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## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

### A Description of it in the Toronto Globe.

Prince Edward Island lies out in the Atlantic, broadside to the sea and stretching out her arms as if to protect her sister Provinces across the straits from the fury of its surges. Though wave-washed on every side, it is a peaceful, placid land, with a soil that makes farming a pastime, and a population that is equable in temperament and eminently self-satisfied. They have the independence characteristic of an insular people, and an air, not so much as owing to the earth, as being the earth.

The island has no extremes of summer heat and for the world-worn sojourner there is quiet and rest by the cool sea beaches or in the somnolent interior—a Loto-land, where the days might slip by in slumberous ease.

The scenery is not grand in any sense, but it is pleasing, much of it reminding one of rural England, and the color effects are beautiful. The fine water-stretches—arms of the sea, tidal rivers, creeks—with their red banks crowned with vivid green, the deep, innocent blue of the summer sky flecked with tiny fleecy clouds, like down from the angels' wings, the deep dark hue of the waters, make charming pictures everywhere. And along the country roads, or flying by on the narrow-gauge rails of the island railway with its bewildering twists and turns, the landscape develops its Arcadian character. A daisy-carpeted field, where the cows ruminant in a well-fed contentment; a field of sweet-smelling clover pink and white; a dark red summer fallow; an orchard in a hollow; a hillside dotted with baby evergreens, like little green-clad ladies playing squat tag; a waving hayfield ready for the sickle; a piece of half-cleared bush, where the long-tailed lumps and their woolly mothers find piny and pasture, and, pervading all, a dreamy, drowsy atmosphere of comfortable tranquillity.

The diagonal lines of the stake fences are much more pleasing than our strike rail variety, but where green hedges outline and divide the fields the beauty of the scene is greatly increased. There are capacious barns everywhere, but fearing there may not be room for a bountiful harvest, shelters are built for the hay out in the fields. Four tall poles are driven into the ground, and on these is placed a movable cottage roof, which can be raised or lowered to meet the requirements of the crop.

Potatoes are their great item of export, also fish, but I have cause to know that they ship eggs in fabulous quantities. We reached port at Charlottetown at an unseasonably hour, but might have slept on until the Campana was ready to leave and then have landed in good time for early breakfast, but they were unloading empty egg boxes—millions of them, it seemed, and each one as it was being with a resounding crash on a low pile on the wharf, seemed to strike a blow on the ear-drum and brain that was maddening. I never was so glad to get up at sunrise before.

Our dwarf Province has not only the longest name of the seven but its name is spelled with the most part of the alphabet. And by the time the local papers mention Prince Edward Island once or twice and speak of Charlottetown, Summerside, Georgetown, Tracadie Beach, Hillsborough and Cape Tormentine a couple of times they have neither space nor type for much "foreign" news. When the case runs low the printer economizes by "Ch'town" for the capital, and "S. Side" for the northern neighbor. Charlottetown is beautifully situated as to waterfront, but has a rather dingy appearance. So many of the buildings are of wood that has long thirsted for the paint brush, and the flat-roofed shingled houses, guilford of eave or other beak or

## PEACE IS ASSURED

### U. S. Protocol Will Be Signed.

### CONDITION OF SPAIN

### Is Critical—Carcia Sends His Men Home—Americans in Australia Want Philippines Annexed, But Powers May Object.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(Special)—The French ambassador has been instructed to sign the peace protocol.

This seals the fate of Cuba, Porto Rico and one of the Ladrones Islands but leaves many questions to be settled.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—(Special)—The general belief is that the powers will not look with the same passiveness on the fate of the Philippines that they do on Cuba and Porto Rico.

The Spanish Consul at Hong Kong will sail straight for Manila with the news as soon as peace is signed.

It is not known what has happened in Spain now that peace is certain but it is known that conditions are critical.

The Americans in Australia urge their government to annex the Philippines.

The American troops have occupied Mayaguez, Porto Rico.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(Special)—General Garcia has suspended operations and sent his troops home for thirty days.

He looked at me with evident disdain and answered, "Cox-swink."

"Cox-swink?" I repeated. "What are they like?"

"Libertine," he replied holding up his hand.

"And to be confounded with it is it not?"

"We don't speak them. We eat them," he said, drawing his hand across his forehead and turning his back to us. And I am still in ignorance as to the exact nature of a "cox-swink."

R. W. Y.

## Economy

## FAR FROM HOME,

Harry Robertson of Sydney Drowned in B. C.  
NORTH SYDNEY, C. B. Aug. 12.—(Special)—Harry Robertson of this town was drowned at Trail, B. C.

## HIS HOLINESS

Reported Improved But Doubts are Expressed.  
ROME, August 12.—(Special)—The doctors say the Pope's condition is improved but the belief is that the whole trouble is being concealed and that his health is in a critical state.

## CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, August 12.—[Special]—The following are the closing rates:  
Aug. wheat, 71½; corn, 32½; oats, 20½; pork, 9.00.  
Sept. wheat, 67½; corn, 32½; oats, 20½; pork, 9.05.  
Dec. wheat, 64½; corn, 32½; oats, —; pork, 9.15.  
May wheat, 66½; corn, 34½; cats, 28½.

## WASH OF ARMY LINEN.

Twin Carries of the United States Army Said to be Publicity and Politics.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—The Evening Post, referring to the round robin of the officers at Santiago, says:

"Now that the foreign war is practically over, the strife becomes inter-ethnic; the generals and even the colonels in the field fall to wrangling with the secretary of war, who proceeds to give them as good as they send. The whole affair is humiliating and disgraceful. We can only thank Heaven that the Santiago campaign was fortunately over as it was before these revelations came to light. With a spirit looking painfully like insubordination in the office of the army, and with the secretary of war acting like a man moved by personal political spite, the outlook would be alarming enough if there were still serious fighting before us. As it is, the work of saving the army from destruction by disease is the duty of the hour, and we are glad to believe that efficient measures have been taken to assure the removal of our enfeebled and apprehensive soldiers as speedily as possible.

The two causes of the management of the army in this war have been politics and publicity. Everybody knew the kind of man Secretary Alger was when he was given his office, and in it he has borne himself after his kind. His latest slip at Col. Roosevelt has all the marks of a small-minded politician, saying: "Well, if I can't answer you on the main question I can print something about you personally." We do not mean to defend Col. Roosevelt as a model of discretion. He was never that. When he drops the sword to grasp the pen his rhetoric is apt to run away with him.

But the Secretary Alger to say upon what is apparently a private matter to himself two weeks' end and gave it to the press at the same time with the telegraph of "rebuke," is worse than an indiscretion. It is an exhibition of official malice. It brings the war department into contempt both at home and abroad.

But the itch to rush into print has, as we say, been one cause of the whole conduct of the war, as far as the army is concerned. If anybody draws up an official document of any kind, his first impulse seems to be to give it to a reporter and get it flung to the four winds of heaven. Despatches after despatches have been bulletined which should

## CHINESE QUESTION

### Making Trouble for Lord Salisbury.

### PARLIAMENT IS CLOSED

### Hooley Case Develops a Sensation and Blows are Struck—Britannic's Chief Officer Charged With Stealing.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—(Special)—All the papers attack Lord Salisbury for weakness in dealing with Russia and admit that China had issued an imperial edict sanctioning the Belgian loan for the construction of the railway line from Peking to Han Kow despite the protest of the British ambassador.

Parliament was closed today. Balfour was asked many questions about China, but declined to pledge the government to prevent the ratification of the Han Kow concession, but promised that British capitalists purchasing railway concessions obtained by French or Belgian syndicates in the Yang Tse Kiang valley would be supported by the government.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 12.—(Special)—French companies are organizing an expedition to West Africa to forestall England and other countries which grab land in Africa.

QUEENSTON, Aug. 12.—(Special)—J. W. Jago, chief officer of the S. S. Britannic, has been arrested charged with stealing boards, which he denied, but admits being a smuggler.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—(Special)—At the examination of Hooley today he declared John Lawson, Director of the Borell Company said to him when entering court, "If you say anything further about us I shall see you in court."

The court ordered Hooley to charge Lawson with contempt, but Lawson later apologized and the matter dropped. The Hooley examination is postponed and Earl Lewarr will tell his story on Tuesday next.

## "Flower Show"

—AND—

## Living in Mexico.

Mr. A. E. Crosby leaves this morning on return to San Luis, Potosi, Mexico, after a three week's visit to his home in Cornwall and to other parts of the province. Mr. Crosby speaks in highest terms of the kindness shown him by many friends, a potent factor towards rendering his trip so enjoyable. The Patriot speaking of his visit says—

We had a pleasant call this morning from Mr. A. E. Crosby, formerly of this city, and now of San Luis, Potosi, Mexico. Mr. Crosby, besides being a keen successful business man, is a most agreeable conversationalist, and during his visit we gleaned considerable information respecting some of the cities, their inhabitants, mode of doing business, climate, etc., of the Mexican Republic. Messrs. A. E. & E. W. Crosby, sons of our respected friend, Mr. Theo. Crosby of West River, in conjunction with their large grocery business in San Luis, are extensive dealers in coffee, sugar and hides for export. Besides these departments they own and conduct a ranch at Tuxpan, State of Vera Cruz, from which they produce and export vanilla, tropical fruits and cattle. This ranch is under the entire control of Mr. E. W. Crosby.

From the Crosby Brothers business circular we should judge that their business is both extensive and thriving. The prices would appear astonishing if one were not aware that money is on the silver basis, and upwards of two dollars of Mexican money would represent about one dollar in gold value. For instance, we notice potatoes quoted at 9c per lb., more than \$5 a bushel; ham, 48c per lb.; butter, 75c; cheese, 50c and 60c; lard, 25c; bacon, 48c; beef, 60c, and so on—apparently higher than in Klondike. The business is conducted in Spanish, as that is the prevailing language. In San Luis Potosi there are 70,000 inhabitants, and that city has about all the modern improvements. Facilities for an abundant water supply, of which there is always a scarcity, are being constructed. The cities of Mexico are very different from those of the States, and have not the same wealth according to population. The people, Mr. Crosby says, are quiet and law abiding, although bull fighting still remains the national sport—"a sport which is antagonistic," says Mr. Crosby, "to Anglo-Saxon blood."

Mr. Crosby informed us to our surprise that, with the exception of two he met no Islanders in Mexico. These were the Messrs. Arthur and Donald Strong, brothers of his wife, formerly of Charlottetown. Arthur is in the employ of a large Express Co., and Donald is chief clerk for the Messrs. Crosby.

Mr. Crosby speaks in high terms of the healthy climate of Mexico, and is thoroughly satisfied with life and the conditions there. He has been away for about ten years and had a very pleasant visit among his people and friends on the island.

A column might be written on the more interesting subjects introduced by Mr. Crosby, but his attention is limited today owing to the P. E. Excelsior and the Electric sports. We wish each kind and his teacher continued success in their far away home and feel sure the reputation of P. E. Islanders abroad will be well maintained by the Excelsior athletes.

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