

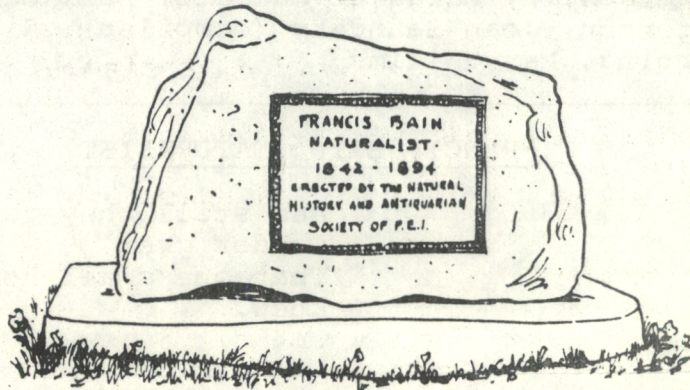
from this paper indicate the stature of this York Point man of the great outdoors:

It were an injustice to merit and to science were the memory of Francis Bain allowed to remain only with those who shared his affection, with the larger company of those who enjoyed the charm of his companionship, or even with the many who are proud to claim fellow-citizenship with him in his native province of Prince Edward Island.

Although he was possessed of rare natural talent and richly endowed with intellectual gifts, it is his development of this inheritance under many adverse circumstances which constitutes a strong claim upon public recognition. Hampered by the exacting demands of a farmer's life, companionless in his pursuits from rural isolation, with little more than an elementary education, lacking the stimulus which learned societies so generally afford, and without the aid of literature which his comparatively limited means debarred him from acquiring, he was up and doing before the little world around him was aware of his worth.

In the spring of 1892, Mr. Bain delivered a course of lectures upon Botany, under the auspices of the university extension authorities of Mount Allison College, Sackville, New Brunswick. Later in the year, when borings were undertaken in connection with the proposed tunnel under the Straits of Northumberland between Cape Traverse and Tormentine, Mr. Bain was appointed geologist by the Dominion Government for this work in which capacity he acted for four months ending October 12.

A memorial to Francis Bain may be seen in the south-east corner of Queen Square in Charlottetown, (at the corner of Richmond and Church Streets).



He boasts nor wealth nor high descent
yet he may claim to be
A gentleman to match the best of any
pedigree:
His blood hath run in peasant veins
through many a noteless year;
Yet, search in every prince's court
you'll rarely find his peer.
For he's one of Nature's Gentlemen
the best of every time.

- Earle K. Kennedy
48 Brackley Point Road

The author is presently engaged in extensive research of source documents on Francis Bain. He would very much appreciate suggestions where further source material may be obtained. Write to the above address or phone 894-4644.

- Resident Winter Songbirds of P.E.I. -

Although winter is normally thought of as off-season for songbirds, a number of species can be found on P.E.I. in winter. These can be divided into two categories; species that are residents here all year and species that are winter visitors only.

Some of the songbirds that are here all year include Blue Jays, Slate-colored Juncos, Black-capped Chickadees, Boreal Chickadees, Golden-crowned Kinglets, House Sparrows, Starlings, Rock Doves, Hairy Woodpeckers and Downey Woodpeckers. Blue Jays, Slate-colored Juncos and Black-capped chickadees will readily visit a bird feeder in