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Few high Government officials are better known throughout the various provinces of Canada than Professor Edward E. Prince, Dominion Commissioner of Fisheries. Since his appointment in October, 1892, he has visited repeatedly every Province from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and there is no important river or lake and no stretch of sea-shore, where fishing is carried on, which has not been inspected by that zealous and gifted official whose recommendations to the Government have done so much to utilize, preserve, and advance our vast fishery resources. Professor Prince, after a period of University training in Scotland, at St. Andrews and Edinburgh and at Cambridge, in England, devoted himself to fishery studies early in his career. Natural History had always had a special attraction for him and it is not surprising therefore that his first official appointment was in the famous University of Edinburgh, where in 1885, he was Senior Assistant and Demonstrator in Zoology, and in 1886 became Curator at the Marine Biological Station in connection with St. Andrews University, Scotland. Under the Scottish Fishery Board, Professor Prince conducted elaborate investigations upon the eggs, spawning, breeding habits and migrations of young fish in the sea. He went out with the fishing fleets, superintended dredging and other deep-sea work, and acquired that thorough practical knowledge of the fisherman's operations, which have been so valuable to him in dealing with the complex problems of the Canadian fisheries. Professor Prince has never been a theorist, but above all a practical expert with a full and exact knowledge of his subject in all its branches. As the *Vancouver Daily World* recently said: "His reputation is not confined to our own Empire, he is recognized as a foremost authority by foreign Governments." Thus he was four years ago chosen to represent Canada as a member of the Executive Board of the International Fisheries Association, which met at Tampa, Florida; while the French Government