#### SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD HIS LIFE AND TIMES 1815 - 1891







# **LAW & POLITICS**



John Macdonald the lawyer, 1845-1850 Library & Archives Canada PA-121571

#### Legal Career

- Age 15 he articled with a prominent Kingston lawyer
- · Age 17 he was the manager of the Napanee branch office
- · Age 19 he started his own law office in Kingston
- · Age 21 he was called to the Bar of Upper Canada, Toronto · John A. Macdonald remained in the practice of law with a series of partners until 1874
- Practiced law in Toronto after 1874
- · Specialized in commercial law

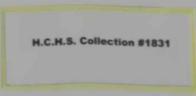


Ca. Re. ROME DISTRICT. VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the United ROME DISTRICT. VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Grant Britain and Island, Quies, Defender of the Faith. To the Sherif of the Victoria Minnie - Guirman: We command you, as before we have commander you that you take bugh Magemis

in your District, if by shall be found therein, and here safely keep, so

12 and that you may have his body before our Justices of our Beach, at Toronto, on the first Any of Easter Term next, to answer to our Justices of our Beach, at Toronto, William Kerr Sacra Pos in a plon of Trenpass on the case open promises ; and have you then there this all Writ. Wree. Wrenness, the Honourable Leaving Betus thousand Some Rices Judge at Taronto, this Six but day of November B & John & Macdurado Chu Mm all 50

John A. Macdonald circa 1856 Library & Archives Canada C-003813



#### **Political Career**

- Alderman for Kingston 1843-1846
- Receiver General for the Province of Canada 1847-1848
- Attorney General, Canada West 1854-1858, 1858-1862, 1864-1867
- Joint Premier, Province of Canada 1856-1857, 1857-1858
- Co-leader, Great Coalition 1864-1865
- Father of Confederation 1867
- Terms of Office as Prime Minister July 1, 1867-Nov 5, 1873 and Oct 17, 1878-June 6, 1891
- Suffered a series of strokes while in office & died June 6



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BY THE QUEEN. 

### For Uniting the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick into One Dominion under the Name of CANADA.

#### VICTORIA R.

THEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed on the Twenty-ninth Day of March One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, in the Thirtleth Year of Our Reign, intituled " An Act for the Union of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and the " Government thereof, and for Purposes connected therewith," after divers Recitals, it is enacted, that "it shall be lawful for the Queen, by and with the Advice of Her Majesty's most Honorable " Privy Council, to declare by Proclamation that on and after a Day therein appointed, not being " more than Six Months after the passing of this Act, the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and "New Brunswick shall form and be One Dominion under the Name of Canada, and on and after " that Day those Three Provinces shall form and be One Dominion under that Name accordinglys" And it is thereby further enacted, that " such Persons shall be first summoned to the Senate as " the Queen, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, thinks fit to approve, and " their Names shall be inserted in the Queen's Proclamation of Union:" We therefore, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, have thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do Ordain, Declare, and Command, that on and after the First Day of July One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick shall form and he One Dominion under the Name of Canada. And We do further Ordain and Declare, that the Persons whose Names are herein inserted and set forth are the Persons of whom We have, by Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, thought fit to approve as the Persons who shall be first summoned to the Senate of Canada.

	FOR THE PROTINCE OF QUEBEC.		FOR THE PROVIDE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.
RODERICS ROUTERSON, JORY RONN, NAMI EL MILLA, BENJAMIN NETMOUR, WALTER BAMILTON DICKSON, JAMES NHAW, ADAW JOHNNTON FERGINON BLAIR, ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, DAVID CHRINTIE JAMES CON AIKINN, DAVID CHRINTIE JAMES CON AIKINN, DAVID REENOR, ELIJAR LEONARD, WILLIAM RACMANTER, ANA ALLIMORTH BURNHAR, JORN NIMPSON, JAMEN NAREAD, DAVID LEWIN MACPHERSON, GEORGE CRAWPORD, DONALD MAUDONALD, OLIVER BLAKE, BILLA PLINT, WALTER BURKE,	LEANDRE DUBOUUBEL LOUIS LACOSTE JOORFH F. ARMAND. CHARLES WILSON. WILLIAM BENRY (HAFFERN JEAN BAPTINTE GUEVREMONT. JAMEN FERRIER. SIT NARIESSE FORTINAT BELLEAU, N THORAN BYAN.	JOANTHAN DA ABA HIBALD. ROBERT D. DHAEN. JOHN B. ANDERSON. JOHN B. ANDERSON. JOHN W. BITCHIE. BENJAMIN WIER. JOHN BOCKE. CALEB R. BILL. JOHN BOCHINGT. WILLIAM MILLER.	WILLIAM BUNTER ODELL BANID WARK WILLIAM BENRY STEEVES, WILLIAM TODD, JOHN FERGUNON, ROBERT DANIAN WILMOT, ARNER BEID BULELAN, PETER NITCHELL
GEORGE WILLIAM ALLAN.	JURY MENELS, MANUALS,		

Given at Our Court at Windsor Castle, this Twenty-second Day of May, in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, and in the Thirtieth Year of Our Reign.

God save the Queen.

IN ADVISOR BODS OF TALLAS MATTERS

From Bellevue House N.H.F. Kingston, Onterio

## **The Great Demonstration**

LIBERAL CONSERVATIVE Demonstration To Be Held at Belleville on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 1876

A procession will be formed at the GTR Station, on the arrival of Sir John A. Macdonald and guests by the noon train, and proceed immediately through the principal Streets, proceeded by bands of music, to the Grounds of the West Hastings Agricultural Society, where an Address will be presented by the Liberal Conservative Association to the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald. ...

> BALTIS ROSE President Bay of Quinte, L.C.A. S.G. BEATTY Secretary, Belleville Aug 31, '76



"Passing onto the Agricultural Grounds, the entrance was found to be spanned by an arch bearing the inscription "With a party, by a party, for the Country". ..."

"Never in the history of the town, did Belleville present a more magnificent spectacle than it did today. ..."

### Welcome to Sir John Macdonald, Canada's Greatest Statesman

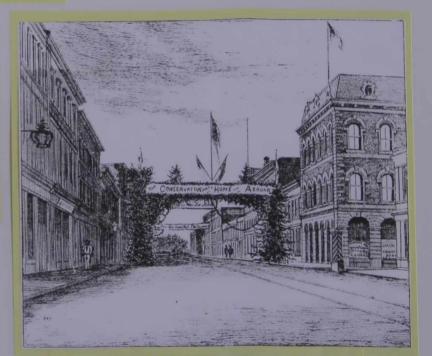
"The programme of arrangements is brief, simple and easily understood. ..."

Members of the Liberal Conservative Party would provide a luncheon at 1 o'clock with speeches beginning at 2 o'clock. Daily Intelligencer, Saturday September 9, 1876.



Arch upon " Lower Bridge," Looking West.

"From the Grand Trunk Railway Station to the upper bridge were frequent nicely got up decorations, and from that point to Dundas street the street seemed one mass of banners, mottos and evergreens, whilst on Dundas, Ann, Bridge and Charlotte streets there was no lack of display. ..."



"Ladies Floral Committee - daughters of Conservative Senators and Members of the Dominion & Local Parliaments for the County of Hastings."

The young ladies were the Misses Boulter, Benjamin, Bowell and Wills.

### FAMILY LIFE

John A. Macdonald married his cousin Isabella Clark on September 1, 1843. The couple had two sons, John Alexander (1847-1848) and Hugh John (1850-1929). Isabella was an invalid for most of her life and died in 1857.



The first entry in Lady Macdonald's diary, July 5. 1867

Estate of Lady Agnes Macdonald Library & Archives Canada C-122114

Macdonald married his second wife Susan Agges Bernard on February 16, 1867. Their only daughter Mary Margaret Theodora (1869-1933) was chronically ill all her life.

### **DEATH 1891**



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Hugh John Macdonald (1850-1929) Former Premier of Manitoba H.C.H.S. Collection