

noted in the Provinces for the visit of Queen Victoria's eldest son, the Prince of Wales, afterwards King Edward the Seventh. Everywhere he received a royal welcome. During his visit he laid the corner-stone of the Parliament Buildings which now adorn the capital of the Dominion of Canada. The following year is memorable for the death of the Prince Consort, "Albert the Good."

**War in the United States, 1861-65.**—A civil war in the United States between the North and the South made brisk times in the Provinces. Horses and farm produce brought high prices, and Southern cruisers drove Northern merchant vessels from the seas, leaving to our vessels the larger portion of the carrying trade. During the war two Southern men who were on their way to Europe on a British steamer were seized by the officers of a United States warship, and carried off as prisoners. On the protest of the British Government, they were promptly given up.

**Prince Edward Island.**—In Prince Edward Island lack of harmony between the Assembly and the Legislative Council gave trouble. Bills passed in one House were rejected by the other. In some instances, also, members of the Executive Council continued to hold office after they had been defeated at the polls. But by far the greatest evil in the island was the tenant system. Farmers had to send all their money out of the country to pay rents, and yet many of them were in arrears. In 1861 a Commission recommended that the Government buy the lands and sell again to the farmers on easy terms, but the proprietors refused to accept the arrangement.

**Fenian Raids, 1866.**—Shortly after the close of the war in the United States armed bands of Fenians, with hostile purpose, crossed over at various places from that country into the Provinces. They seized the island of Campobello in the Bay of Fundy and Fort Erie on the Niagara border. In some encounters between them and the Canadian volunteers several Fenians were killed, and others were taken prisoners. Seven Canadians also were killed. The Fenians were finally driven from the country.