

eral disastrous fires, but Phoenix-like, has always arisen from its ashes, facing the future full of hope and confidence. It became an important trading centre for a large area of country, buying and selling large quantities of agricultural products. Its shipments of potatoes, in recent years, have been very large, the West Indies having been the chief market. This business was first established with Bermuda by Alexander Tait, whose brother, R. C. Tait, has greatly extended it during the last thirty years.

Shediac has also been noted as an exporting center for lobsters, smelts, clams and oysters. At the present time, however, the condition of the fisheries is not satisfactory. Oysters have almost entirely disappeared from Shediac Bay, and the other numerous estuaries on the North Shore. The yield of lobsters has also greatly diminished, and there is much anxiety in regard to the future of this industry.

The importance of the district as a summer resort has been much enhanced in recent years. The splendid climate, the extensive bathing and boating facilities attract thousands of visitors each season. Various communities of summer houses have been established and continue to expand. The Sunday excursion trains, inaugurated a few years ago by the Canadian National Railways, have proved very popular, and have been the means of giving large numbers of inland people hours of invigorating refreshment at the seaside. Motor traffic is also very great, the improved roads in the surrounding country having made it easy for those owning cars to enjoy the delights of the most popular resort on the North Shore,—abundance of sunshine without excessive heat, cool nights, enjoyable sea-bathing, and safe boating. There are no fogs, no humidity, no terrible tides. Owing to the great extent of comparatively shallow water on the East Coast of New Brunswick, its temperature is raised by the summer sun and is thus made most enjoyable for bathers, even for young children. It entirely lacks that unpleasant frigidity which is found on the East Coast of the United States north of Cape Cod, in the Bay of Fundy, and in the River St. Lawrence, areas which are extensively patronized by summer visitors.

The characteristics which I have mentioned as belonging to Shediac, are found in many other places on the North Shore. Possessing such advantages, it is surprising that this region has been so neglected by the thousands of city people in Quebec and Ontario, who are able to leave their homes in summer during the holiday season. Perhaps, the chief explanation of this neglect has been the absence of good accommodation for all classes of travellers, e. g., well-kept hotels, renting cottages and comfortable boarding-houses. There has been a sad lack of enterprise on the part of our people in regard to the development of the Province as a summer resort, though, recently there have been indications of improvement in various parts. Various agencies are now employed in widely advertising the summer attractions of our Province. This is well, but, unless people can be well-cared for when they come to us, unless they are made contented and happy, they will return to their homes with grievances and thus create adverse senti-