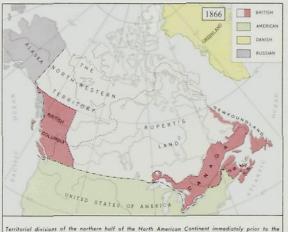
POLITICAL EVOLUTION OF CANADA SINCE CONFEDERATION IN 1867

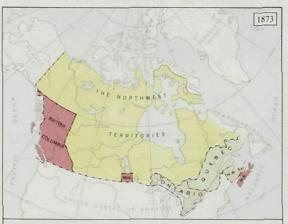
The maps show the principal stages by which Canada evolved into a Federal State of ten Provinces and two Territories



erritorial divisions of the northern half of the North American Continent immediately prior formation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867.



On July 1, 1867, the three provinces of Canada (the former provinces of Upper Canada and Lower Canada united in 1840), Nova Scotia and New Bronswick were formed into a Federal State, collectively known as Canada.



By 1873 Canada had acquired "Roperts' Lond and the North-Western Territory" (1870), changing their name to "North-West Territories" and creating the Province of Manitaba from part of them. British Columbia (1871) and Prince Edward Island (1873) were admitted to the Confederation and provinces.



Provisional boundaries were established for Ontaria in 1874 and in 1876 the District of Keewatin was formed. In 1880 the boundaries of Manitaba were extended and the islands north of the Canadian mainland passed to the Government of Canada. In 1882 the Districts of Assimibaia, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Albabaska were created within the North-West Territories.



In 1895 the Districts of Ungava, Franklin, Mackenzie and Yukan were created; in 1897 changes were made in the boundaries of the northern District, and in 1898 the District of Yukan was made a separate Territory and the Province of Quebec was estanded northward.