

CONFEDERATION

CANADA WILL NOT BE BRITISH, BUT THEIR OWN COUNTRY



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Natives fight for their rights

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Ever since the Europeans moved into our home, we have been more than patient and peaceful. We have given up our land, to settle the immigrants needs. We have lived with these laws for too long. In 1857, Britain passed the Gradual Civilization Act, a law that made sure we could not vote unless we gave up our native culture. Later, in 1867 Canada became a confederation, without consulting us. The British North America Act made us, the first nations people, a responsibility of the government, the same way the government was responsible for the postal serve.

Finally, in 1982 we successfully got our rights recognized in the confederation. In 1990, I went to court to stop the Meech Lake Accord. It had been agreed upon without our consultation, and although it helped the constitution, it neglected to improve our rights.

(Note to Mr. Wilkinson: This section was written after confederation in Canada because that was when Natives argued for their rights and it seemed like important information to include. The main idea is that confederation was not good for the natives because their rights were neglected).



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The French will be forgotten when surrounded by British

JEAN JACQUES DE LA RONDE

JANUARY 18TH 1867

We French have always had a complicated relationship with the British in Canada. We were the first to colonize Canada. The King of France made a horrible mistake by ignoring the coureur des bois' idea to establish trading settlements around the Hudson Bay. So, the coureur de bois presented their idea to the British. The British now had a place in Canada's future.

Then the seven-year war was fought over who would control Canada's future. Unfortunately, we lost to the British. Eventually, they decided to let us French Canadians keep our culture, religion and language.

When the war of 1812 hit, although war was horrible, it brought all of Canada together. Now I am proud to be Canadian and live alongside the British Canadian.

However, as time goes on, immigrants from England continue to arrive. The English-speaking population has outnumbered the French! This new "rep by pop" is unfair. Today the ratio between French and English is massive. When it is time to elect the government for our country it will not be someone from Eastern Canada, there might not even be any French in the government. Without support from the government, we will be asked to forget where we come from and learn a new language and culture. Eventually they will be no memory of the French in Canada, only in a dusty old textbook. Confederation will be the end of Eastern Canada

CONFEDERATION IN CANADA

The Railway

What will bring us together

JOHN DOE

JANUARY 18TH 1867

Through out Canada's history we have relied on trade. If you are not aware, most of the raw goods produced in Canada are traded to the United States, who then trade it with Britain. This is because it's cheaper for the US to trade with England than it is with Canada.

During the recent American Civil War, the South sold their cotton to Britain. This cotton was grown and harvested by slavery, yet in Britain slavery has been abolished. Basically, the British were giving profit to the south which they used to purchase weaponry, for the war.

Once the North learned about this, they were infuriated and cut trade with Britain and its colonies. This was a problem for economy because our main source of trade was cut off.

However, a railway will make it possible to trade within our own borders. This will be especially beneficial to Canada East because the St. Lawrence River is frozen for half of the year this colony relies on the river for trade. The only problem is not every colony can afford a railway. But when Canada becomes a confederation, we will be able to pay for the railway, and our economy will flourish more than ever before.



<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/railway-history>



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The Fenians have crossed the border for the last time

ADAM BAKER

JANUARY 18TH

The Fenians troops cross the border again, no one stopping them as they walk through the rows of towering trees. The Fenians see a village in the distance, and the next thing you know, they have already left. Buildings burning behind them, blood pooling on the dirt. No one is there to stop the heartless Fenians that plague, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Western and Eastern Canada.

However, this is all about to change, when Canada is a confederation. First, I should tell you about the Fenians. Britain took control of Ireland. The Irish weren't happy about that and wanted to fight back. They couldn't put their revenge on England, so instead the Irish Americans put their blame on us, the Canadians. Those Irish Americans who attack Canada call themselves the Fenians. They burn our buildings, murder our people and raid our cities, just so they can annoy the British. It's almost like we are invisible to this matter, even though we are the victims. Even the USA has turned a blind eye to us by not protecting their "friends" up north.

This leaves us only one solution - do it ourselves. When we become a confederation, we can combine resources to train troops. Then when the railway is built, we can transport troops to where we need them. That is why we need a Confederation, because then Canada won't be "invisible" it will be a place that will send the Fenians running back home.



<http://townshipsheritage.com/exhibit/sake-ireland-fenian-raids-missisquoi-county-1866-1870-part-1>

