



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
ÎLE-DU-PRINCE-ÉDOUARD

PROVINCIAL ANTHEM ACT

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WHEREAS the Island Hymn, the patriotic song of Prince Edward Island, with lyrics written by Lucy Maud Montgomery and music composed by Lawrence W. Watson, was first performed in public on May 22, 1908;

AND WHEREAS after that initial performance the Island Hymn quickly became, and remains to this day, the much loved hymn of Prince Edward Island;

AND WHEREAS the Island Hymn is an important part of the rich social and cultural fabric and daily life of the Island, and the singing of this stirring song has become a valued tradition at schools and churches and at the meetings of clubs and other institutions across the province;

AND WHEREAS the Acadian and Francophone communities on Prince Edward Island have a vibrant and integral role in the Island's history and culture;

AND WHEREAS members of the Acadian and Francophone communities in 2007 requested the development and adoption of French lyrics for the Island Hymn as part of the 250th anniversary of the Deportation of Island Acadians;

AND WHEREAS French-language lyrics for the Island Hymn, known as L'hymne de l'Île and written by Raymond J. Arsenault, were agreed upon by the Acadian and Francophone communities and the provincial government in March 2009;

BE IT ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor and the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows:

1. The Island Hymn

The song known as The Island Hymn with words by Lucy Maud Montgomery, as set out in Part I of the Schedule to this Act, and with music by Lawrence W. Watson is hereby adopted as and shall be the official provincial anthem of Prince Edward Island. *2010,c.41,s.1.*

2. L'hymne de l'Île

The song known as L'hymne de l'Île with words by Raymond J. Arsenault, as set out in Part II of the Schedule to this Act, and with music by Lawrence W. Watson is hereby adopted as and shall be the French-language version of the official provincial anthem of Prince Edward Island. *2010,c.41,s.2.*

SCHEDULE

PART I

Fair Island of the sea,
 We raise our song to thee,
 The bright and blest;
 Loyal now we stand
 As brothers, hand in hand,
 And sing God save the land
 We love the best.
 Upon our princely Isle
 May kindest fortune smile
 In coming years;
 Peace and prosperity
 In all her borders be,
 From every evil free,
 And weakling fears.
 Prince Edward Isle, to thee
 Our hearts shall faithful be
 Where'er we dwell;
 Forever may we stand
 As brothers, hand in hand,
 And sing God save the land
 We love so well.

Part II

Toi, bercée sur les flots,
 Terre fière et champs si beaux,
 Îlot béni;
 Entonnons tous en chœur
 Ta gloire, ton honneur,
 Pour toutes les faveurs,
 À l'infini.
 Notr'île Saint-Jean au Coeur,
 Nous gardons les valeurs
 De nos aïeux:
 Paix et tranquillité,
 Foi et prospérité,
 Unis en amitié,
 Loyaux, heureux.
 Notr'île-du-Prince-Édouard,
 Chantons sans fin ta gloire,
 Notre patrie;
 Entonnons tous en chœur
 Ta gloire, ton honneur,
 Pour toutes les faveurs,
 À l'infini. 2009 c.41