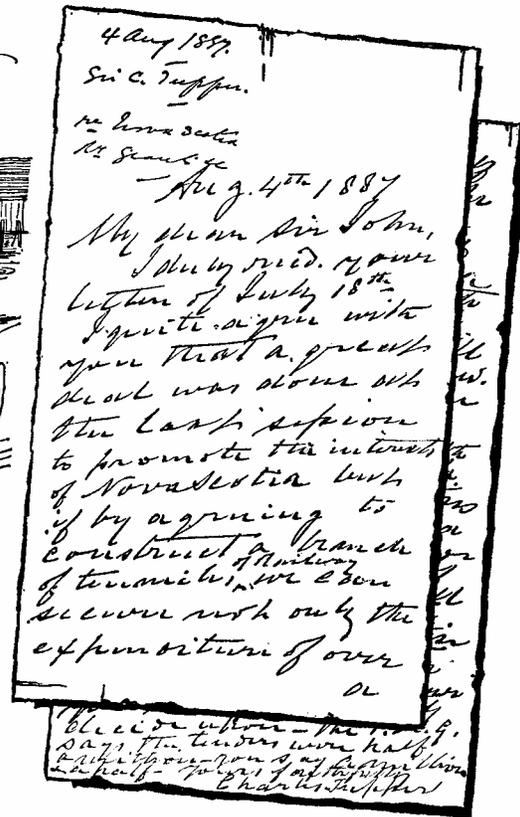
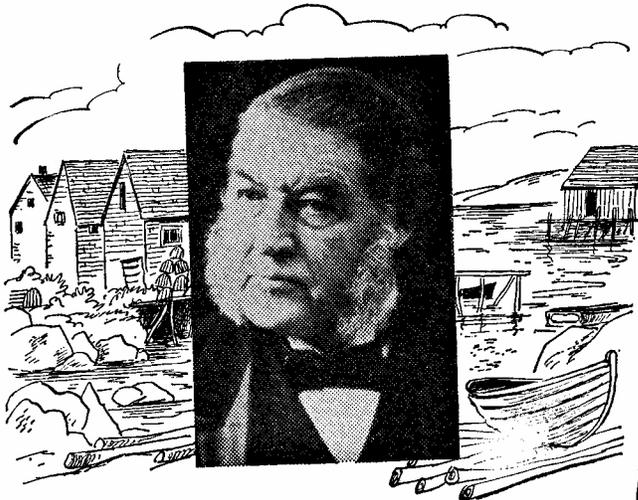


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## Maritime Need

Nova Scotia was particularly dear to the heart of Sir Charles Tupper.

He had been its premier up to Confederation and had represented that province in the negotiations which led to the Canadian union.

In this historic letter Sir Charles pushes a railway development in his native province to Sir John A. Macdonald with whom he was serving as minister of finance at the time between stints as High Commissioner to London.

Although he was a graduate medical doctor and the first president of the Canadian Medical Association, Sir Charles had been embroiled in politics most of his life and

for a brief period in 1896 was prime minister of Canada. He was leader of the Conservative opposition in 1900 when he retired and he died later in England.

## Tupper Asks Railway Link for Nova Scotia

Aug. 4th, 1887.

My dear Sir John:

I duly received your letter of July 18th. I quite agree with you that a great deal was done at the last session to promote the interests of Nova Scotia but if by agreeing to construct a branch of terminal railway we could secure not only the expenditure of over a million in the development of a great iron industry but also secure a very valuable traffic for the ICR I think it would be wise to do it . . .

Of course I am anxious to make Nova Scotia as prosperous as possible and this, especially at the time

that commercial union with the U.S. is being agitated removes all cause of discontent with our present conditions . . .

I am afraid you are giving yourself no rest and still hope you will run over here if only for the voyage. We were fortunate in Digby under the circumstances and still revive so in Renfrew . . .

I still think you should advertise for a proper Atlantic service whatever you may ultimately decide upon . . .

Yours,  
CHARLES TUPPER.