

scribers both in and out of town.

The Bank of Nova Scotia distinguished for having the largest reserve fund in proportion to its capital of any bank in Canada, with its 189 branches has had a branch in Pictou since 1839 and occupies a three story stone building, the ground floor of which is utilized for banking purposes, while the two upper stories are occupied by the Manager.

The Royal Bank of Canada, a branch of which was established in Pictou in 1870 has 376 branches, a paid up capital of \$12,000,000.00 a reserve fund of \$13,236,000, and assets over \$200,000,000, making it one of the largest banking institutions in the Dominion.

The town has four physicians and eight members of the Bar. Hon. E. M. Macdonald, is at present the Dominion Member for Pictou County, which has had a representative in every Provincial ministry since 1875.

Pictou has a number of good hotels and restaurants, among which the Wallace is the largest. It is conveniently located near the railway park on Front Street. The hotel has 63 bed rooms in addition

to office, parlor, writing, lounging and dining rooms, all of which are well lighted and comfortably furnished and command a magnificent view of Pictou Harbour and the country beyond.

The dining room seats 48 guests. The cuisine is choice and the service efficient and courteous. It is largely patronized by business men and tourists, who coming to Pictou for a day or a week find it a home of rest and comfort.

The St. Julian is the outgrowth of a restaurant established by J. W. Hogg in the Hogg Block in 1912. The business prospering he converted the whole three story building into a hotel in 1916. It has a parlor and 16 bed rooms on the upper floors, all of which command a fine view of harbour and town. The dining room seats forty people. The meals are substantial, well cooked and properly served, every effort being made to see that guests are as well treated as possible.

The town has four or five other hotels, as well as restaurants and boarding houses, where accommodation and meals may be had at moderate prices.

NATURAL RESOURCES.

WHEN the first settlers arrived in Pictou in 1767, they found the whole of the 719,000 acres of land the county contains covered with white pine, oak, fir, maple and other wood. For a number of years it was the chief source of income to the inhabitants and even to-day lumbering is an important industry.

The county has many well culti-

vated farms. It is one of the best agricultural counties in the Province. It is well suited for dairy ing and sheep raising. Of late years the dairy industry has rapidly expanded. It has two creameries, both of which are doing an increasing business.

According to the the census of 1911, the county produced livestock, grain and dairy products, valued at