

# POLITICAL TIMES

## CONFEDERATION: YES OR NO?

### THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE

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The people of our colonies have constantly been arguing. Some say confederation is a great idea, some argue it won't work. I have interviewed many workers throughout the colonies to find out what their views are on this subject.



Conference meeting at Quebec 1884. [This Photo](#) is licensed under [CC BY-SA](#).

### THOSE WHO SAY YES

Many say confederation will help increase our protection. Irish immigrants called "fenians" are constantly attacking the borders of our colonies from the United States. Canada East, Canada West, and New Brunswick are all fearful of an invasion. With confederation, all our military can work together to protect our borders.

Confederation will also give us the opportunity to build a railroad. Many small colonies do not have the money to pay for one. A railroad can be used for multiple purposes. Trading can be done throughout the year without the fear of routes freezing during the winter. A railroad can also transport military troops and weapons to help defend us from the U.S. Railroads can carry government officials to meetings and people to new jobs.

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## THOSE WHO SAY NO

Those against confederation provide reasoning as well. With the new jobs available with confederation, French workers will have to learn English to obtain these jobs. As well, newspapers and labels on products will have to be translated into French. French products will need to be translated into English. This will cost a lot of money and time for businesses.

People are also concerned that the government of the confederation will ask for representation by population. If so, colonies with small populations will have less power than those with large populations. People of Canada East are especially concerned as the French are becoming a minority. The French fear that their culture will be silenced by stronger colonies. Prince Edward Island also fears for lack of power in government because of their small population.

## WHAT'S THE CONSENSUS?

Though the government is still meeting to come to an agreement, most of the population believes that confederation could be good. If all our colonies were to join together, we would be stronger and more financially stable. We will still have to wait to see what the government will decide and what changes will come from their decision.



Delegates at the Quebec Conference, October 1864  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian\\_Confederation#/media/File:QuebecConvention1864.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian_Confederation#/media/File:QuebecConvention1864.jpg)

## WEATHER REPORT

Today



9 Degrees  
Cloudy

Friday



10 Degrees  
Cloudy

Saturday



12 Degrees  
Sunny

Sunday



11 Degrees  
Sunny