

one of no small importance and one fraught with vastly larger advantages to Canada as a whole than to Prince Edward Island in particular.

Finally, our place should be that of the one little sister in the family of stalwart brothers. What would any family be, however numerous or wealthy, without one little sister to stimulate and call forth the needed qualities of chivalry, generosity and loyalty. In such a family the little sister without the strength or means to compel the recognition of her rights has even more than her rights generously bestowed because of the very place she occupies. Each manly brother tries to outdo the rest in the bestowment of his gifts and favors. No reasonable request is denied, and no cherished privilege is wantonly snatched away. Prince Edward Island is this little sister, chaste, beautiful, loving and playing her silent but essential part in the home life of the nation. But she is isolated, dependent and small, and as such stretches out loving hands, not only to help, but, at times, for help, toward her big brothers, to defend and protect her. Big brothers of the Canadian family, deal generously with little "Eddy."

### "Nova Scotia's Contribution to Canadian National Life"

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**N**OVA SCOTIA—New Scotland—like Scotland across the water, is richer in men and women than in natural resources or material development. Her natural resources in soil, minerals, forests and fisheries, are ample for a population of five millions, and her material development is creditable to a present population of half a million; but her chief contribution to Canadian national life has been the men she has given to mould Canadian institutions and train Canadian character. Nova Scotians have always been given to politics, and they led the way by ordering constitutional agitation to responsible government in British colonies. Joseph Howe, the father of responsible government in Canada; Sir Charles Tupper, the promoter of the free school system of Nova Scotia and of the "national policy" of Canada; Sir John Thompson; William S. Fielding, the creator of the imperial preference in Canada's trade relations, have been contributed by Nova Scotia to Canada's political life. Sir William Dawson, Dr. George M. Dawson, Principal George M. Grant, with others, Nova Scotia has contributed to Canada's scientific and educational life. Nova Scotia has multiplied small but efficient colleges, and at the present time nearly one hundred graduates of Nova Scotian colleges are numbered among the teachers of British Columbia alone. To-day many scores of well educated young Nova Scotian men and women, graduates of her colleges and high schools, full



of energy and enterprise, and inspired by high and healthy ideals are imparting instruction and teaching citizenship to the young life of the vast territory between the Great Lakes and Rocky Mountains. Not content with supplying teachers for the common schools of the west, Nova Scotia provides presidents for some of the great universities of the country; for instance, Dr. R. A. Falconer, President of the University of Toronto; Dr. Gordon, Principal of Queen's University; Dr. Tory, President of the University of Alberta, and Dr. Walter C. Murray, President of the University of Saskatchewan.

To the religious life of Canada at

large, Nova Scotia has made a generous contribution through some notable sons, ministers, living and dead, whose eloquent and persuasive preaching, in harmony with their earnest and upright lives, has wrought powerfully for righteousness throughout all the length and breadth of our Dominion. Without going beyond the bounds of our own church, we think of Dr. Leonard Gaetz, among those who have passed away, and we could name a score of effective preachers, pastors and administrators,

things, greater than have been. And out of this spirit and energy will come strong leadership. Alberta will not be content to follow, and ask for precedents. The blood of the pioneer flows in her veins.

Already the honor of initiative in great movements belongs to this province. The first public meeting held to discuss the important question of the union of the three great evangelical denominations now drawing so close to each other was convened in this Gate-



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### Fifty Years Ago and Now

Fifty years ago! A long time, and not a long time; not so long but that we older men can remember some things—the movements leading up to Confederation and a united Canada; the kindred movements culminating in a united West; the protection of a transcontinental line binding together the East, the Middle and the West; the joy to live in those stirring days—the beginnings of our nation-building. And then there was a lull—five, ten, fifteen years, a lull. But the world was moving, its unoccupied lands were filling up, Canada's turn was coming, it has come. New territories, new populations, new population, new visions, new purpose, new problems,—all are before us. Opportunities such as ours never came to any people. Did I say "all are before us?" They are before you—the young men and young women of the Canadian nation. The territory, the resources, the population, the visions, the purpose, the problems are yours. It is for you to evolve herefrom a nation high in ideal, strong in faith, aggressive in action, doing the will of God and leading humanity into larger life and nobler service. We trust you, Canada trusts you, and God trusts you to do this thing.

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who have been transferred within recent years from the Nova Scotia Conference to western fields.

Nova Scotia has not completed her contribution to Canada's national life. She is steadily developing her educational system; she is still cherishing high and clean political ideals for municipal and national government, and she has not ceased to care for moral and religious life. She is therefore preparing new hosts of young men and women of scholarship and culture, of energy and enterprise, of pure and wholesome purpose and ambition, of sane and earnest religious life, who will, as their predecessors have done, help to promote Canadian prosperity and to mould Canadian life and character after symmetrical models. Brains and education are Nova Scotia's greatest assets, and men and women of this fashion will be, as they have been, Nova Scotia's contribution to the Dominion at large.

### Alberta's Offering to Canada's National Life

BY REV. J. E. HUGHSON, B.A., EDMONTON, ALTA.

**A**LBERTA'S contribution to the future of our nation will lie very largely in the strong leadership she will assume among the provinces of the Dominion. The familiar saying, "Old men for counsel, young men for action," contains a truth that can be applied to provinces as well as to individuals. Alberta is young. Her people are young. Gray hairs are conspicuous by their absence. On our streets, in our congregations, everywhere we meet youth in all its buoyancy and hope. Action, strenuous action, is the pastime of our people. Alberta loves to do things, big things, new

way City. The formulating of a working basis to prevent overlapping and secure co-operation on the mission fields of these churches was the work of a committee organized in this province. And our own General Superintendent is authority for the statement that the revision of this basis by the wise men of the east was effective only in the fewness of the changes that were made. And now the Alberta Conference has set the pace for the whole connexion by giving a unanimous vote in favor of the final consummation of the union scheme, without a dissenting vote, an expression of our determination to lead the way, whether others will follow or not. And as we have acted for ourselves in this matter, without asking who else has done so, or are likely to do, so we are carving out our own course in other things, unhampered by tradition or prejudice. We are more concerned about progress than we are about precedent. And because this spirit of initiative will inate all our plans, religious, educational, social and economic, you may look for Alberta to do things in the coming years that will place her in the front ranks of our splendid array of provinces. She has the genius of leadership.

In this growing province the Methodist Church leads the way. We have the largest membership of any of the Protestant churches. We have the ear of the largest number of people. We have the largest scholars in our Sabbath schools than there are in the schools of all the other Protestant churches together. Out of 129 students in

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