

Down Nova Scotia Way

There are two Canadas in one within the boundary-lines of the Dominion: the Golden West and the Silver East—the Golden West, with its wealth of grain lands and ranges of mineralised mountains, its forested valleys and fish-stocked streams; the Silver East—the ancient Canada—made up of the provinces by the sea, whose silver shores are lapped by the Atlantic tides and whose cliffs face the older world of Europe whence came the first pathfinders.

On this historic soil of Nova Scotia stepped the adventurous sons of Old France in their search for a new France beyond the waters, followed by the equally aggressive sons of Old England in their quest for the site of another Britain. And because Gaul and Saxon and Celt thus met on the shores of an unappropriated continent, the latter became a theatre of war for the titanic struggle between old-world powers for supremacy in a new land. Within the area of ancient Acadia many a page of Canadian history has been written—in the annals of Louisbourg, of Halifax, of Annapolis, of Beausejour. The fight for Acadia was an epitome of the larger contest for a continent.

The heart and nerve centre of this eastern end