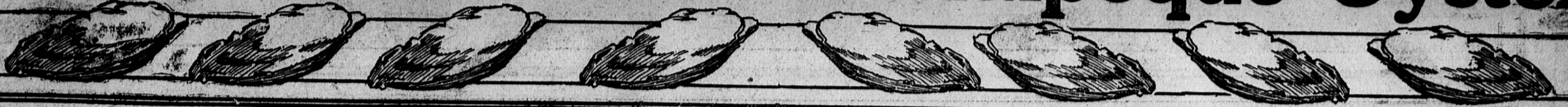


# Home of the Famous Malpeque Oyster



MAKING AN OYSTER DRAG

wander-lust inherited from their Celtic forbears, are to be found in almost every town and city on the continent, from Newfoundland to California, from the Yukon to Florida.

### HOME OF "MALPEQUE" OYSTERS

The most succulent, toothsome oyster produced in the world. The famous "Malpeque" was granted the grand prix at the Paris Exposition, and without the slightest doubt in the minds of the judges. When you take into consideration the "Malpeque" had to be shipped thousands of miles and then laid on the wharves for days, whereas the oysters from England and France were just a few hours from the beds, it speaks volumes for this wonderful oyster.

As yet it is hard to get the "Mal-



CANOEING ON THE BONSHAW

### SURVEY OF RICHMOND BAY

As soon as the agreement with the Dominion was executed, the government of Prince Edward Island took steps to make available to its inhabitants the large areas of potential oyster areas that it possessed. Preparatory to granting leases, Mr. H. H. Shaw, Provincial Engineer, was detailed to make a survey of all the tidal rivers and coastal waters. During 1912 he completed a survey of Richmond bay, which produced large quantities of the famous "Malpeque" oysters. It was found to contain approximately 14,700 acres, most of which is available for oyster culture. The plan of survey shows the bay divided into twenty-acre plots, each of which is divided into four plots of five acres each. The

portunity to secure leases of 5-acre plots contiguous to their property, and, after these applications had been filled, the applications of other residents were considered. In the case of two persons, not riparian owners, applying for the same plot and failing to arrive at a satisfactory settlement, the lease to the disputed area was put up at auction and sold to the highest bidder. The time for receiving applications expired on November 20th, but a second opportunity to obtain areas, extending from November 30th to December 16th, was given to residents. This time they were not restricted to 5-acre plots and those who had already been granted leases were allowed to obtain additional areas. After December 16th, applications

less the beds are properly cultivated and maintained.

### SURVEY OF THE ISLAND

It is estimated that when the survey of the Island waters adapted to oyster culture is completed there will be one hundred and fifty thousand acres. This means an immense additional asset to the Island and will be one of the big factors that will eventually make farming acreage on this wonderful Island extremely valuable.

The entire Island is now undergoing a rapid change. From a people who were just satisfied with life and wanted no more, sprang the ambition to make this the most talked of spot on earth.

A car ferry that will give added facilities for reaching the mainland summer and winter, is in course of construction. It is believed that the



MAJOR BARTLETT WITH A PAIR OF THE FAMOUS MALPEQUE

egg just how old the egg is, what part of the Island the egg is taken from and who the rancher was. Naturally eggs that are shipped with a guarantee as to their freshness bring a very large price in foreign markets. Here also is an industry

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SEEN THROUGH AMERICAN EYES

Away "down east" beyond mented Halifax, the head of I line, and the *Loyalist*, city John, lies Prince Edward the most fertile province a of the loveliest spots of the ion.

Apparently the most out way of the Maritime Provi Canada, it is in reality but a from us by travel. Its climate—peculiar to itself—ly attracting larger numbers people, and they find it a summer resort of such cha novelty that they are enraptured with the noise of our cities and eager to escape the heated atmosphere, they hi to this land in the sea, and regain tone and strength. I mer the delightful climate forms everything, and

"This is the air around with beauty."

Verdant fields on every han patches of forest here, and prosperous farms and comf homes dotting the scene; b arms of the sea cutting into t in all directions, landscape seascapes of surpassing lo —this is the picture present country is gently undulating there is not a mountain or ve hill in all the island. Stones known, and a Vermonter wou his granite boulders. The si disintegrated sandstone of a red color, which combined w peculiar greenness of the gre shrubbery, produces a pict effect very pleasing to the sp The tourist on pleasure boat, search of quiet and rest shoul here. Numberless trout s furnish sport for the angl deep-sea fishing is easelobbr In season the disciple of Nimb find duck, brant, wildgeese, snipe, woodcock, and othe birds plentiful, and good ba not hard to secure.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodation for holiday ers is provided by several and numerous farmhouses in

90 years old—so that about one-third of the population dies at an age between 70 and 80. To the fact that nobody here is in a hurry to get rich—the desire to get rich at all is almost unknown—this longevity may be partly attributed. While there are no very wealthy people, on the other hand there are none very poor. The gaunt spectre of poverty has never appeared in the Island. No man wants a meal nor the wherewithal to be clothed. One never sees a beggar, and the tramp is conspicuous by his absence.

### THE TEMPERATURE

For the past five years the temperature during the summer months averaged about 70 degrees, the highest registered during that period being 80½ degrees. The azure heavens, across which float far-off fleecy cloudlets, rival the blue of Italian skies. Fogs are unknown, and there is scarcely a day when the sun does not shine—not a flaming ball blazing from a dome of brass, but a mellow, golden orb pouring beneficent rays of warmth and light on a lovely, laughing land.

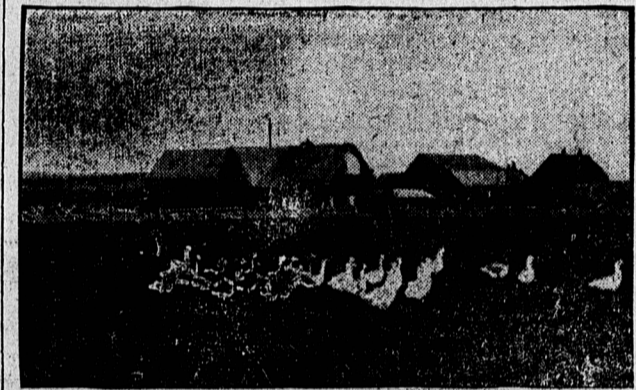
### THE LAND OF REST

Emphatically, Prince Edward Island should be the Mecca of the weary in body and the jaded in spirit. There, when nowhere else, one may rest and be thankful. The air, the sunshine, the water, and the delicious coolness are tonics invaluable. Though lacking the grandeur of mountainous scenery, the gently undulating landscape is an ever-varied delight to the eye. Bordered by wild-rose thickets and clusters of fragile ferns, shady winding high-ways traverse hill and dale. Clumps of woodland—spruce and fir and cedar, beech and birch and maple—lie on either hand; here and there larger areas of forest stretch away to the far horizon, the blue-green cedars standing out in sharp relief against the lighter foliage of the deciduous trees. Fields of feathery oats alternate with acres of dark green root-crops or wind-swayed wheat, while verdant meadows dotted with drowsy cattle make this a land where it seems always afternoon. From every hilltop the wayfarer marks the course of rippling river or purling brook winding like

silver ribbons athwart the sunlit landscape.

### THE ENCIRCLING SEA

At no point in the island is one further than ten or twelve miles from the encircling sea, flecked with the snowy sails of fishing craft and

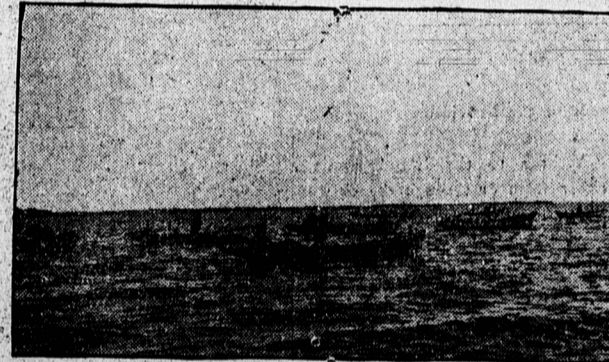


FARM SCENE, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

the foam of breaking waves. For more than fifty miles along the northern coast there stretches a rampart of sand-dunes thrown up by the restless waves of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Within this chain of sand-hills are hallow lagoons, the haunts of fish and waterfowl. All along this north shore hotels and private boarding-houses are scattered, for the surf-bathing here is unsurpassed in America. During a storm a scene of wild grandeur is presented, the thunderous rhythm of the giant rollers breaking on the



FISHING ON THE MORELL RIVER



OYSTER FLEET NEAR CURTAIN ISLAND



BLOCK HOUSE POINT—P. E. I.

beaches being audible many miles inland. Woe to the unhappy sailor craft caught between the horns of the crescent when a north-east gale is blowing!

Her sons and daughters, with the

peque" in any but the highest priced hotels of the United States. This is due to its ready market throughout all Canada. A wonderful opportunity is offered to the enterprising to get leases of oyster acreage in the home of the "Malpeque."

North of the town of Summerside is Richmond Bay, rich in oyster beds, and comprising the largest and most prolific oyster area in Canada—some 15,000 acres in extent. Here are found the famous "Malpeque" oysters. Of this 15,000 acres about 6000 have been leased, the other 9000 ready for the enterprise of those who have a little money for investment. The Provincial government leases this oyster acreage on terms that seem extremely reasonable.

The fourth annual report of the Committee on Conservation contains the report of M. J. Patton, assistant secretary of the commission, from which the following extracts have been taken:

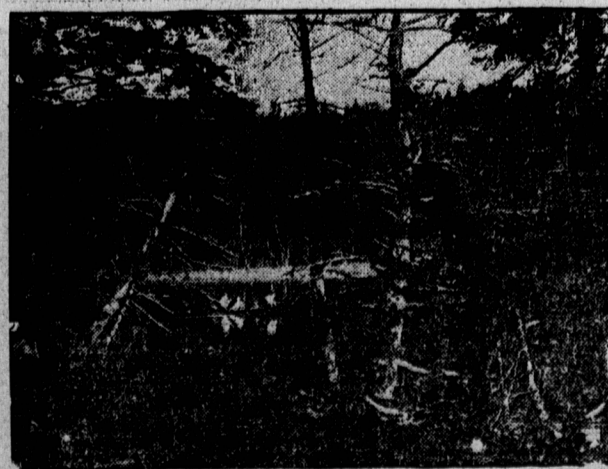
depth of the water at low tide and the character of the bottom are also indicated. In 1913 additional parties will be detailed to the work and the survey of the remaining areas completed as rapidly as possible. As Prince Edward Island has a coast line some 800 miles in length, this is a work of no small magnitude.

### LEASING REGULATIONS

When the survey was nearing completion, the Provincial government formulated regulations for the issuing of leases and in the autumn of 1912 applications for leases of areas in Richmond bay were received. On October 17th, applications were called for from adult persons who had been residents of the Island for at least one year. Riparian owners were given the first op-

portunity for leases from non-residents of the Island were considered.

The lease extends over a term of twenty years, and, at its expiration, is renewable at the option of the lessee for a further period of twenty years. The rent charged is \$1 an acre for each of the first five years, \$3 an acre for each of the second five years and \$5 an acre for each of the remaining ten years. If the lease is renewed, the rent for each of the second twenty years is at the rate of \$5 per acre per year, and, in addition, the lessee must agree to pay any royalty on the oysters produced which the Province may levy. Areas leased cannot be sub-let or otherwise disposed of except on the written consent of the Attorney General of the Province, and the lease is subject to cancellation un-



BONSHAW RIVER

### POULTRY

It is a common sight to see thousand of geese assembled for shipment every year—the fowl of the Island is a big asset.

There is what is termed an egg circle—eggs are collected from different ranches in different districts, and are stamped with the number of the ranch and the date of gathering of the eggs. These eggs are shipped to Canadian cities and the users can tell from the number on the

that big returns can be gained from, particularly on the opening of the car ferry.

The man who goes to this delightful country now and studies the conditions will be in a way to make a great deal of money.

If he is a lover of nature and delights in outdoor sports he will find everything his heart desires.

The following article written by the Hon. D. J. Vail, former American consul of the Island, strikes

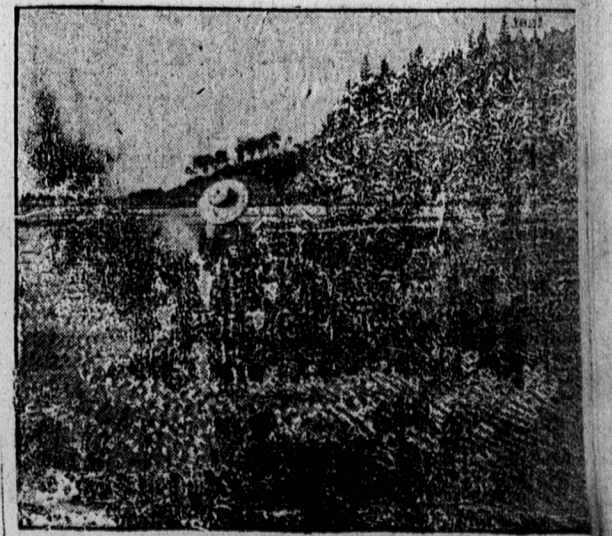


HAMPTON BEACH—P. E. I.

added advantages gained in marketing its products through the use of this ferry will add to its already vaunted natural wealth.

It would seem that the time is now ripe to visit this Wonderland with the idea of purchasing parcels of real estate. It is bound to double its value in the next five years, due to the measures of improvement in order and the activity of the silver fox and the oyster industries.

me as just about right. An opinion of the country, its people and some of its pastimes:



COAST SCENE, P. E. I.



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