The greatest public achievement, however, of this period, was the consummation of union with Canada. The adhesion of Prince Edward Island to the Dominion gave roundness and completeness to the scheme, even although Newfoundland remained without. Whilst the very carefully considered terms on which the Island entered Confederation are in some respects rather late or slow in fulfilment, yet it is gratifying to find that on the whole a spirit of fairness to the smallest province animates many of the best of the public men of the Dominion. In the main the union has been fraught with satisfactory consequences to Prince Edward Island, and will certainly, as years roll on, be regarded more and more as a turning point in the affairs of the Province and to some extent of the British Empire.

