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### THE ATTRACTIONS OF KINGS COUNTY

By a New York Physician  
To the Editor of the Advertiser.

Since the war has prevented the traveller from seeking afar, the scenes which distance lends enchantments to the attractions at his own door, promise to come into their own. The poet says, "Who travels far may lack the seeing eye; stay thou and see what wonders round thee lie." In this peerless country of Kings, may be seen every variety of scenery that the heart of dyspeptic could desire. But the modern tourist is afflicted with the craze to do something new, a restless itch to get away from old habits into something uncommon and to escape the ennui associated with lack of interest in life.

Emerson said, "Our first journeys discover to us the indifference of places; the vision, the best spectacles I have seen I might have had at home." Kant never travelled more than 40 miles from Konigsburg, and Saint Bueve for fifty years seldom left Paris. Yet, the tourist subjects himself to the distracting impacts of foreign travel and fails to realize that he can find practically everything he wants at home. Having in the past explored the streams and covers of this Country, one is fairly qualified to describe its landscapes and beauties that never fail to charm the eye. I have just re-visited those delightful scenes, and am full of the gladness of woods skies and waters.

Our first excursion was made from Port Williams to the North Mountain the Mecca of all visitors. Its base was reached after passing broad dykes and prosperous homesteads, the wild mountain ascent to Hall's Harbour was broken by a half way up, from which an entrancing view of the valley was obtained. As far as the eye can reach, are farm houses, broad lands, orchard upon orchard, lovely winding roads, groves of trees, and pastures dotted with cattle; every clump of tall trees revealing a farm house and buildings—all dissolving into the haze of the South Mountain—ten miles distant. From the summit of the North Mountain a refreshing fall of temperature is felt. As we approach the ocean nearby, several small farms are passed, once productive of fine crops of wheat and potatoes, the mountain land being held by some to be superior to that of the valley. Halting at the crest, the Bay of Fundy comes into view, its splendid expanse of green water scintillating in the sunshine. To the east stands Cape Split, guarding the Race,

and to seaward, dimly discerned in the haze, the D'Haut rears itself. The Cumberland shore stands out clear and forges a background for glistening Cape D'or. Spencer's Island, Port Creville and a score of smaller hamlets near the shore. Hall's Harbour is a picturesque fishing village "far from the madding crowd." It boasts of an excellent harbour; and its life-giving air is a resort for those who suffer from small worries or great tragedies of life. The natives are plain fisher folk with the unconventional frankness of those who live close to nature every ready to place themselves at the service of visitors. Returning, the wild wood road brought us to the "Look Off", famed and commanding. Its solitary hostelry possesses a register which boasts of autographs of many noted personages living and dead. The panoramic view from here is an inspiration for painter and poet alike. Five hundred feet below, far as the eye can reach, are villages and hamlets cozy cottages, orchards and green fields. In the distance Cheverie, Wolfville and the Maitland shores stand out in relief. Upon the distance is the lofty South Mountain, upon which bush fires were sending up columns of hazy smoke, reminders of signal fires of the wild Scottish crags. Down the steep descent, firs, maples, birches and mountain ash cluster in great profusion. It comes as a great surprise to the casual visitor to find so great a variety of scenery within so limited an area, and the general effect viewed from any commanding point hereabouts, is exceedingly diversified, and the beauty of the landscape is still further enhanced by the distant view of the sea.

A few hundred yards beyond this enchanting spot, the view opens upon the basin of Minas, a magnificent sheet of water, and the eye fairly revels in the delightful and picturesque objects seen:—Blomidon in its grandeur, looming up like a great sentinel, five islands dimly showing their heads, and the Sugar Loaf Mountain crowning the distant hills. Away to the East, the church topped highlands of Cheverie, Kingsport and Wolfville are seen reposing in the stillness. The mountain road to Percé is delightfully rural. The smooth descending road, the cool of the evening, the scent of the ever changing shrubs and firs, the golden rods and yellows of the maples that fringe the roadside, all make a drive to be remembered. As you descend the vaulted road, the dark hillsides, become closer; and meeting overhead, present a riot of gold and yellow foliage until dissipated by the timber cleared

hill which opens out upon the level land near the water. The road from Percé to Middleton, furnishing a greater variety of pastoral and picturesque scenery than can be found anywhere in the province. The admirable roads, orchard after orchard, great dykes following lesser ones, well kept houses and grounds, splendid barns and fruit houses, all attest the prosperity of the neighborhood. I could not but observe the great improvement in the countryside since I last saw it. Beyond Upper Dyke, holdings become estates. The senses become sated with the great orchards and trees, sweeping the ground with their fruit laden branches. The residences show that the early settlers improved with great taste, the natural beauties of the sites. Some of those broad acres show that they have been tilled continuously for almost two centuries. On each side, we pass modern farming appointments, machinery, attractive lawns and beautiful meadows fed by winding brooks, and sprinkled with hay stacks, and well fed cattle. From Billtown to Melvern Square, the scenery changes and improves with every mile. A forest of orchards and productive meadows are passed in rapid succession. Nearing Aylesford, that fine place shows an age and culture not generally met. The lofty old elms and oaks show the refined taste of some early pioneer. In the valley, the well ordered fields, shaded lanes and church spire rising above the tall trees, suggest an English landscape. This beautiful part of the valley is less known to visitors and tourists than the more accessible points near the towns, but the choicest bits are to be found hereabouts.

The mountain scenery of the North and South ranges with the fruit areas between, cannot be surpassed anywhere. Canard Street rich in its well kept homesteads and splendid dykes extending from the sea to Steam Mill village, for rugged picturesqueness, the South furnishes a most enjoyable drive. For Mountain perhaps excels the North, and the Black River Mountain on to Sunken Lake, boasts a variety of gorge, hill and river, impossible to describe. The foliage of the South Mountain exceeds in brilliance anything in the County. From White Rock down stream to the sea, the rugged wildness is beautifully blended with the sylvan and pastoral beauties of the Gaspereau valley. The serpentine stream fringed with graceful yellow elms, the restful green meadows, prosperous looking farms and gambrel roofs, delight the eye; and the cool air laden with the scent of elms, and freshly garnered hay. The roads are all delightful for the motorist, and distance is as nothing. Grand Pré, the theme of song and story, needs no mention; its charming historical associations must always attract the visitors to its great meadow fringed with old willows and monuments erected upon the site of the old Acadian village. From the top of the hill overlooking the old village of Grand Pré, the loveliest view is had of undulating lands sprinkled with prosperous homesteads and luxuriant orchards, a land of fair pastures and purling brooks, of sheep and cattle and snug cottages.

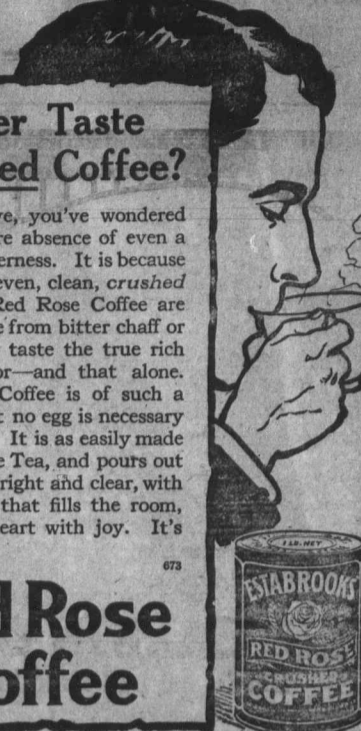
The town of Wolfville in its delightful setting of hills and meadows is by far the most attractive town in the valley. The many handsome cottages standing in well kept grounds shaded by ornamental trees, give evidence of prosperity and good taste. All roads lead to Acadia University which stands in a commanding position, overlooking the town, and the Basin of Minas as far as the Cumberland Mountains. As an educational centre, it exerts wide influence in the Province. Its grounds are charming with generous stretches of lawn shaded by well grown trees; its setting of attractive residences lends an air of distinction to it. There is a fine fragrance of academic repose about the place that the quiet little town at its gates does nothing to disturb; its faculty of cultured gentlemen is known far and wide and her sons and daughters occupy the highest positions throughout the country.

A delightful drive through the Deep Hollow Road enclosed by wood clad mountain on each side, serves to heighten the beautiful and almost endless view obtained from the summit of Greenrich Mountain. A spot better calculated to inspire the pen of scholar and poet would be ill to find. An unbroken view of stream, dykes and villages as far as the North Mountain, feasts the eye; behind, is the towering South Mountain with its maples or flaming red and gold. The rugged picturesqueness of Beech Hill overlooking Kentville should be seen. The prospect from here is beautiful. The valley and Basin of Minas as far as the shore of Hants County, lie before you; the town reposes at its foot embowered

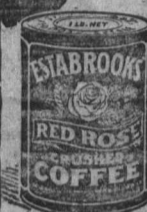
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J. T. W. DOWE  
Wards Island, New York City. Oct. 20th 1917.

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Dr. Boyman of Weyburn, president of the Conservative association, resigned with the other officers and their headquarters in the capital were closed. Similar steps were taken by the liberals. Hon. J. A. Calder, acting for them in the ultimate arrangements. The Unionists central organization will be an executive committee, composed equally of liberals and conservatives and each constituency will have local executives, similarly organized on which will devolve the obligation of calling conventions and naming Union candidates. Final details were harmoniously arranged, dividing the province by conceding ten seats to liberals and six to conservatives."

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