

THE CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN

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THREE rivers flow into Charlottetown Harbor. They are named the East, West and North Rivers from the direction in which they reach up into the surrounding country. They unite in a spacious harbor. On the northeast side of the harbor, bounded by the East and North Rivers, is situated Charlottetown, the chief city and the capital of the Province. Its location is decidedly picturesque, and the City is laid out on gently rising ground, which stretches smoothly back from the harbor. The streets are wide and all run at right angles to each other—the advantages of which are obvious. The City has been planned on a generous scale as regards space, for in addition to the wide streets there are a number of large squares interspersed among the rectangular blocks of houses and business buildings. The largest of these open spaces is in the centre of the City—known as Queen Square. Here are situated the Provincial Building, where meets the Legislative Assembly of the Province and where the local Government offices are located; the Supreme Court Building; the Post Office Building; and the Market House. The Government Buildings are surrounded by trees and flower gardens and in summer Queen Square is a most attractive spot. The market is open on Tuesday and Friday of each week, when in the building, and the surrounding portion of the square, the products of the country are brought to be sold. And here it may be said it will be hard to find anything to surpass in quality the meat, butter, fish, fruit, vegetables, etc., brought in on market days to be sold. Everything is deliciously

fresh and of the best: and the market invariably attracts visitors during the tourist season, who regale themselves with the good things offered for sale.

Many comfortable, happy-looking homes are to be seen, set in pleasant situations, and it may be said that the people who live in Charlottetown have every reason to be content with their lot.

The principal stores are to be found surrounding and adjacent to Queen Square. They are up-to-date and well appointed, and there is an air of activity and efficiency about them, which indicates that Charlottetown business men are well up with the times. Some of the finest buildings in the City are those occupied by the branches of the different banks. Charlottetown is the centre of the business life of the Province. There is a daily service by the fine steamer Northumberland, for passengers and freight, to Pictou, N. S., thence making connections for all points on the mainland. Further communication with the mainland is also afforded by the P. E. Island Railway, by the morning express which leaves Charlottetown daily for Summerside, connecting there with the Steamer Empress for Point Du Chene, where connection is made with the Canadian and United States Railway systems. There can be little doubt but that the business life of Charlottetown will be largely stimulated and increased on the completion of the Car Ferry, between Capes Traverse and Tormentine, which will place the Island Railway system in direct contact with the railways of the mainland, and relieve transportation of the disadvantages which at present embarrass it.

To the visitor who comes to Charlottetown seeking rest, health and recreation, the City affords a haven of peace and content where the cares of this busy world may be laid away and the tired body and mind may become renewed. The rivers which penetrate the surrounding country offer opportunities for pleasant picnics, either by motor boats or by the steamers which make regular trips. The pleasant country roads have also their charms, and a few minutes will transport the traveller into the heart of pastoral life. Charlottetown possesses a spacious and delightful natural park, and provides facilities for bathing and



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