

Heritage That is Ours In Eastern Canada

Our Sons and Daughters Have Gone Forth To
Leave Their Impress on Canadian
and World Affairs

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"Down East" is a familiar phrase and "Down-Easters" need no introduction. That portion of Canada known as the Maritime Provinces, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, is their home and from it they have gone forth in former days and the same today to make their impress upon Canadian affairs as well as in the land to the south. Other countries also know them. They are found among the notables of Great Britain, and even far off New Zealand recognize their worth. Go to the Far East, India and the ends of the world and there you will find them. They are to be found among the ranks of statesmen, great warriors, university presidents, professors, medical authorities, preachers, authors, poets, singers, actors and actresses. There is not a profession or calling in which they have not made their mark. Many went to the Yukon in the days of the gold rush and the name of one is associated with the finding of that famous gold country.

And it is not strange that this is so when something of the country from which they sprang and its history is known.

Early History

The earliest known mention of this part of Eastern Canada is in the sagas of the Vikings, round about 1000 A.D., when those hearty adventurers sailed forth and landed in the southern portion of Nova Scotia. There is good reason to believe that an expedition seven years later, paid another visit to this portion of the Maritime Provinces, headed by Tharfin Karlfsne, if the translations made of an inscription carved on a runic stone found at the head of Yarmouth Harbor and now in the public library in that town are to be believed.

Eminent runic scholars have passed judgment on the inscription and their findings tend to confirm the visit.

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will be found and among them Lunenburg, on the south-western shore, home of the international champion schooner "Bluenose," takes first rank. Wood-en shipbuilding is still carried on at Lunenburg and Shelburne. The picturesque town of Lunenburg has witnessed some strange things. The early settlers have left records of some of their number who fell under the Indian's tomahawk, those who were taken prisoner to be tortured but they carried on as do their forebears who, while not in danger of scalping redskins, are yet in constant danger of life and limb as they ply their calling on the Grand Banks in gathering the harvest of the sea. A glorious sight is presented as one watches the great fishing fleet, the largest in North America, set sail for the fishing grounds but as often as not tragedy is written in the record on their return with some member of a crew separated from his vessel in a fog and lost, or a fishing vessel run down by a liner or somebody washed overboard by a storm. A God-fearing people, religion means much to them in their daily lives and there still stands the first church that was built when the town was founded back in 1752.

A bountiful providence made Nova Scotia rich in natural resources. Immense coal fields are within the borders of the province and millions of tons have been taken from the mines with millions yet to yield up their riches. The greatest of these are located in Cape Breton Island and one mine boast the greatest underwater workings in the world. It extends out under the Atlantic for nearly two miles. Other coal fields are situated around Stellarton, at Joggins and near Springhill. Huge salt deposits have been uncovered which adds greatly to the mineral wealth. Gold mining is carried on and there are immense deposits of gypsum. Lumbering is also an industry and there is quite an extensive farming community, the lands being very fertile and yielding profusely. Extensive apple orchards supply some of the best apples in the world.

New Brunswick has also been endowed with great natural resources. In addition to fisheries are to be found coal, gypseum, salt and several other minerals, immense forest areas and fertile valleys. Agriculture is one of the important industries particularly the growing of potatoes. Oil and natural gas are also to be found within the province. Like her sister province, New Brunswick was also a factor in the heyday of the wooden sailing ship and some great ships came from her shipyards along which might be mentioned the "Marco Polo" which is remembered wherever old salts gather. After roaming the seas and becoming famous she ended her days off Prince Edward Island when wrecked on that coast.

Prince Edward Island has valuable lobster fisheries but farming is the main occupation along with raising black foxes. There are no minerals to speak of but this is offset by the extreme fertility of the soil which is brick red in color.

Beautiful Scenery

The scenery of the Maritime Provinces has been variously described. On one point all are agreed and that is the great beauty. In going through the country a great diversity of landscape is discerned. Beautiful valleys vie with the azure hills in captivating the visitor, while vast stretches of marsh land remind one of the play of ripples across a great lake as the breeze passes over the tops of the tall grass. The tidal streams are a never ending source of delight to the visitor and they are a unique demonstration of the mystery of the tides, particularly to those who dwell Robert Harris, one of Canada's foremost or less inland from their effects are not readily seen. At the head of Minas Basin occur the highest tides in the world, over fifty feet, and a strange sight it is to see vessels resting on the mud bottoms of the rivers and a couple of hours or so later find them floating gracefully on the bosom of a wide river. The bore near Moncton, in New Brunswick, is a tidal phenomenon to which many come from far and near to see the wall of water which rushes up the Petitcodiac River at the head of the tide. Prince Edward Island has been termed "a pastoral symphony of nature."

Sportsman's Paradise

Throughout the interior are numerous rivers and lakes and many sportsmen find their way to angle for salmon and trout. Both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have several famous salmon streams while all three provinces abound in trout waters. Nova

Scotia offers some real advantages to sportsmen in the form of tuna and swordfishing. In the autumn the lordly moose and fleet-footed deer are hunted amid the forests of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick while the marshes of those provinces as well as Prince Edward Island abound with wild fowl, geese, brant, duck, woodcock, snipe and partridge.

Interesting spots

To those who love to linger amid scenes reminiscent of early days, or to view the terrain whereon the destinies of a continent were fashioned, they need only turn to those provinces by the sea and on every hand they will be treading over ground that resounded with the tramp of marching feet, or across which the wild war whoop of the savage was wont to be heard instilling terror into the unprotected settlements; places where battles were fought and won which altered the whole future of North America. The archives about with legends and tales white from the lips of some of the older inhabitants can be gathered stories that have been handed down from former days, of love and war and hardships endured and overcome.

Of the more noted historic sites are Louisburg, in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and Annapolis Royal where New Englanders took a hand in the conflict and Grand Pre, the latter from which the tragic exile of the Acadians took place, related in Longfellow's poem "Evangeline." Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia, is itself an historic city and at the same time a great modern ocean port. The Province House is one of the best specimens of Georgian architecture to be found anywhere. The decorations around the old fireplaces are noted examples of Adams stucco. Old St. Paul's Church, Canada's "Westminster Abbey" has stood since 1750. Here the de luxe hotel of the Canadian National Railways, the Nova Scotian, itself following the lines of Georgian architecture, is located, forming with the railway station and ocean piers one of the most compact ocean and rail terminals to be found anywhere in the world. A unique feature of the hotel is the fact that it is built on soil from Boston, it being the practice in former days for vessels coming from that city to load earth at Boston as ballast and discharge it on the site where the Nova Scotian stands. In the settlement of Pictou on the south shore of the Strait of Northumberland, the great Benjamin Franklin had a hand and here is located a noted summer resort, Pictou Lodge, which nestles on a wooded knoll close by the side of the sea. From Pictou came a Yukon pioneer whose name is associated with that famous gold find and is perpetuated in the name of a creek, the late "Bob" Henderson.

In New Brunswick the great ocean port of Saint John is also an historical city while of the Saint John River, the Rhine of America, on which is the capital city, Fredericton, it may be said as of the Thames in England, it is liquid history. Not far from Sackville are the ruins of Fort Beauséjour where what historians have termed the "velvet siege" took place but nevertheless the results were far reaching. Here again the New Englanders appear in the scene.

Prince Edward Island seems to have escaped to a greater or less degree the stirring conflicts which occurred on the mainland but the Garden of the Gulf also has its historical aspects. In Charlottetown, the capital city, is the province house where the first meeting out of which arose the confederation of Canada took place in 1864. On the top floor of the public library is a room devoted to exhibits connected with the life of the late Robert Harris, one of Canada's foremost artists who painted the famous picture "The Fathers of Confederation." Many of his works hang on the walls while the numerous honours he won are displayed in a glass case. St. Peter's cathedral has its walls adorned by paintings from his brush. Here also will be found a de luxe hotel owned and operated by the Canadian National Railways, the Canadian National. In old Government House, Thomas Carlyle's first love reigned as First Lady of the province, the famous "Blumine" of Sartor Restartus, and in that city and not far from the site of Government House still stands the small building in which she first saw the light of day.

The People

The people of the Maritime Provinces are sprung from English, Scotch, Irish and German settlers who braved the rigours of the wilderness to carve out homes for themselves in

the New Lands. Mingling with their descendants are those of the early Acadians who still till the soil as their forbears did or find employment in the larger centres. Quaint customs still survive among them, handed down from earlier generations, and one can step into seventeenth century France by visiting one of their villages. They preserve their French speech which is softer than that heard in Quebec. These were the rugged pioneers who helped mould Canada to be the great country she was to become. From the revolted colonies to the south came the cream of their citizenry in the Loyalists who remained staunch to their traditions in spite of great and many hardships and from them have sprung many of Canada's great men. The people of the Maritime Provinces evidence a kindly hospitality to the visitor in their midst and are yet unspoiled by the hectic rush that is the distinguishing mark of the great cities of the continent. They know the art of living and the wearied denizens of the bustling metropolises are continuing to find in greater numbers the charm of what it is to really live which is to be found in a sojourn in their midst.

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Parish and County Tax\$ 7.69
Road Tax 3.20
School Tax 9.00

Expenses to date\$19.89
TOTAL\$42.00

Statement is on file at Secretary-Treasurer's Office, County Court House, Fredericton, N. B.
J. S. SCOTT,
Secretary-Treasurer,
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Lot No. 1 40 acres
Lot No. 2 88 acres
Delinquent Parish, County Taxes \$12.60
Delinquent Road Taxes 7.60
Delinquent School Taxes 29.40

TOTAL\$49.60
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