

regulation of trade and commerce, the railway and postal services, etc., coming within the legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada. The Government is vested in a Lieutenant Governor appointed for five years by the Federal Administration and whose salary is \$7,000 per annum; an Executive Council of 9 members, and the above mentioned Legislative Assembly which meets every Spring at Charlottetown.

Since 1891, the Island has been under a Liberal regime. The present Premier is the Hon. Arthur Peters, who is able and well fitted for the high position he fills. He is a capable debater, a forcible speaker and popular with all.

THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

The excellent free school system dates from 1877, and is under the control of a Board of Education. There is a Chief Superintendent and three Inspectors—one for each of the three counties. The country is divided into school districts, and the school houses are rarely more than three miles apart. In 1901, the number of teachers was 589 and the number of scholars 20,799. The Prince of Wales College and Normal School is the leading Government Educational Institution, and there is an excellent Roman Catholic College—St. Dunstan's—which is attended by a number of boys from our own land.

Prince Edward Island's area is 2,133 square miles, and its population 103,258. It is a thickly settled Province—more so than either Nova Scotia or New Brunswick—and its excess population for the most part when dissatisfied with the farm, as they generally become after receiving an education at the excellent schools and colleges of the country, turn longing eyes to the fleshpots of the United States. And thither they move in numbers. It must be confessed that they give to us of their best—in the Island it is openly deplored. In many cases they rise to positions of great