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CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

On Friday of last week the last session of the first Parliament of Canada was closed. The event naturally leads to a retrospect of what has taken place since this Parliament was first called together. Five years ago the Union Act came into force, with Ontario for the Western Province, and with Nova Scotia discontented in the east. But one Union member was elected from Nova Scotia; all the rest were Repealers, and the first session was full of indignant remonstrances at the manner in which the rights of the Nova Scotians had been sacrificed. These complaints were heard with great patience and much incredulity; but on a closer examination into the circum-

stances of the case, and on finding that Nova Scotia had a substantial grievance in the fact that its income did not enable it to work its local administration efficiently, the "better terms" were considered and finally sanctioned by Parliament.

From that time it may be said that Nova Scotia was reconciled to the Union, and, so far as the four Provinces were concerned, the confederation created by law was confirmed by the sanction of the people.

Next in importance comes the negotiations in England, conducted by Sir George E. Cartier and the Hon. Mr. Macdougall, for the transfer of the North-West Territory to Canada. Of the threatening aspect of affairs at Winni-

peg after that transfer had been virtually completed, it is needless to speak here. Those who did the mischief have been, or will be, punished by the ordinary course of events; and, as not unfrequently happens, the very consequences they tried to avert will be brought about all the more speedily by their ill considered action.

The completion of the Union westward by the admission of British Columbia a little less than a year ago, leaves nothing now to be done to complete the Canadian autonomy except the admission to the Union of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. So long as these two insular Provinces find it to their interest to stand aloof, the dwellers on the main-land can have little object in



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