

I BELIEVE the people of Canada, East and West, to be truly loyal, but especially the inhabitants of the Maritime Provinces. — SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD.

The Provinces by the Sea

By the Editor

THE destiny of our country, under a kind Providence, will be just what we will make it. — RICHARD HARCOURT, M.P.P.

THE Maritime Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have no vast prairies or majestic mountains like those of the great West, but they can boast of a variety of interesting features probably unsurpassed by any bit of country of similar size in the world. Here are great stretches of forest, filled with game of all kinds; rivers and streams well supplied with fish; fertile valleys with cosy and comfortable farms; magnificent harbours with ocean vessels coming and going; fisheries of untold value; and scenery that is simply unequalled for quiet romantic beauty.

The city of St. John, New Brunswick, is usually the point at which the Ontario visitor is first introduced to the East

street, exceedingly attractive. To watch the vessels being loaded with all kinds of produce is an interesting pastime. Sometimes we will see the vessels helplessly stranded in the mud, and then in a few hours they are again floating buoyantly on the flood. Whether they are up or down, depends, of course, upon the action of the tide which rises and falls a distance of about thirty feet twice every twenty-four hours.

The river St. John flows for five hundred miles through the State of Maine and the Province of New Brunswick, and pours out into the Bay of Fundy at St. John City. Everybody goes to see the "reversible falls," which are caused by the flow of the river and the action of the tide which twice a day drives back the fresh water. It is one of the most remarkable sights in the world. The harbor of St. John is open all the year, and vessels are constantly coming and going. The Allan and Dominion Line now make this their winter port, and their ships are loaded here for England.

In 1877 a great fire occurred in St. John which destroyed a great part of the city, but the burned section has been restored with substantial and attractive buildings. The city is blessed with one of the most romantic and beautiful parks in the world, which has been provided by nature at small cost to the citizens.

Other thriving towns in New Brunswick are Moncton, Chatham, St. Stephen, Fredericton, Woodstock, Newcastle.

New Brunswick has an area of 28,000 miles, and a population of 331,000. About half of the Province is still forest, which of course provides a veritable paradise for the sportsman. The finest moose in the world abound in the northern parts especially. Much of the cultivated land is very fertile and when well tilled gives good crops, but a large part of the farming is very indifferently done, as lumbering, fishing, and hunting attract the attention of the people.

Prof. Johnston, F.R.S. of England, carefully examined into the capabilities of the soil of New Brunswick, and reported:

"The soil of New Brunswick is capable of producing food for a population of five or six millions. The climate is an exceedingly healthy one, and it does not prevent the soil from producing crops which, other things being equal, are not inferior in quality or quantity to those of average soils in England."

There are considerable stretches of dyked land, on which great crops of hay are gathered year after year, without any cultivation. When the yield begins to diminish, then the waters of the sea are allowed to flow over the land for a time, and this acts as a fertilizer. In the neighborhood of Sackville there are extensive marshes which are exceedingly valuable. In some places the tide covers the land every day, and the hay is stacked on platforms raised on stilts to prevent it from being washed away.

The scenery of New Brunswick is exceedingly picturesque,



LOG JAM ON THE SHOOGOMAC RIVER, YORK CO., N. B.
SPOON ISLAND FROM EVANDALE, ON THE ST. JOHN RIVER,
NABEWAAK RIVER, ABOVE MARYSVILLE, N. B.

GREAT FALLS NEAR BATHURST, N. B.
ROCKS AT GRAND MENAN, N. B.

He will find here a fine city of about 40,000 inhabitants, built upon about a score of hills. The people who walk the streets very much, certainly have their "ups and downs," for there are few level stretches. The main business thoroughfare is a wide street, built on a steep hill, with a beautiful square at its head. Strangers usually find the wharves at the foot of this

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