

In his speeches the good use of stories helped to keep his hearers in good humour. He was quick to see a weak point in another's speech and turn it in his own favour.

In Parliament, John A. Macdonald became a great leader of men, rising to be Prime Minister. A union of all the provinces had for years been his dream. Lord Durham had urged this some years before in his Report.

Macdonald wished the union because he was certain it would make Canada great in the eyes of the world. It would be better able to defend itself in time of war and more people would come to settle there.

At first only four provinces, Upper and Lower Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick formed the union, which took place on July 1st, 1867. Dominion Day, our national holiday, recalls this happy event.

John A. was the first Premier of the Dominion and was also honoured by being made a knight by the king.

A railroad was built for the purpose of bringing Nova Scotia and New Brunswick into