

## Correspondence.

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Editors *The Civilian*:

As intimated to you, I have left the Service at Ottawa, at least for a while, and I am now at the old home once more in Prince Edward Island.

Quite a number of the civil servants at Ottawa spend their summers here in Prince Edward Island, and they certainly make no mistake in doing so. This island province is a splendid summer resort, and our boys and girls in the service should know this place better.

Here can be obtained the bracing ozone from the salt sea, and what's better, the salt sea-bathing which so energizes the system, and which fresh-water bathing will not do. I never cared for the fresh-water bathing in the Ottawa river. I do not think the fresh-water bathing does much good to the system; no more than cleansing.

The weather has been very cool thus far this spring, but now that July will soon be in we expect warm weather. In coming down here for the short three weeks civil servants have, they should not defer it too late, for it begins to get cool after August 15. From the 15th July to 15th August is the best holiday season on the island. The island at this time looks at its best, the weather nice and warm, but seldom HOT. The sea is smooth, and fine for the fishing. Mackerel fishing is then good, and mackerel fishing in the modern gasoline boats now generally used is as pleasant sport as trout fishing. The trout fishing here does not amount to much. There is good plover shooting in September along the north shore of the island. The north shore is to be coveted; at Brackley Point, at Rustice, Malpague and at East Point are the beauty spots.

There are no canoes used here, it is boats and shallops. One must be able to row cross-handed; no paddling as at Ottawa.

There was good geese shooting here this spring. Richmond Bay, in Prince County, is considered the best goose shooting grounds in Canada. Outside Charlottetown harbour is also good shooting grounds.

At present the lobster fishing season is on, but ends with this month. Fishermen are making a small fortune, averaging, this month, \$10 a day. Few in the Government get such pay as that with the exception of the deputy ministers. But, pity 'tis, it does not last. There is not much sport in catching lobsters.

Naturally, board will be dearer this summer. The inhabitants here, nearly all food-producers, are jubilant over the high prices of food-stuffs. A neighbor sold a pig last week, 250 lbs., that made \$35. My mother sold her wool last week at 50c. a pound, realizing \$2.62½ on the fleece alone, and she has got the lamb to sell later, at possibly six or seven dollars, thus each sheep produces an income of about \$9.00. There are certainly great opportunities for the farmers, but what of the poor civil servant who has to buy this stuff? And with no general increase in salary, and not much prospect of it either in these war-times.

The island appears to be more patriotic than Ottawa. The 105th Battalion, which left Charlottetown last week for Valcartier, embraced 1,300 splendid men. Nearly every farm has its son now in training, and many Islanders are at the front bearing the brunt of the battle. The late Governor McIntyre's son was killed in France recently. We are doing our bit down here.

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You can't stand well with your friends by treading on their toes.