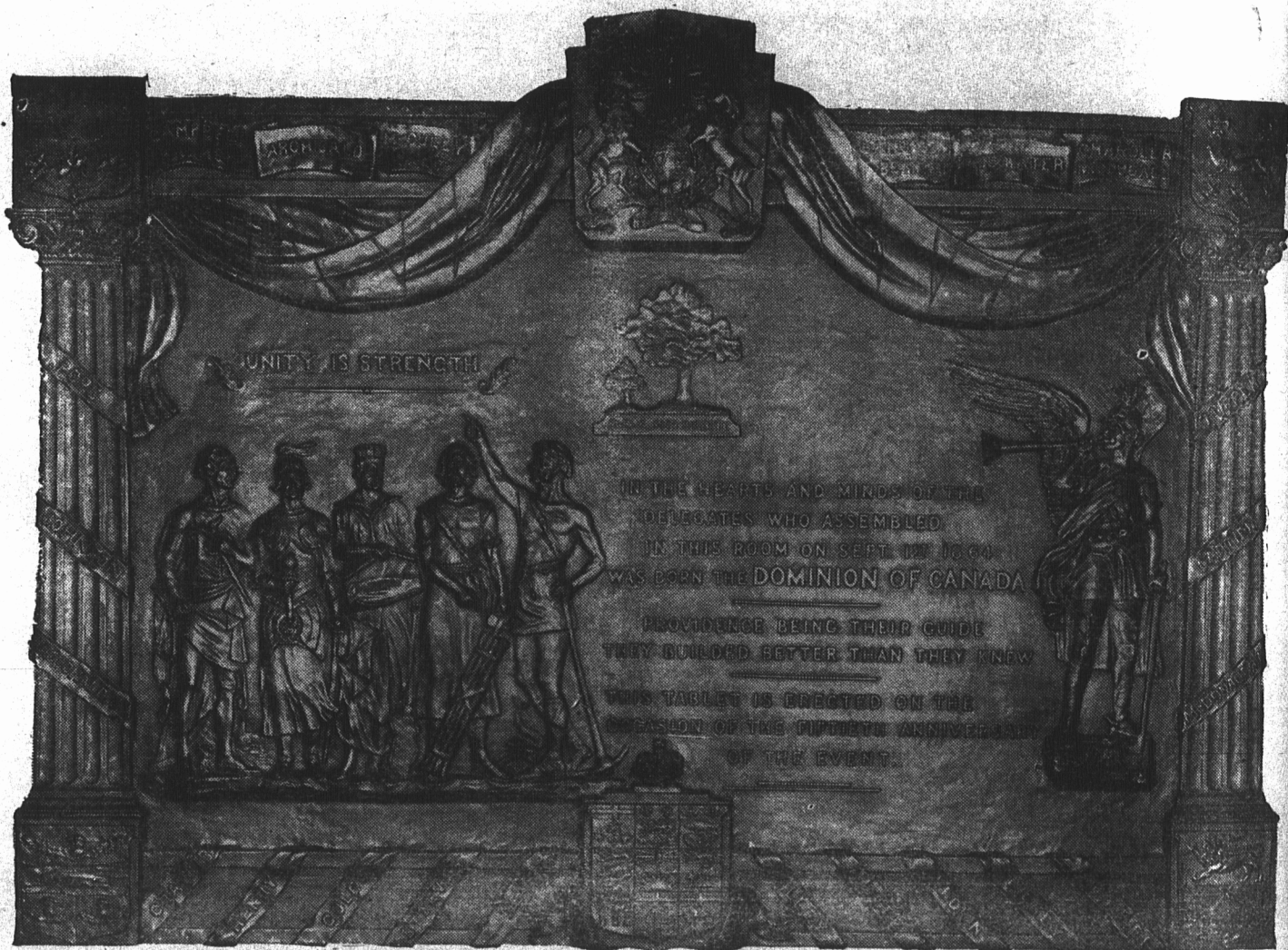


Confederation Plaque in Legislature Building



The Confederation Tablet

A wealth of symbolic detail is given in the mural bronze in the Confederation Chamber, Charlottetown, shown above. It commemorates the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Charlottetown Conference, Sept. 1, 1864. The crests of the uniting Provinces are shown in each corner, Ontario and Quebec being at the top left and right respectively, and at the bottom Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, right and left.

The names of the delegates appear in the margin and at the top centre the Arms of England—on a keystone—are resting on the folds of the Union Jack and at the bottom centre the Canadian Arms. At the right the herald is announcing the event. The line "Providence being their Guide" comes from Milton's "Paradise Lost", and "They builded better than they knew" from Emerson.

The trees in the centre represent the large oak of England and the small trees the colony of Prince Edward Island, the Latin inscription reading "Parva sub Ingenti"—Small under Great. The crest was designed and used at the time government was set up in Prince Edward Island—then the Island of St. John—following the conquest.

On the left of the tablet are five statesmen from the Provinces concerned, from left to right respectively: Sir John A. Macdonald from Ontario or Upper Canada; Sir Georges Cartier from Quebec or Lower Canada; Sir Leonard Tilley from New Brunswick; Colonel John Hamilton Gray from Prince Edward Island, and Sir Charles Tupper from Nova Scotia. The heads are from portraits.


At Tupper's feet are a pick-axe and a fish, representing the basic industries of Nova Scotia—mining and fishing. Regarded as the finest orator of the group, he is shown as pointing to the words "Unity is strength."

Colonel Gray was chairman of the Charlottetown Conference and he holds the Roman symbol of unity—the Fasces—four staves bound together, representing the first four Provinces to be united through the medium of the Conference.

Sir Leonard Tilley holds a scroll, on which appears the word "Dominion." It was he, according to tradition, who quoted the scriptural prophecy, "Thy Dominion shall extend from sea to sea and unto the rivers' end."

Sir Georges Cartier holds a torch and a sword of justice, symbolic of his great professional achievement in recording the laws of his native Province.

Sir John Macdonald holds the symbol of medicine—the winged serpents—recalling the biblical story of Moses holding the brazen serpent before the gaze of the children of Israel. Sir John was the outstanding exponent of the ideal of union. At his feet are a scythe, a sheaf of wheat and a locomotive, recalling the part played by the railway in opening up the great unsettled western areas, and bringing them into Confederation.




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