

KEMPTVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA.

This district is well favoured by varied natural conditions. Here is found a fine undulating country with numerous lakes and attractive rivers of considerable size. Far and away in every direction are to be seen extensive ridges of land, covered with hardwood growths of timber, between which are less elevated lands producing forests of soft woods such as the pine, fir, spruce and other kinds of trees. An idea of the extent of lake features probably can best be shown by giving the names of these beauty sheets of water. They are: Skinner's or Mink Lake, Salter's Lake, Pearl's Lake, St. Andrew's or Beaver Lake, Crawley's or Back Lake, Harris Lake, Clear Water Lake, Solomon's Lake, Nepsideck Lake and Barrio Lake. In addition to these there are probably a few others. The two rivers forming the centre valley of this region are the main Tusket river (the part of it here often called the Kempt river) and the Little river, a large and important branch of the Tusket river, flowing down from the north out of the County of Digby. The confluence of these two rivers shows some beautiful scenery quite in the centre of the village. Another tributary of the Tusket river here is the east branch, a little to the north-east of the settled part of the district.

This part of the country is a favourite resort for sportsmen in the way of fishing and hunting. The rivers and lakes abound with trout that supplies the angler with all the pleasure and recreation his pursuit may desire. The moose, the monarch of the forest, is fairly plentiful, and the hunters, with rifles, led by guides, during the season quite infest the forest in various directions and seldom return without a full gratification of their quest. As deer have recently been placed in the forest and are rapidly increasing, the hunters' sport in the future will not be confined to the one animal, but his opportunities for game will be considerably increased. This resource of fish and game affords lucrative employment to quite a number of qualified men as guides to conduct and lead parties of fishermen and hunters on the rivers and through the forests. In the earlier years of the settlement the inhabitants, or at least quite