

## CLB 6 – October Question

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### Confederation

#### CLB 6 – A Symbol of Unity

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:

BC joined Canada in 1871. What symbol of Canadian unity was completed in BC in 1885?

- The Canada-US border
- The Trans-Canada Highway
- The Parliament buildings
- The Canadian Pacific Railway