

Sir "John A"—Canada's first Premier, the gifted, wayward, prescient Macdonald. At Truro, two old cronies stood beside the "Joe Howe" falls—a picturesque cataract in the woods of the public park. "Fluent, eh, Tom?" "Oh, aye, Andrew, fluent." "Copious, eh, Tom?" "Oh, aye, copious." "And noisy, eh?" "True, noisy." "But eternal, Tom?" "Yes, by G——, eternal. Nothing can stop Joe Howe, and nothing can stop these falls. They'll go on—both of 'em, shining as long as Nova Scotia—as long as the world lasts."

Of other famous names than Howe's there is Haliburton's, of whom I will speak elsewhere in these pages. De Mille, although a native of that former part of the Province known as New Brunswick, wrote here all his novels. There are Sir John Inglis of Lucknow, and General Fenwick Williams of Kars. Samuel Cunard, the first to bridge the Atlantic with a line of steamers, and the founder of the Cunard fleet, was a Halifax merchant. From one single county—Pictou—came five of Canada's college presidents—Dawson of McGill, Grant and Gordon to Queen's, and Ross and Forrest to Dalhousie—whereas no other single county probably ever gave so many as two. From Nova Scotia came Sir Charles Tupper and Sir John S. D. Thompson, Prime Ministers of Canada. The present Prime Minister of Canada, Right Honourable Robert Laird Borden, is a Nova Scotian, and represents the constituency of Halifax in the Federal Parliament, and this same province is the birthplace of Mr. William Stevens Fielding, the eminent member of Finance in the cabinet of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.