

The most significant moment, probably, in the voyage to Confederation was when Louis Hippolyte Lafontaine from Lower Canada met Robert Baldwin from Upper Canada and these two lawyers, thoughtful men, excellent politicians realized that they could work together and that they did not have to follow Lord Durham's blueprint. And they realized, in fact, that they could start us on the road to a country where people belong to the country not because of shared tribal loyalties, but because of a political citizenship – the political act of belonging to one country, which didn't necessarily require racial or national uniformity. I think that was probably the most important moment.