

Forging the Dominion of Canada ~ Celebrating Sir John A. McDonald's 200th birthday 1815-2015

Sir John A. was both a lawyer & politician, with a vision of a uniting the Provinces in forming the Dominion of Canada & Canada's first Prime Minister



fig. 1

fig. 2

fig. 3

the definitives (Fig. 1 #141 Caricatures) (fig. 2 issued Jan 15 2015) (fig. 3 60th Anniversary of Confederation issued) were issued in honour of Sir John A. McDonald



fig. 4

fig. 5

fig. 6

A facilitator, he realized that there would have to be a wide coalition of interest & beliefs & enlisted 36 other leaders including Darcy McGee ~ Quebec (fig. 4) Etienne Cartier ~ Quebec (fig. 5) and an adversary from Ontario, George Brown (fig. 6)



fig. 7



fig. 8



fig. 9



fig. 10

The Charlottetown Conference with 36 "Fathers of Confederation" met June 1864 (fig. 7) all agreed to meet again in October 1864 in Quebec City (fig. 8) ~ the resolutions passed would be the basis of the BNA, which was passed at the London Conference (fig. 9), in England Dec. 1866. A new Parliament Building started in 1859 was finished in 1866 but would have to wait till July 1 1867 for Canada to be called a Nation & be the seat of Parliamentary Government for the Dominion of Canada



The cover above addressed to a "Father of Confederation", Hon. John H Gray, New Brunswick, Jan. 5th 1867 Kidderminster England, received St John, New Brunswick Jan. 21st 1867 ~ Mrs. Gray was Elizabeth Eliza Ormond