

ISLAND'S HISTORIC ROLE RECALLED

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10) taries who took part in the de-liberations.

In the centre of the panel ap-pear the great and little oak trees which form the most prom-inent feature of the arms of Prince Edward Island.

SYMBOLIC FIGURES

In these arms, granted when the island was still a colony, the larger oak represents Great Brit-ain, while the smaller tree with its triple trunk, represents the Island with its three counties, King's, Queen's and Prince, un-der the protection of the parent country. The motto, "Parva Sub Ingenti" (The small under the great) is allusive to the protected status of the island at that time.

At the right is a figure of a winged herald with trumpet and drawn sword sounding a warning against disunity. On the left ap-pears a group of five symboli-cal figures, each with a portrai-head of one of the principal lead-ers of the Confederation move-ment.

HISTORIC ROLES

These are from right to left: Sir Charles Tupper of Nova Scotia, pointing to a scroll bear-ing the words "Unity is

Strength." Col. John Hamilton Gray of Prince Edward Island, holding the fasces, the symbol of unity. Sir Leonard Tilley of New Brunswick, holding a scroll bear-ing the word "Dominion," in re-ference to his having sugges-ted the word as the title of the new confederacy.

Sir George Cartier, of Ontario, is represented by a figure hold-ing the torch and sword of jus-tice. And, finally, Sir John A. Macdonald, of Ontario, holding the caduceus and scythe—rep-resenting his outstanding efforts on behalf of railway transportation for the new country, and for ag-riculture.

The inscription on the plaque reads: "In the hearts and minds of the delegates who assembled in this room on Sept. 1st, 1864, was born the DOMINION OF CAN-ADA. Providence being their guide they builded better than they knew. This tablet was erec-ted on the occasion of the fif-teenth anniversary of the event."

FAMOUS VISITORS

There are many other objects and portraits of historic inter-est, and numerous manuscripts and documents dealing with the early history of the island on dis-play in the Chamber. The Visitors' Book contains the

autographs of many famous Can-adian and foreign visitors, among them those of our Royal visitors today — Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

The most interesting historically is the signature in old age of one who is regarded as the great-est among those who sat around the conference table in 1864. On Aug. 9, 1880, only a year before his death, Sir John A. Macdon-ald, Prime Minister of Canada, signed his name, with his ad-dress as Ottawa, and his occupa-tion characteristically described as "Cabinetmaker."

Joyous Memories Left For Children

Wednesday, June 14, 1939, "was a wonderful day for everyone, but especially for the children," wrote a reporter in telling of the Prince Edward Island lap of the Royal Tour of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

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