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En tant que représentant libéral de la Nouvelle-Écosse (Harris, 2008), je crois qu’il est à l’intérêt de la Nouvelle-Écosse est des autres pays faisant partie des provinces d’Atlantique de former d’abord l’Union maritime. This would ultimately allow the involved colonies to have more influence represented as one large group, rather than few smaller ones (Government of Canada, 2016). This being said, I also fully support the Confederation (Waite, 2010). Although my colleagues may be against it, I am certain this will bring many merits to all of us (Harris, 2008). Faire partie d’une plus grande nation nous assurerait une meilleur sécurité contre l’expansion possible de la part des Américains, ainsi qu’un plus grand marché pour le commerce de la Nouvelle-Écosse et de l’aide financière pour la construction d’un chemin de fer national, qui joindrait les colonies atlantiques à l’Ontario et au Québec (Tattrie, 2014). L’union imminente du Canada est alors cruciale pour le bien-être de la nation. De plus, je vois la nécessité d’assurer qu’on ait un État unitaire. Local politics have become a farce, nothing more or less (Harris, 2008). Having a single centralized government (background guide) would still allow a bicameral legislative system, tout en assurant the unity of a nation. Small countries make small men (Harris, 2008).

Le Traité de Réciprocité a été forcé upon Nova Scotia (background guide). Our province, as well as the other Maritime colonies, such as New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, have been relying heavily on water-based activities, such as fishing (Gouvernement du Canada, 2001). As the Free Trade includes the sharing of the Canadian waters with the Americans (background guide), this would impede on our own activities. L’accord sur les sujets importants, tel que les échanges et les traités, est alors un point crucial à considérer afin d’assurer la réussite de la Confédération. As for the debt amounted during the rail-road construction, I believe that Great Britain’s implication is much needed in bearing the growing debt in the colonies, as the land-based transportation first amounted from the Industrial Revolution, started in Great Britain. It would be futile to ask for the growing provinces to pay for it as it would hinder their development.

Province of Canada and the surrounding lands are dangerously exposed to possible American attacks. Il est donc primordial d’assurer une Confédération qui réunirait les terres canadiennes, vu que la défense d’un grand pays serait plus efficace que celle des plusieurs petites terres. De plus, des attaques qui ont eu lieu dans les eaux entourant les Maritimes prouvent davantage que nous sommes vulnérables. British North America should therefore be able to defend itself even with reducing British military. Further economic trades with the Free Trade and the Reciprocity Treaty would aid, but help from others, such as the people of the First Nations is greatly needed as well. Speaking of this, it is crucial that the aboriginal peoples, who have been helping us and cooperating with us during hard times, are treated fairly. Ceci est inacceptable que leur survie soit menacée dans leur propre territoire et il est temps que ceci change.

Chers ministres, j’attends avec impatience cette conférence et le fruit dont elle portera. The Confederation is essential for the future of our nation and it is our duty to make Canada great *A Mari Usque Ad Mare*.

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