

Government, requesting him to appoint delegates to confer with delegates appointed by the Governments of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, for the purpose of considering the subject of a union of the three Provinces under one Government and with one Legislature.

Previous to that date, as early in fact as 1857, he had been sent as a delegate, in company with Hon. J. W. Johnston, since deceased, to England, to arrange the terms of settlement with the British Government and the General Mining Association, in regard to the mines of the Province, and to ascertain the views of the British Government on the question of the union of the Provinces. One happy result of these Commissioners' labors, was to secure to the Association all their rights and privileges.

He was a delegate to the Quebec conference held in 1861 to discuss the question of an Intercolonial Railway, and has always stood ready to help forward internal improvements.

Gov. Archibald was one of the foremost men in this Province in advocating the cause of Confederation; attended the Charlottetown Union conference in June, 1864, the Quebec conference held a few months later in the same year, and the final London (Eng.) conference to complete the terms of Confederation, held in the winter of 1866-67, having meanwhile fought the battle for union with a courageous spirit in the Legislative Assembly, making on this subject, one or two of his ablest extemporaneous speeches previous to Confederation.

Gov. Archibald sat for Colchester in the House of Commons from September, 1869, until appointed Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba in May, 1870, resigning in May, 1873. He was appointed Judge of Equity on the 24th of June, 1873, and held that office until the 4th of the next month, when, on the death of Lieut.-Governor Howe, he was appointed to that high office, the duties of which he is still discharging with eminent satisfaction, being re-appointed by the present Government. All political parties recognize his great abilities and peculiar fitness for his present office. The Queen created him a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, in 1872, on account of services in Manitoba.

Gov. Archibald was one of the directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway under Sir Hugh Allan (1873), and has always been ready to promote any enterprise calculated to contribute to the welfare of the Dominion of Canada. He is a man of broad views and generous impulses and a statesman whom the country delights to honor.

Gov. Archibald has made a great many speeches, on a variety of occasions, always adapting himself to his audience, and never fails to interest and please. A friend has placed in our hands, a Halifax paper of October 3, 1877, which contains a speech of the Governor, made at the opening of the Exhibition held at Kentville at that time. We give the last paragraph:—

"The present condition of agriculture, particularly in the older and more advanced counties, is such as we need not be ashamed of. Contrasted with what it was a few years ago, we may well be proud of it. If we have made great advances, if the interest in agriculture already created gives an assurance of a still steady advance, we owe it largely to the influence of such exhibitions as these. It would be difficult to measure the good they have already done; and if