

THE CARDWELL PAPERS

Selected papers of Edward Cardwell, Viscount Cardwell
of Ellerbeck, 1813-1886.

Edward Cardwell began his political career in 1842 and served his political apprenticeship as a supporter of Sir Robert Peel's Free trade policy. He rose to become Secretary of the Treasury in Peel's Ministry, and resigned with Peel in 1846. Returned from Liverpool the following year, he lost his seat in 1852 due to his support of the repeal of the navigation Laws. He was re-elected in Oxford the same year and served as President of the Board of Trade in Lord Aberdeen's Coalition Ministry (1852-1855). Under Lord Palmerston and Lord John Russell he was successively appointed Secretary of State for Ireland (1859-1861), Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (1861), and Secretary of State for the Colonies (April, 1864 - July, 1866). As Colonial Secretary Cardwell influenced the course of Canadian affairs through his policy of reducing the number of Imperial garrisons in British North America and promoting the strengthening of the colonies through union, thereby laying the foundation for Confederation. Cardwell closed his career serving as Secretary of State for War (1868-1874) in Gladstone's Ministry where he effected a major reorganization of the army. He was raised to the peerage and retired from active politics in 1874.

The Cardwell Papers (Public Record Office Reference Number; P.R.O. 30/48) consist of fifty-four numbered files divided into four subject classifications: War Office Correspondence and Memoranda; Colonial Office Correspondence and Memoranda; Board of Trade Correspondence; and Private Correspondence. Of this material, selections from fifteen files of War Office and Colonial Office correspondence and memoranda (1864-1874), relating to Canada and primarily concerning colonial defence, the Red River expedition,

and the federation of the colonies in British North America, were microfilmed in 1954. They are inventoried here in the order in which they were filmed and each file is labelled with the name and office of the chief correspondent, the outside dates, the Public Record Office reference number, the number of the box in which the file is kept, and the number of the file itself. The correspondence is arranged in very rough chronological order, and Cardwell's replies may be drafts or copies.

1008 pages.

I. WAR OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE AND MEMORANDA.

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1. Box 1/File 1.

The Queen (through her personal staff), 1869.
Re, withdrawal of troops from Canada.

34 pages.

- 10 Feb. Sir Thomas Biddulph to Cardwell.
- 11 Feb. Cardwell to Biddulph.
Encl., list of staff reductions in Home and Foreign Stations (including Canada).
- 22 Dec. Biddulph to Cardwell.
- 13 Nov. Gen. Charles Grey to Cardwell.
- 11 Nov. Cardwell to Grey.
- 7 March Grey to Cardwell.
- 4 March Cardwell to Grey.
Encl., Sir John Young to Cardwell, reporting on conditions in Canada in reference to the Fenian raids, 15 Feb., 1869.

2. Box 1/File 2.

The Queen (through her personal staff), 1870.
Re, the state of military preparedness in England relative to the war in Europe; the Red River expedition. 31 pages.

- 18 July Biddulph to Cardwell.
- 19 July Cardwell to Biddulph.
Encl., Three returns of troops available for service.
- 19 July Biddulph to Cardwell.
- 19 July Cardwell to Biddulph.

23 Sept. Cardwell to Col. Henry Ponsonby.
Encl., Col. G. Wolseley's letter concerning
the Red River expedition.

19 Oct. Ponsonby to Cardwell.

3. Box 2/File 6.

W.E. Gladstone, M.P., Prime Minister, 1869.

Re, reorganization of the army; reduction in military
expenditures.

11 pages.

9 Jan. Cardwell to Gladstone.

11 Jan. Gladstone to Cardwell.

Encl., affirmation of Cardwell's proposal to
reduce the number of Imperial garrisons
in Canada.

4. Box 2/File 7.

W.E. Gladstone, M.P., Prime Minister, 1870.

3 pages.

17 June Gladstone to Cardwell.

Encl., newspapers clipping concerning the
Fenian raids.

5. Box 3/File 11.

Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief, 1869.

Re, reductions in staff in Canada; retention of the 1st
Battalion, Rifle Brigade in Canada.

16 pages.

30 Jan. Cambridge to Cardwell.

11 Feb. Cambridge to Cardwell.

15 Feb. Cardwell to Biddulph.

14 Feb. Biddulph to Lt.-Gen. W. Forster.

13 April Cambridge to Cardwell.

6. Box 3/File 12.

Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief, 1869.

Re, estimates of military expenditures; reductions in
staff.

36 pages.

4 June Cambridge to Cardwell.

3 Aug. Cambridge to Cardwell.

14 Dec. Cambridge to Cardwell.

Encl., memorandum on the withdrawal of troops
from Canada and the West Indies.

29 Dec. Cardwell to Cambridge.

28 Dec. Cambridge to Cardwell.

7. Box 3/File 13.

Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief, 1870.

Re, withdrawal of troops; Canadian militia organization;

Gen. J. Lindsay's status in Canada.

36 pages.

11 Jan. Cambridge to Cardwell.

16 Feb. Cambridge to Cardwell.

12 March Cambridge to Cardwell.

15 March Cardwell to Cambridge.

Encl., memorandum on Red River expedition.

8 June Cambridge to Cardwell.

16 June Cambridge to Cardwell.

Encl., telegram relating to the retention of
the 1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade in
Canada.

17 June Cambridge to Cardwell.

8. Box 3/File 14.

Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief, 1870.

Re, Canadian militia organization; the Red River expedition;

decoration for Col. Wolseley.

46 pages.

5 July Cambridge to Cardwell.

5 July Cardwell to Cambridge.

27 Aug. Cambridge to Cardwell.

22 Sept. Cardwell to Cambridge.

12 Oct. Cambridge to Cardwell.

12 Oct. Cardwell to Cambridge.

Encl., Earl of Kimberley's letter supporting the
proposal that Col. G. Wolseley be awarded
The C.B.

21 Oct. Cardwell to Cambridge.

23 Oct. Cambridge to Cardwell.

25 Oct. Cardwell to Cambridge.

26 Oct. Cambridge to Cardwell.

9. Box 5/File 28.

Earl of Granville, Colonial Secretary, 1868-1869.

Re, withdrawal of troops from Canada; the Cartier and MacDougall delegation to London; the Fenian raids; the promotion of Maj.-Gen. C. Doyle, commander at Halifax; status of Quebec as an Imperial or colonial fortress.

27 pages.

17 Dec., 1868 Granville to Cardwell.

27 Dec., 1868 Granville to Cardwell.

21 Jan., 1869 Granville to Cardwell.

3 March, 1869 Cardwell to Granville.

14 April, 1869 Cardwell to Granville.

14 April, 1869 Granville to Cardwell.

22 May, 1869 Granville to Cardwell.

9 Sept., 1869 Granville to Cardwell.

10. Box 5/File 30.

Earl of Granville, Foreign Secretary, 1872.

Re, the Defence of Canada in event of war with the United States.

10 pages.

1 Sept., 1872 Granville to Cardwell.

11. Box 5/File 31.

Earl of Kimberley, Colonial Secretary, 1870.

Re, the Red River expedition; the withdrawal of troops from Canada.

137 pages.

17 Aug. Cardwell to Kimberley.

19 Aug. Kimberley to Cardwell.

26 Aug. Cardwell to Kimberley.

28 Aug. Kimberley to Cardwell.

31 Aug. C. to K.

31 Aug. C. to K.

31 Aug. C. to K.

1 Sept. K. to C.

2 Sept. C. to K.

1 Sept. K. to C.

5 Sept. C. to K.
7 Sept. K. to C.
14 Sept. C. to K.
15 Sept. K. to C.
16 Sept. K. to C.
18 Sept. C. to K.

Encl., "Papers relating to the Conferences which have taken place between Her Majesty's Government and a deputation from the Executive Council of Canada appointed to confer with Her Majesty's Government on Subjects of Importance to the Province." Presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty, 19 June, 1865.

4 pages.

20 Sept. K. to C.
9 Oct. K. to C.
13 Oct. C. to K.
14 Oct. K. to C.
18 Oct. C. to K.
23 Oct. K. to C.
2 Dec. K. to C.
6 Dec. C. to K.
5 Dec. K. to C.
6 Dec. C. to K.
8 Dec. K. to C.
9 Dec. K. to C.

Encl., letter by Kimberley to Gladstone concerning the withdrawal of troops from Quebec, 9 Dec., 1870.

22 Dec. C. to K.
24 Dec. K. to C.

12. Box 5/File 32.

Earl of Kimberley, Colonial Secretary, 1871-1872.

Re, Colonial defence; withdrawal of troops; the fortifications at Quebec.

41 pages.

12 Jan., 1871 C. to K.
13 Jan., 1871 K. to C.
1 March, 1871 K. to C.

1 March, 1871 C. to K.
Encl., list of questions on Canada with
Cardwell's answers.

2 June, 1871 K. to C.

3 June, 1871 C. to K.

8 Sept., 1871 C. to K.

6 Sept., 1871 K. to C.

26 Sept., 1871 K. to C.

25 Sept., 1871 C. to K.

16 Nov., 1871 K. to C.

21 Nov., 1871 C. to K.

9 Feb., 1872 K. to C.

3 May, 1872 C. to K.

13. Box 6/File 36.

H.C.E. Childers, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, 1869.
Re, the fortifications at Halifax. 17 pages.

6 Oct. Cardwell to Childers.

14 Oct. S. Osborne to Cardwell.

8 Oct. Childers to Cardwell.

15 Oct. Cardwell to Childers.

18 Oct. Childers to Cardwell.

22 Oct. Cardwell to Childers.

16 Nov. Childers to Cardwell.

II. COLONIAL OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE AND MEMORANDA.

14. Box 6/File 39.

A.H. Gordon, Lt.-Gov. of New Brunswick, 1864-1866.
Re, Confederation; the militia in New Brunswick; the civil list
in New Brunswick; Gordon's resignation; the Fenian raids;
the elections in New Brunswick prior to Confederation.
387 pages.

1 Oct., 1864 Cardwell to Gordon.

14 Oct., 1864 Cardwell to Gordon.

24 Oct., 1864 Gordon to Cardwell.

26 Nov., 1864 C. to G.

26 Nov., 1864 C. to G.
12 Nov., 1864 C. to G.
7 Nov., 1864 G. to C.
5 Dec., 1864 G. to C.
2 Jan., 1865 G. to C.
Encl., a copy of Leonard Tilley's speech
at the Charlottetown Conference.
2 Jan., 1865 G. to C.
7 Jan., 1865 C. to G.
19 Dec., 1864 G. to C.
21 Jan., 1865 C. to G.
15 Jan., 1865 G. to C.
2 Jan., 1865 G. to C.
4 March, 1865 C. to G.
27 Feb., 1865 G. to C.
8 Feb., 1865 G. to C.
4 Feb., 1865 C. to G.
30 Jan., 1865 G. to C.
9 April, 1865 G. to C.
1 April, 1865 C. to G.
18 April, 1865 C. to G.
13 April, 1865 G. to C.
22 May, 1865 G. to C.
13 May, 1865 C. to G.
10 April, 1865 G. to C.
24 June, 1865 Cardwell to Gordon and to Sir Richard
MacDonnell. Copy of a despatch to the
Lieutenant-Governors of New Brunswick
and Nova Scotia.
5 June, 1865 G. to C.
Encl., newspaper clippings
8 July, 1865 C. to G.
3 July, 1865 G. to C.

30 June, 1865	G. to C.
30 Aug., 1865	C. to G.
28 Aug., 1865	G. to C.
31 Aug., 1865	G. to C.
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1 Jan., 1866 G. to C.
3 March, 1866 C. to G.
17 Feb., 1866 C. to G.
12 Feb., 1866 G. to C.
Encl., newspaper clipping
12 Feb., 1866 G. to C.
25 Feb., 1866 G. to C.
20 Feb., 1866 G. to C.
Encl., two letters from Gordon's informants
in Saint John and Fredericton reporting
on the political situation.
30 March, 1866 C. to G.
26 March, 1866 G. to C.
Encl., copy of a telegram from Gordon to
Viscount Monck, 15 March, 1866.
17 March, 1866 C. to G.
12 March, 1866 G. to C.
Encl., extract from a letter to Gordon
by the Chief of Police of Saint John,
concerning the Fenian raids,
9 March, 1866.
21 May, 1866 G. to C.
12 May, 1866 C. to G.
28 May, 1866 C. to G.
14 May, 1866 C. to G.
23 May, 1866 G. to C.
1 July, 1866 C. to G.
23 June, 1866 C. to G.
Encl., newspaper clippings
3 June, 1866 G. to C.
26 May, 1866 C. to G.
21 May, 1866 Leonard Tilley to Gordon.

15. Box 6/File 40.

Earl of Carnarvon, Colonial Secretary, and others, 1866.
Re, Confederation; the Canadian railways; Cardwell's retirement
as Colonial Secretary. 176 pages.

12 April, 1866 Joseph Howe to Cardwell. *pp 3-8*
21 June, 1866 Sir Frederick Williams to Cardwell. *pp 9-12 r.*
21 June, 1866 Williams to Cardwell. *pp 13-16 r.*

- 2 July, 1866 Viscount Monck to Cardwell. *p. 17*
- 7 July, 1866 Cardwell to Lt.-Gov. George Dundas, (P.E.I.) *pp 18-18v.*
- 7 July, 1866 Cardwell to Williams. *pp 19-20*
- 7 July, 1866 Cardwell to Monck. *pp 21-22.*
- 14 July, 1866 Cardwell to Carnarvon. *pp 23-24*
- ✓ 14 July, 1866 Carnarvon to Cardwell. *p. 25*
- ✓ 16 July, 1866 Carnarvon to Cardwell. *p. 26-26v.*
- 25 July, 1866 Lord John Russell to Cardwell. *pp. 27-28*
- 28 July, 1866 Russell to Cardwell. *pp 29-30*
- 19 July, 1866 Williams to Cardwell. *pp 31-34v.*
- 19 July, 1866 Carnarvon to Cardwell. *pp 35-36v.*
- 19 July, 1866 Cardwell to Carnarvon. *pp 37-38v.*
- 20 July, 1866 Cardwell to Carnarvon. *pp 39-40v.*
- ✓ 20 July, 1866 Carnarvon to Cardwell. *pp 41-42v.*
- ✓ 20 July, 1866 Carnarvon to Cardwell. *pp 43-44*
- ✓ 20 July, 1866 Carnarvon to Cardwell. *p 45-56v.*
- 24 July, 1866 Cardwell to Russell. *pp 56²-60v.*
Encl., memorandum on the Intercolonial
Railway. *pp 61-65*
- "Legislatures of the North American Colonies and the
Falkland Islands, 7 Dec. 1865." Confidential Print *pp 66-70v.*
10 pages.
- "Heads of a Bill for the Union of the British North
American Colonies and for the Government of the
United Province, 21 July, 1866." Confidential Print. *pp 71-74v.*
8 pages.
- "Papers relating to the Conferences which have taken
place between Her Majesty's Government and a Deputation
from the Executive Council of Canada appointed to confer
with Her Majesty's Government on Subjects of Importance
to the Province. 19 June, 1865." Presented to both
Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty, 19 June,
1865. Printed. *pp 75-76*
4 pages.
- Report of the Defence Committee of the Secretary of State
for War, 8 Jan., 1863. Confidential Print. *pp 77-80*
7 pages.
- "Correspondence relative to a Meeting at Quebec of
Delegates appointed to discuss the Proposed Union
of the British North American Provinces, 7 Feb.,
1865." Presented to both Houses of Parliament by
Command of her Majesty, 7 Feb., 1865. *pp 81-87v.*
16 pages.
- 27 July, 1866 Cardwell to Carnarvon. *pp 88-91v.*

28 July, 1866 Cardwell to Carnarvon. pp 92-92v.
12 July, 1866 Monck to Cardwell. pp 93-94v
28 July, 1866 Carnarvon to Cardwell. pp 95-96