

INTRODUCTION.

From many enquiries from Great Britain, as well as other countries, I have felt the want of a sketch in pamphlet form of the Agricultural portions of Nova Scotia. Dr. Gilpin, Deputy Commissioner of Mines, having issued one, giving a full and clear report upon our Mines, I had hoped that some one having the time and means to go into every county and gather the facts, might take up the matter of our Agricultural resources. Meantime, in the absence of this much needed work, I will undertake to give some facts gathered by observation and enquiries, as I have travelled over the whole of Nova Scotia. Not expecting to write on this subject at the time, I took no notes, and will speak entirely from memory, from information gained of our needs and prospects, and I am strong in the belief that Nova Scotia has as great resources of wealth as any other Province of the Dominion.

If we pass over our Mines, especially Coal and Gold, our Fisheries and our Forests, as an Agricultural Province we can offer inducements to intending settlers second to none. The great fruit valley from Windsor to Annapolis, upwards of eighty miles long, and an average of about six miles wide, is not surpassed for apples, plums, pears, and the