

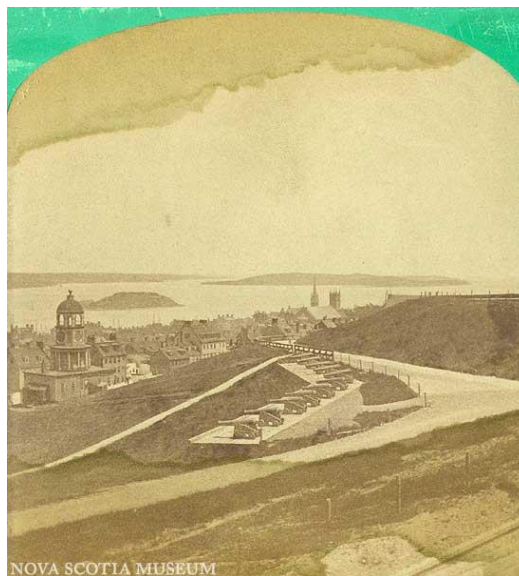
# NOVA SCOTIA

## ROLE CARD

Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia, is an impressive sight to see. The citadel is a fortress of great strength overlooking the harbour and city. Next to that of Quebec City, it is the strongest and best constructed fortification in all British North America. It is so high that, if attacked from the harbour, no damage could be done to its massive walls.

The harbour of Halifax never freezes. That is why it is the chief station for the British Navy in the west Atlantic. At almost any time you can see British Battleships lying in the harbour. Young ladies of Halifax are often swept off their feet by the sight of the handsome British soldiers in their scarlet tunics. This "excitement" among the young ladies is jokingly referred to in Halifax as "scarlet fever".

There is no railway connection between Nova Scotia and Canada East and Canada West. Few Nova Scotians know any Canadians and dislike them, sight unseen. Nova Scotians are ready, however, to talk to the other Maritime colonies about the possibilities of a Maritime union.



The Citadel in Halifax

**Population:** 331,000 (1861)

**Largest City:** Halifax population 29,580 (1861)

**How People Make a Living:** Nova Scotia faces the sea, and most families are connected with sea-faring in one way or another. In 1863 more than 150,000 Nova Scotians work as fishermen. Others sail on merchant ships transporting cod to the West Indies and the United States, coal from England to the Far East, or wool from Australia to Europe. Sometimes these ships carry immigrants to new homelands around the world. Other Nova Scotians build ships. The ships built in Nova Scotia, made of softwoods such as pine, spruce or tamarack, are world famous. Even when fully loaded, these softwood ships are light, graceful and speedy.



**Special Problems:**

1. Nova Scotians are worried about the new steamships. They fear that these steam ships may some day take away all the business from their wooden sailing ships.
2. Since 1854, Nova Scotia has enjoyed free trade with the United States. What would happen to Nova Scotia if the United States put heavy taxes on goods coming into their country from Nova Scotia?

**Railways:** Some people suggest that an Intercolonial Railway should be built between Nova Scotia and the Canadas. Nova Scotia could then carry on trade with the Canadas.

**Defence:** Nova Scotia feels reasonable secure against an attack because of the large number of British soldiers and seaman stationed at Halifax.

**Nova Scotia Fathers of Confederation**

Charles Tupper	1821-1915
William A. Henry	1816-1888
Jonathon McCully	1809-1877
Adams G. Archibald	1814-1892
Robert B. Dickey	1811-1903
John William Ritchie	1808-1890