

The Advantages of the Union of the Maritime Provinces.



IN the last five years, the subject of the union of the three Maritime Provinces — Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island — has been so frequently mentioned that it looks as if it had come to stay. Probably the beginning was the discussion of the question by the Maritime Board of Trade in Charlottetown in August, 1903. No action, however, was taken, and the subject was deferred for future consideration.

Probably the next discussion took place at Yarmouth in August, 1905, when the Maritime Board of Trade unanimously passed a resolution to the effect that the time had arrived for the union of the three provinces. This resolution was re-affirmed and the subject again discussed at the Amherst meeting of the Board in August, 1906.

Then followed the publication in *ACADIENSIS*, in July and October, 1906, of a somewhat lengthy article on the subject, which was re-published in November, 1906, by the *Halifax Herald* and other papers, producing some editorial comment and commendation.

Maritime Union has been more than once the question for debate in our leading educational institutions. The advantages of such a union of the provinces have been urged by numerous speakers before the Canadian Clubs in these Provinces, notably by Dr. Falconer, President of Toronto University, Dr. Peterson, Principal of McGill University, and Mr. J. S. Ewart, K. C., Ottawa, and it is needless to say all these refer-