

" When we become a NATION of eight or nine millions of inhabitants our alliance will be worthy of being sought by the great nations of the earth ".

John A. Macdonald

" Confederation will transform the British North American Provinces into a new power which will give its people the rank of a NATION ".

George Etienne Cartier

" We must ever retain the entire, complete and independent management of our own affairs ".

Charles Tupper

" The Canadian Confederation is not on trial. It is stable and will last. There may be a cloud, and there may be reverses but the light of freedom is always there and will prevail in the end. There is room for all in this country. One way in which to keep our country on its high level is to make a firm resolution that it shall be CANADA FIRST, CANADA LAST AND CANADA ALL THE TIME ".

Wilfrid Laurier

" I believe in the Canadian Confederation—I am proud of the name of Canadian, proud of my country—Canada. — We should work ceaselessly and without faltering for the development and maintenance of the Canadian Confederation ".

Lomer Gouin.