

In 1869 Governor Seymour died while up north in H.M.S. "Sparrowhawk," Captain Mist. His place was taken by Mr. Anthony Musgrave, who had been Governor of Newfoundland, whose chief mission was to bring about the federation of British Columbia with the Eastern Provinces of Canada which had federated in 1867. Consequently a deputation was sent in 1871 to the Federal capital at Ottawa to arrange the terms on which British Columbia would unite. The deputation was composed of J. W. Trutch, then Commissioner of Lands and Works, Dr. J. S. Helmcken, and Dr. Carroll.

1871

The terms asked for by our Commisisoners were a wagon road, a graving dock, the pay of our governor, judges, customs, post-office and inland revenue officials, and to pay a subsidy annually of eighty-five cents per head of the population; the Dominion to take the customs, post-office and inland revenues.

Sir John Macdonald, Premier at this time, was laid up very ill, and Sir George Cartier, who was acting, said no, we will not give a wagon road but we will build a railway. So into the bill of federation went the provision for a railway.

Sir Joseph Trutch was appointed our first Lieutenant-Governor.

This year Sir Hector Langevin visited the Province to have a look at things generally and to pick out Senators. He sent for me to see what I was like, and at the end of the year my commission arrived as Senator. Dr. Carroll and Mr. Cornwall were the other Senators.

The first members to the Dominion Parliament were Henry Nathan, Amor de Cosmos, Messrs. Wallace, Nelson, Horner, Haughton and Thomson.

1872

Barron Nicholson took our house for a year and I proceeded to Ottawa with my wife and five children, who were going to England. We travelled by steamer to New York. While there we put up at the Grand Central Hotel. The waiters were much taken with our children's fair hair and rosy cheeks.

My wife and children took passage to Liverpool by the steamer "Queen." They went to London, and afterwards to Mitcham to live with Blakeney and Lilly, where they lived for four months. I went to Ottawa to Parliament, which assembled in April, three months later than usual. Evidently the Government