

Committee: The Canadian Confederation
Character: Étienne-Paschal Taché
School: Villa Maria - French Sector

La conférence de Charlottetown est une conférence en 1864 durant laquelle les colonies maritimes et ainsi que la province du Canada ont discuté d'une union qui pourrait les aider politiquement et économiquement. Cette union devait être faite dans le but de rendre le Canada un pays plus puissant et stable.

Institutional design and regional diversity

A federal union would be preferable for Canada East because with a provincial and federal government, the population of Canada East wouldn't be submerged by the population of Canada West which has a greater population. To give the chance to Canada East's population to have power in the (chambre d'assemblée), the North America shouldn't adopt a legislative union with representation by population because they will not be able to express their ideas and laws written by a French Canadian will possibly be less adopted. Also, the population of the province of Atlantic will feel the same way as we will because their population is also minority compared to Canada West. Aside from that fact, they should join the union because they need us politically and economically and we need them to become stronger. The French language should be another language used in the assembly chamber in this Union because the population of the provinces of Atlantic use the same language as us and they have their rights to understand the laws.

Economic policy, regional markets, and colonial expansion

Une autre raison pour laquelle une union est nécessaire d'être faite c'est parce que la guerre civile en États-Unis menace le traité de libre-échange signé avec le Canada. Pour empêcher l'économie canadienne de connaître une crise, nous pourrions joindre les provinces maritimes aux Canada Est et Canada Ouest. Pour régler les crises économiques, le gouvernement fédéral devrait s'en occuper car ces crises concernent tout le Canada et au lieu de régler les problèmes séparément dans chaque province, il serait préférable de les résoudre ensemble.

Foreign policy and protecting our borders

During the civil war in the United States of America, the Canadians realized that their army needed more support from the British military, but they didn't want to spend much in sending them in British North America. If we are united to the provinces of Atlantic, our army could be more powerful and we wouldn't need help from the Great Britain. The relation with the Aboriginal peoples wouldn't change, but they would be put in a reserved area controlled by the government. By putting them apart, we could take their territories and expand the province.