

Prince Edward Island is the smallest of all the provinces, but it is more than twice as thickly populated as any other province, the proportion being 54·5 persons to the square mile. Nova Scotia comes next in density of population, with 22·0 persons. The following is the order in which the provinces stand, according to density of population, as ascertained by the census of 1891 :—

DENSITY OF POPULATION IN CANADA.

Prince Edward Island.....	54·5	Quebec	6·5
Nova Scotia	22·0	Manitoba	2·4
New Brunswick	11·4	British Columbia	0·3
Ontario	10·0	Provisional Districts	0·2
Canada.....	1·5		

TREATIES.

In the Year-Book of Canada for 1895 a digest was given of the Treaties relating to Canada made by our Sovereigns with the Rulers of other countries.

On February 8th, 1896, a Convention was signed by Great Britain and the United States, providing for reference to two commissioners to determine the liability of the United States in respect to claims on account of injuries sustained by persons in whose behalf Great Britain is entitled to claim compensation under the provisions of the treaty between Great Britain and the United States, signed February 29th, 1892, concerning the jurisdictional right of the United States in the waters of Behring Sea and the preservation of the fur seal therein.

Mr. Justice Putnam, on behalf of the United States, and Mr. Justice King, on behalf of Canada, were appointed commissioners in July, 1896, The King of Sweden consented to act as umpire. The Dominion Parliament passed the necessary Act on 23rd April, 1896. The commissioners, after holding sessions in several cities, met in Boston in December, 1897, and gave their award against the United States in the sum of \$463,454. This amount was paid on June 16th, 1898.

On July 30th the Government of the United Kingdom denounced the commercial treaties with Belgium and Germany which have been in force since 1862 and 1865, respectively. Under the treaties, a year's notice is required. These treaties, therefore, cease to be operative on the 30th July, 1898.

British Treaties of Commerce affecting Canada are :

(Arranged alphabetically.)

1825. Argentine Confederation.—Reciprocal most-favoured nation stipulations. Applicable to British dominions. No term fixed.

1876. Austria-Hungary.—Reciprocal most-favoured stipulations. Applicable to British colonies and foreign possessions. Terminable one year after notice.