## HISTORY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

ing extracts from the survey of Captain Holland, in 1765, and exhibiting penmanship and neatness of arrangement of the first order. At this period the number of acres cleared in the three counties was 11,235; houses, 391; churches, 2; mills, 11.

The number of acres of arable land held by all families in 1861 was 368,127. The number held in 1871 was 445,103,—the increase in ten years being 76,976 acres!

Prince Edward Island is the best fishing-station within the Gulf of Saint Lawrence. But this important department of industry has not been cultivated to anything like the extent it ought,—being mainly carried on with United States capital. The following table from the census of 1870 shows that there had been, from 1860 until 1870, little, if any, progress :—

I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	1860.	1870.
Fishing Establishments.	89	176
Barrels of Mackerel cured,	7.163	16,047
Barrels of Herrings or Alewives,	22,416	16.831
Quintals of Codfish or Hake,	39,776	15,649
Gallons of Fish Oil,	17.609	11,662
Boats owned for fishing,	1.239	1.183
Men engaged in fishing,	2.318.	1,646

In 1870 the total number of schools in the three counties was 372; and of scholars, 15,000. In 1874 the number of schools was 403; of scholars, 18,233. The salaries of teachers range from \$113.56 to \$324.44,—only about twenty teachers receiving the larger sum,—an allowance which cannot, by any possibility, command the necessary talent, and which must be increased if the educational system is to be put on a proper basis.

The manufactures of the island are such as promise further development. The importance of diminishing the import of articles which can be produced as cheaply on the island as

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