New Brunswick had two general elections over Confederation, there was no reference of the question to the people of the other provinces. In Canada, both Macdonald and Brown judged a general election at the time to be unnecessary and inexpedient, and none took place, the Parliament elected in 1863 continuing until the consummation of the union.

It had been arranged that the further Confederation negotiations should take place in London under the Imperial *ægis*, and the united delegations had arranged to sail in July, but the defeat of Lord Russell's ministry, and an impression that it was desirable not to complete the Confederation measure until just before the meeting of the Imperial Parliament, some months ahead, formed new reasons for delay, and it was not until November that the Canadian delegates left for England, where they were met by their Maritime colleagues, who sailed at the date originally agreed upon, and had been impatiently awaiting their arrival in London for many weeks.

The delegates were received by a sub-committee of the Cabinet, headed by Lord Carnarvon, Secretary of State for the Colonies, while Sir Frederick Rogers (afterwards Lord Blachford) his permanent Under-Secretary, acted as intermediary between the Imperial and Colonial statesmen. The meetings of this body were for the most part confined to formal occasions, the real business being transacted by the delegates, who met apart in the Westminster Palace Hotel, London, in a room where now a tablet marks the historic event.

At the first meeting, held on December 4, 1866, there were assembled:—

FROM CANADA.

The Hon. JOHN A. MACDONALD,
 “ G. E. CARTIER,
 “ A. T. GALT,
 “ W. McDOUGALL,
 “ W. P. HOWLAND,
 “ H. L. LANGEVIN,

FROM NOVA SCOTIA.

The Hon. CHARLES TUPPER,
 “ WILLIAM A. HENRY,
 “ J. W. RITCHIE,
 “ JONATHAN McCULLY,
 “ A. G. ARCHIBALD,

FROM NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Hon. S. L. TILLEY,
 “ J. M. JOHNSON,
 “ P. MITCHELL,
 “ CHARLES FISHER,
 “ R. D. WILMOT,