

CLB 4 – October Question

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CLB 4 – Confederation

From 1864 to 1867, representatives of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the Province of Canada worked together to establish a new country. These men are known as the Fathers of Confederation. The old Province of Canada was split into two new provinces: Ontario and Quebec, which, together with New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, formed the new country called the Dominion of Canada.

British Columbia joined Canada in 1871 after Ottawa promised to build a railway to the West Coast. On November 7, 1885, a powerful symbol of unity was completed when Donald Smith (Lord Strathcona), the director of the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR), drove the last spike. The project was financed by British and American investors and built by both European and Chinese labour. After many years of heroic work, the CPR's "ribbons of steel" fulfilled a national dream.

Expansion of the Dominion:

- 1867 - Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick
- 1870 - Manitoba, Northwest Territories (N.W.T.)
- 1871 - British Columbia
- 1873 - Prince Edward Island
- 1880 - Transfer of the Arctic Islands (to N.W.T.)
- 1898 - Yukon Territory
- 1905 - Alberta, Saskatchewan
- 1949 - Newfoundland and Labrador
- 1999 - Nunavut

Review Question:

When Canada became a country in 1867, it had only four provinces. Which of these was NOT one of the four provinces?

- New Brunswick
- Ontario
- BC
- Quebec