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Extract from letter written by Dr. B.A. LeBlanc, Conservative
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When Confederation was mooted in 1867, and earlier, commercial Nova Scotians opposed the proposal. The people were unwilling to put this province into the Union, but it was done despite their wishes because of strained international relations arising out of the Civil War, the Trent Affair and Fenian raids, and also because of the further reason that Halifax was then the headquarters of the Imperial Army and Navy on this continent. Happily these reasons no longer exist.

Immediately after Confederation the Legislative Assembly and Council and the electors of this province petitioned the Imperial Government and Parliament to repeal the Confederation Act so far as it related to Nova Scotia. The request was denied, because Union had not been given a trial and international relations still threatened.

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