

# EDITORIAL

## Notes, Queries, Reviews, Etc.

THERE is talk of securing the Hotel Davies and of providing a hotel that will in some way supply the need of accommodation for tourists visiting P. E. Island during the summer months. It is a hopeful sign, at last, to see that some people,—other than the newspapers, which have been for years agitating the question—are taking some interest in a matter that is of far more importance to this community than the citizens of Charlottetown appear to realize. In every town in the Provinces that has set out to attract tourists the result has been that the towns have been enriched. But in Charlottetown nothing has been done. The reputation of this city, and of this Island has suffered because of the reports circulated about our lack of suitable hotel accommodation, and there appears to be nothing doing in regard to this save that now and again a futile letter appears in the Press, saying that a hotel should be built. That sort of thing is not going to build a hotel. In Summerside they deserve credit for their admirable Tourists Association. they are ahead of Charlottetown there; and if they should erect a hotel we would be glad to see them rewarded with the best of the tourist trade that comes to the Province.



In our last issue we outlined a plan for the formation of a municipal development society, after the manner adopted by the city of Manchester, Mass., U. S. A. A correspondent has lately written us from that city as follows:—

“Apropos of your remarks: I have a very nice letter from Mr. Orris, Secretary of the Manchester Development Association. Among other things he says their *grand list* has increased about \$200,000 since 1901, when the Association was formed, and cottages that formerly rented for \$500 now rent for \$1000; and new ones are being built each year. He certainly makes a good showing for property-owners, and says they have seen *direct results* from the expenditure