

amount was to be fixed by a commission to meet at Halifax for that purpose. The "Fenian Claims" were not mentioned in the Washington Treaty, and Canadians expressed a good deal of ill-feeling about the omission. But Great Britain adjusted the matter with the Dominion, by guaranteeing a loan of £2,500,000 sterling.

14. In December, 1871, the Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald resigned the premiership of Ontario, and was succeeded by the Hon. Edward Blake. The former died in the early part of the following summer, and was much lamented throughout the province.

CHAPTER XVII.

VICE-ROYALTY OF LORD DUFFERIN.

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| 1. Dual representation. | 6. Commercial depression—St. John's fire. |
| 2. New Brunswick School Act. | 7. Halifax Commission—riots. |
| 3. Hon. A. Mackenzie, Premier of the Dominion. | 8. Tariffs—revenue and protective. |
| 4. Riel and Lepine. | 9. Sir John A. Macdonald becomes Premier—Lord Dufferin. |
| 5. Progress in 1876. | |

1. In June, 1872, Lord Lisgar was succeeded by Lord Dufferin as Governor-General of the Dominion. Thus far, since Confederation, it had been the privilege of members of the Provincial Legislatures to be elected to the Dominion Parliament. This system, which was called "dual representation," was done away with in this year. In consequence of this, during November, the Hon. Edward Blake resigned the office of Premier of Ontario, and was succeeded by the Hon. Oliver Mowat. In March, 1873, the Hon. Mr. Mowat introduced in the Assembly of that province a Bill to enable the various municipalities to settle their debts to the Government on account of the