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### BY THE SEA.

"Down by the sea." Too frequently in these words  
Ontario, and our great Western country thus sums  
up the Maritime Provinces. Associated with lands that  
fringe the ocean are thoughts of a seafaring life and  
of fisheries. The folk there one might imagine as living  
life slowly—the daily text first, the dollar mark second.  
Money-making and maritime are words which to many  
minds do not harmonize. Therein, perhaps, is one of  
the chief reasons that the hustling Toronto merchant,  
the quick-witted Montreal financier, and the optimist of  
Winnipeg, think of the Maritime Provinces as being on  
the map only. That they are helping in the peopling of  
one of the greatest nations to be is a fact recognized.  
But how, often they care not. Only those, perhaps,  
with sufficient powers of imagination—these are few—  
and those who have tasted the delights of a trip along  
the Atlantic coast of Canada, realize that the phrase,  
"Down by the sea," contains more than sentiment and  
sleepy indifference to nation building.

Halifax and Toronto will be nearer one day—when  
men realize that down by the sea there is as much brains  
and enterprise as up in the mountains, or back across  
the prairies. The average Canadian is not altogether  
ignorant of his own country. But the Maritime Pro-  
vinces have suffered through present-day lack of appre-  
ciation. They have lost ground in the race because not  
possessing a band of self-adulatory horn-blowers.  
Peruse the immigration literature. Little topographical  
optimism concerning the Dominion jutting out into a  
watery treasure house is found therein.

Neglected, the Maritime Provinces will not neglect.  
The new Department of Industries and Immigration has  
begun a work, and one which would have been useful  
years ago. But the assiduity and enterprise now ex-  
hibited will probably compensate for time lost. After

all, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward  
Island may reap the benefit of their modesty. When  
the elder brother persists in boasting of what he can,  
will, ought to do, and has done, one turns to the  
younger brother, wondering whether he is, and usually  
discovering that he is not, the fool that brag would  
make of him.

The Farmers' Association, which met at Antigonish,  
Nova Scotia, last week, indicated plainly that the  
farmers of Nova Scotia need not go West to seek and  
find fortune in their calling. The agricultural wealth of  
the Provinces "down by the sea" awaits only the enter-  
prise of the Provincial native. The prosperity of that  
country is due largely to his past enterprise. The possi-  
bilities of the dairy industry are limited only by that  
same enterprise. And so, in a dozen ways. Labor is  
needed in some parts, capital in others, commonsense  
in yet others, and hard work everywhere. The Maritime  
Provinces have lacked the free advertising given to  
newer parts of the country. Those days are past.  
Halifax, St. John, Charlottetown, and a hundred thriving  
centres stand as testimony to the prosperity of the Mari-  
time Provinces. But this is only the beginning of  
things. More history is to be written. Because Quebec,  
Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward  
Island differ in devious ways from the State of New  
York, it by no means signifies that "down by the sea"  
is synonymous to "down in the sea."

### ART AND LITERATURE.

As the word kleptomaniac is sometimes used to  
politely designate a thief, so might mythomaniac be  
utilized to describe mildly him who economizes with the  
truth. Five or six company promoting pamphlets have  
arrived here this week. From a typographical stand-  
point they are works of art; from the plane of ingenuity,  
they are most excellent. A mythomaniac, trimmed of  
his myths, is a chronic liar. Some of these prospectuses  
are obviously the handiwork of mythomaniacs of the  
first degree.