

in Quebec, same year, to arrange basis of Union of all the B.A. Colonies, and was Chairman of the London Colonial Conference, 1866-7, when the Act of Union, known as the "British North America Act," was passed by the Imperial Parlt. On 1 July, 1867, when the new constitution came into force, was called upon to form the first Govt. for the New Dominion, and was sworn of the Privy Council, and appointed Minister of Justice and Attorney-Genl. of Can. an office he continued to fill until he and his ministry resigned, on the Pacific Railway charge, 5 Nov., 1873. In 1871 was apptd. one of Her Majesty's Joint High Commissioners and Plenipotentiaries, together with Earl Grey, (now Marquis of Ripon), Sir Stafford Northcote, Sir Edward Thornton and Right Hon. Montague Bernard, to act in connection with five commissioners named by the President of the United States for the settlement of the "Alabama" claims, and of matters in dispute between Great Britain and the United States, the labors of which Joint High Commissioners resulted in the Treaty of Washington, signed at Washington, U.S., on 8 May, 1871. Received degree of D.C.L. (hon.) from Oxford University 1865. Is also an LL.D. of Queen's University Kingston. Created K.C.B. (civil) by Her