

AREA AND BOUNDARIES

Of the Dominion of Canada, and the Provinces of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

Canada, Prince Edward and Newfoundland occupy an immense extent of Territory; St. Johns, Newfoundland the most easterly capital, being $26^{\circ} . 80^{\circ}$ East, and 9° North of Toronto, the most westerly; the distance between the two being considerably over 1000 miles. These countries, however, all belong to one geographical district, which may be called the Laurentian, each claiming a portion of the shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Colonial Mediterranean.

Ontario and Quebec lie principally on the North side of the St. Lawrence, and the North and East sides of Lakes Ontario, Erie, Huron, and Superior. In part, also on the South side of the St. Lawrence, stretching from near Montreal to the Bay of Chaleurs. Their northerly and westerly boundaries have not been fixed. They are bounded on the South by the territories of the United States and New Brunswick. The area is given in official returns as 331,280 square miles, being 121,260 for Ontario, and 210,020 for Quebec.

New Brunswick is bounded by Quebec, the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Nova Scotia, the Bay of Fundy and the United States, being divided from the latter by the St. Croix River. Its area is 27,105 square miles.

Nova Scotia is a peninsula connected with new Brunswick by a low sandy isthmus. It is about 300 miles long, and about 100 miles broad at its widest. The island of Cape Breton is now a part of Nova Scotia, the Gut of Canso, which divides them, being less than a mile in breadth. The coast of Nova Scotia, is everywhere indented with arms of the sea, and no part of it is more than 20 miles from salt water. Area, including Cape Breton, 18,660 square miles.

Prince Edward Island is about 140 miles long and 34 in its greatest breadth. Its coasts are like those of Nova Scotia much indented by bays, and no part is more than 10 miles from the sea. Unlike Nova Scotia, which has a rock-bound shore, the coast of P. E. Island is of sand or mud. Area 2,100 square miles.

The greatest length of Newfoundland is, from North to South, 350 miles; average breadth, 130, Coast bold and rocky. Area 40,200 square miles.