

## FOREWORD.



It is nearly 150 years since the foundation of Pictou town was laid. During that time the town and county have played a prominent part in the history of the Province. It has taken a foremost place in religion and education, and in the founding of Pictou Academy, the one hundredth anniversary of which was commemorated on August 27th last, it has achieved a foremost place in the educational annals of Nova Scotia.

During the past few years also, the industrial development of the County has been so marvellous, its output of coal has increased to such an extent, and its manufacture of iron and steel products has been so great, that Pictou, with its magnificent harbour and its increasing terminal facilities as the head of deep water navigation for northern Nova Scotia, and with a ship building plant five miles up the river in full operation, should become an ocean port of great importance, as well as a great business and industrial centre.

In order to give the reader an idea of its early history and to show what progress it has made, the booklet submitted contains articles on its foundation, government, public improvements, religious and educational activities, transportation, manufacturing, sports and other advantages. The reading is illustrated by nearly one hundred pictures of nature scenes, harbour views, schools, churches, and residences, in order to give the reader an even more comprehensive idea of its growth and what it offers as a transportation, manufacturing, educational and residential centre.

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