fate of Riel, the British Columbia negotiation, and the fishery negotiation in Washington must have preyed on their minds as items sure to resurface when they next met. An election also loomed; it had been four years since Canadian electors had first been called upon to select a slate of federal legislators. But for the time being, their work in Ottawa was over. The fourth session of Canada's First Parliament was over, its deliberations captured for posterity in the columns of the nation's newspapers, and now recreated in this publication.

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