

Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. One of the main elements of this sector is tourism, which ranks second to agriculture in Prince Edward Island.

Mining is of particular importance to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland (coal, gypsum, iron ore), as forestry is to New Brunswick and Newfoundland (sawn lumber, pulp and paper) and agriculture to Prince Edward Island (potatoes and dairy products). Fishing is important throughout and is the oldest industry in the Atlantic provinces, having been carried on continuously from the time of the early exploration of the region. The discovery of reserves of offshore oil and natural gas holds great promise for the future.

The indented coastline is well suited for fishing ports with 518 000 km² of shallow seas providing one of the largest fishing grounds in the world. The great commercial fish has been cod, which has dominated the

