

Abstract

This thesis is focused on the analysis of the process, which led to the adoption of the British North America Act and the formation of the Dominion of Canada. First it outlined the political, economic and cultural situation in pre-confederation Canada and the origin of the concept of confederation. The thesis deals with the role of the London government and attitudes of particular provinces. It also pays closer attention to crucial negotiations, mainly the Charlottetown Conference and the Quebec Conference in 1864 and the London Conference of 1866.