

A branch of the Young Men's Christian Association has existed here for the last thirty years. It has a well supplied reading room.

Several temperance associations are represented both in the city and over the Island. The Benevolent Irish society, the Caledonian Club, Foresters, Masons, Oddfellows, Society of St. Vincent de Paul and other less formal charitable associations are doing a good work each in its own sphere, several having branches or separate similar organizations in other parts of the country.

There is a small theatre owned by the Benevolent Irish Society, where performances are given occasionally by travelling companies, in summer and fall, and by the Dramatic Club of the Society in the winter.

Concerts, vocal and instrumental, either by one or other, or a combination of two or more of the Amateur Musical Clubs and Choirs, or by good professionals (combining the pleasure of a summer trip with enough work to pay expenses), Bazaars, Public Teas, Church and other Socials, Lectures, &c., &c., meet a wide range of tastes in the way of social and literary amusements.

Queen's Square, the large public square surrounding the Dominion and Provincial buildings, has, within the last few years, been laid out with hard, smooth paths and well trimmed grassy lawns, planted with trees, and embellished with numerous beds of flowers and foliage plants, which, during the season, show a marvellous luxuriance of growth.

There is also a Public Park, containing about forty-six acres, to the west of the city which, besides a number of drives giving varied views of the city and harbour, furnishes the Military Parade Ground, Football Grounds, an excellent Cricket Field, several Lawn Tennis Courts, good picnic places among the trees, and, for winter amusement, a lofty Toboggan Slide, arranged to connect with the harbour ice when formed.

Though the winter may seem pretty long, yet the much larger proportion of bright, sunny weather which distinguishes it from the same season in Britain, gives a greater zest to outdoor exercises, and to the various amusements popular on this side the Atlantic. Besides the tobogganning previously referred to, Skating and Curling, either in the rinks, or on the ponds, or harbour ice, Snow-shoe tramps, Sleigh driving, and the exciting, swift, Ice-boat sailing, all help to enliven matters considerably, and, residents and visitors who enter heartily into the social life of the city, with its private and semi-private parties and entertainments, find the time anything but gloomy.

SUMMERSIDE.

The County Town of Prince County is situate upon Beleque Bay forty miles west of Charlottetown. It is a town of about 3000 inhabitants, and used to do a large amount of shipbuilding, but from various well known causes, this is almost a thing of the past. It has a fine harbour, and, through the spring, summer and fall, has daily communication with Point du Chene and Shediac, in New Brunswick, and thence by rail with all the rest of the Continent, besides weekly visits of steamers to and from the Upper Provinces, &c.

A large export and import trade is done here, as well as an extensive wholesale and retail distributing traffic through the county, it being, also, the principal oyster mart of the Island.

The educational opportunities are very good both in the public schools and by private tuition.

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The shops are numerous and well stocked.

The Bank of Nova Scotia, and Merchants Bank of Halifax have branches in the town, and there is also the Summerside Bank which has been in existence for upwards of twenty years.

ALBERTON.

Alberton, to the westward of the Island, is distant forty miles from Summerside, and is situate upon Cascumpec Bay, which is largely frequented by fishing