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Sir John A. Macdonald: Heritage Minute

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This learning tool complements Historica Canada's Sir John A. Macdonald Heritage Minute by exploring the role of Sir John A. Macdonald in the negotiations leading up to Canada's Confederation. The Charlottetown Conference in 1864 was attended by delegates from the Province of Canada, including Sir John A. Macdonald, who met with the leaders of the Maritime colonies. While at the Charlottetown Conference, leaders heard Macdonald speak about his vision of a future union. The momentum from this conference continued into the Québec Conference and led to Confederation in 1867, with Sir John A. Macdonald as Canada's first prime minister.

Watch the Minute!