

GRAND PRÉ.

The French Grand Pré was derived from the great meadows or marshes, and now embraces the territory made famous by Longfellow. The old French village of Grand Pré was between the railroad and present village.

WOLFVILLE

received its present name about seventy years ago. Previous to that time it was known by a significant, but not very poetical phrase derived from the mud and water near the junction of Main St., and Gaspereau Avenue. The DeWolfs were the leading families of this place, then aspiring to the dignity of a village. By mutual consent the De was dropped and the place named Wolfville. Haliburton in his History of Nova Scotia, 1829, spells it Wolfeville.

BASIN OF MINAS OR MINAS BASIN.

Minas is supposed to be derived from the French "Les Mines"—The Mines. The name was originally given to the whole French or Acadian section south of the Basin of Minas (Horton) so called from the fact that minerals were found in the vicinity. The name was transferred from the land to the water—Basin of Minas. *Horton* is the name of a place in England.

GASPEREAU.

Legend says is a compound of Gasper and eau. Gasper was a gentleman who died on his way to Acadia and was buried near the mouth of the river. Eau is the French for water, hence the water near his grave was called Gasper-eau, i. e., Gasper