

lies from Nantucket and Cape Cod, who arrived in 1761, 1762, and 1763.

The town of Shelburne was founded in 1783, by a large number of refugee loyalists from the United States. It afterwards greatly declined, but recently its population and trade have considerably increased.

The population of this county in 1838 was 6831. It is now 10,622.

The town of Shelburne possesses a very fine harbour, and has an agreeable appearance, but its growth is by no means rapid. The settlement on Locke's Island is a thriving little village, whose inhabitants are actively engaged in the herring and cod fishery. The finest agricultural district appears to be that of Clyde River, where the soil is less stony than in most other parts of the county, and there are also very large tracts of bog, which when drained will form valuable soils. At Barrington the land is exceedingly rocky, and the settlements are scattered along the shores of the harbour and of Cape Sable Island, and do not form a town or village. The people of Barrington are active and skilful fishermen and navigators. The county of Shelburne possesses large quantities of fine and valuable granite, which is not however as yet extensively quarried.

4.—QUEEN'S COUNTY.

Queen's County is bounded on the north-west by the county of Annapolis; on the south-west by the county of Shelburne; on the south-east by the Atlantic; and on the north-east by the county of Lunenburg.

The principal bays and harbours on its coast are Port Joli, Port Mouton, Liverpool, and Port Medway.