

## FOREWORD



It was originally intended to issue this special supplement of the Charlottetown Guardian in connection with the celebration of the Jubilee of Confederation. Prince Edward Island is known as the "Cradle of Confederation" as well as "The Little Sister of the Confederation," for it was in Charlottetown fifty years ago that the first Conference of Statesmen was held which led to the founding of the Dominion of Canada.

Elaborate arrangements were made for the suitable celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary in Charlottetown in September, but these were abandoned as the result of the outbreak of the war of Nations. Preparations having been made for the publication of this number, we thought it a pity to allow so much good material to go to waste, and decided upon the present issue, feeling sure it will be appreciated by many who have heard of, but know little about "The Garden Province of Canada."

Though the smallest in the Dominion Prince Edward Island has the distinction of being the most prosperous Province. Here the happy medium of social well-being is struck, none being abnormally wealthy and none abjectly poor. There is remunerative work for almost everyone of our population and almost everyone works productively. No less than 85 per cent. of the population is engaged in agriculture and nearly every farmer owns his farm. Prince Edward Island is the only Province in Canada which produces enough to feed its own people, and consequently the cost of living is much less than the average for the rest of the Dominion.

The agricultural production for 1914 was: field crops \$11,648,500, live stock and live stock products \$2,200,000. Total \$13,848,500.

Perhaps Prince Edward Island is more widely known at the present time for its Fox and Fur Farms than anything else. Within the past few years, as the result of prolonged experiments, Prince Edward Island farmers, have succeeded in domesticating and breeding in captivity the famous Silver Foxes, the Pelts of which bring such enormously high prices in the London Market. The industry is now valued at nearly \$26,000,000, the total number of fox ranches in 1914 being 372, the total number of foxes of all grades being about 4,500. The fox industry has proved one of the most remunerative ever embarked in by any community and has been the means of circulating plenty of money among our farmers and population generally. More detailed information regarding this very important Industry will be found elsewhere in this issue.

*Oyster culture and fishing is another industry which is peculiar to the Island, the far famed "Malpeque" having its home in our waters.*

It is the particular purpose of this issue, however, to bring to the notice of people abroad the advantages and opportunities Prince Edward Island offers as a Health and Tourist Resort. The Island is an ideal place for rest and repose, where quiet Summer days can be enjoyed and healthful Winter sports engaged in. Bathing, boating, camping, fishing, golf, shooting, skating, curling, sleighing, are some of our pastimes, and anyone taking the trouble to peruse the following pages will see from the illustrations that few places, if any, on the American Continent can compare with it for pastoral scenery and natural beauty spots.

In our pages will also be found short illustrated business sketches of a number of our leading citizens and men of action, which will give our readers at home and abroad some idea of the stamp of men who have helped to make Prince Edward Island the envy and admiration of its sisters in the Dominion.

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