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CONFEDERATION IN NOVA SCOTIA—A CRISIS PAST.

ON the 28th July, 1873, (we were told by telegraph), the Viceregal yacht entered Halifax harbour, and His Excellency the Governor-General the following day was received, on landing, by the Government of the Province, the Mayor and Corporation, and all the dignitaries, ecclesiastical as well as civil and military, of that part of the Dominion. The fuller details which have since been received show that unfortunately, owing to weather, accidents and mistakes, the reception of Lord Dufferin was an exceedingly tame and woefully mismanaged affair. But we have been assured on all sides that this result was purely accidental—that it was not premeditated; and that it was not indicative of a wish to slight the Governor-General, the subsequent efforts made by Halifax to do proper honour to her noble visitor sufficiently testify. Persons of all ranks, all creeds, and all parties, united in entertaining Lord Dufferin; the "Halifax Club," where the Anti-confederate element is said to muster in force, gave His Excellency a dinner and applauded his pleasant sentences

to the echo; the Mayor, Corporation and citizens also gave a lavish entertainment; and the Provincial Government received His Excellency and the Countess of Dufferin at a grand ball.

In the middle of August, 1869, Lord Lisgar (then Sir John Young) landed at Pictou: the first arrival in Nova Scotia of a Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada. At that seaport the flag of Nova Scotia was on that occasion conspicuously exhibited at half-mast on more than one vessel and building. As the special train swept through New Glasgow, where it was not deemed advisable to stop, the American flag was at least as prominent as the Union Jack. At Halifax it is true that a large crowd welcomed, or at least witnessed, His Excellency's arrival; but the demonstration was confessedly a one-sided affair. The Confederate party, which since the General Election in 1867 had up to that time been singularly apathetic, seemed to rouse itself and to feel that its credit was at stake, and that now at least the truth must be proved of the oft-repeated