

Mining Association, terms on which the monopoly of that Association, in the coal areas of Nova Scotia, might be terminated, and the control of its mines and minerals fully assured to the provinces. A happy solution of a long standing difficulty was then accomplished. In 1861, he was a delegate to a conference held at Quebec to discuss the question of an Intercolonial Railway. In 1864, as leader of the Opposition in the House of Assembly, Mr. Archibald seconded a resolution moved by Hon. Mr. Tupper, leader of the government, for the appointment of delegates to confer with delegates from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island on the subject of a legislative union of the three provinces. He attended the conference held in Charlottetown, P. E. I., in June of that year, and the question becoming merged in the larger one of a union of all the British American possessions, he was found later in the year at the Quebec conference, called to mature this measure, and, after ably advocating it in the legislature of Nova Scotia, took an active part in securing its consummation in the final conference, held in London in the winter of 1866-7. While in the Nova Scotia legislature he took a prominent part in the improvement of the municipal assessment laws, the gold mining acts, the electoral franchise laws, and if it had not been for the generous aid he gave Hon. Mr. Tupper's government on the introduction of the free school system of education in Nova Scotia, that highly important measure would not have become law as early as it did in the history of the Province. When, in 1867, the provinces became confederated as the Dominion of Canada, Mr. Archibald was appointed Secretary of State. Failing, however, to secure re-election by his old constituency, he resigned the office in 1868, but was returned to the House of Commons in 1869, and sat until May, 1870, when he was appointed to the lieutenant-governorship of Manitoba. Having accomplished the pacification of the province and established its government on a constitutional footing, he