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THE Indian "Abegweit"—cradled on the waves; the early French explorer's "L'Isle de la Reine"—low and beautiful Island; and the Islander's "Garden of the Gulf" are sobriquets as eloquently descriptive of Prince Edward Island to-day as when they were first bestowed on this province surrounded by the sea.

Situated in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Prince Edward Island is separated from the shores of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia by the Strait of Northumberland. At its widest, the Strait is over thirty miles from shore to shore, but at Cape Traverse on the Island and Cape Tormentine on the mainland—two points which in their relation to the establishment of the new car ferry service are about to play an important part in the transportation question of this portion of Canada—the distance is only nine miles. From tip to tip, the island is one hundred and thirty miles. The surface is gently undulating. There are no mountains and no forests to speak of, but the lack of forests does not mean that the country is bare; for copses and clumps of trees are visible on every hand, giving a charming variety to the agricultural scene, and wild bits of woodland are still to be found. The stately elm and sturdy oak, the white-barked delicate birch, the slender Lombardy poplar, and the dark pyramid spruce, each stamps its characteristics on the landscape, while the reddish hue of the soil makes a charming contrast with the vivid green of vegetation.

The "Island" as its people love to call it—for where else in all America can be found its duplicate—is in summer a garden of perfect beauty fanned by cooling breezes from the Ocean, with mile after mile of sandy beaches. Invading the land and moulding the red cliffs into fantastic shapes is the ever restless sea. Everywhere are verdant fields, prosperous farms and comfortable homes. Arms of the sea cut into the land in all directions, forming landscapes and seascapes of surpassing loveliness.

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Fredericton, popularly known as the "City of the Confederation," is one of the prettiest cities in the Dominion. It is the seat of the Government and the Anglican Diocese. Its social life, the point of outfitting, its industry, its progress, its health, its beauty, its glory, and its youth.

Advantageously situated on the banks of the Saint John River, where that waterway descends to the sea, it has more than its share of natural beauty. It has taken care to develop it. The city is second only to homicide, and as a result, it is lined with stately elms, which are highways into shaded avenues of resident alike. These are guarded by the Frederictonian cherishing his city for the university, the legislative assembly, and the cathedral.

The credit (or blame) of first settling the city is assigned to the Acadia of Villebon. Like Homer's birthplace, it tells us that, in his time, there was a small Acadian settlement and a period were also not blind to its charms. The "House of Assembly" is situated above the city, at a point known as the "Point of View," settled and tribal laws promulgated to the city proper, but it can be held to possess superior advantage.

King George of England also almost 150 years ago—the Acadia trip to Madawaska county on the little governing character, that the number of Acadians who took part in the expedition was not known but evidently they did not know their first governor, Thomas Carleton, some of the originals for whose benefit the city was arranged.

New Brunswick in 1786 had a Carleton convened his first assembly in Fredericton, he decided to locate there. He was the first to do so, holding that in good taste. Be that as it may, it is an ideal spot for the purpose.

The first religious service in Fredericton was held in a little building still standing as "The King's Provision Store," in 1786. Two years later Governor Carleton's Assembly in the same building.

By 1790 the population of Fredericton was 1,500. Rev. Mr. Cooke tells us, 100 attend to go a-fishing. Possibly that was the "Celestial City."

In the succeeding years the city grew some 1,500 people there and the problem of transportation being the forerunners of the steamers of the day, located on Queen Street fronting the river, of which the stately elms of

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