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and river of Chebucto bids fair in time to become the principal port of Nova Scotia and its metropolis; from this there is good wheel land-carriage communication with the bay of Minas; that is, with La Riviere des Habitants or La Prairie, with the river of Cobiaquid, with the river of Pisiquid, and the best parts of the province. It is true Annapolis lies upon a fine bason, and is more inland for a large vent or consumption (thus London, Bristol, Liverpool, Glasgow have become rich) but the country round it is bad, and the tides of the Bay of Fundi renders the navigation difficult.

Upon the opposite or westerly shore of the Bay of Fundi are the rivers of Pasamaquady and St. Croix, being about 17 leagues N. W. from the gut or entrance of the bason of Annapolis; the river St. Croix is the boundary between Nova Scotia government, and the territory of Sagadahock, or the duke of York's property; for the present in jurisdiction, annexed to the neighbouring New-England province of Massachusetts-Bay. Upon this shore further northward is the river of St. John's 10 leagues distant from the gut of Annapolis; this is a profitable river of long course, a considerable tribe of the Abenacque Indians are settled here, but always (from the indolence of the government of Nova Scotia) in the French or Canada interest: the prodigious falls or rather tides in this river near its mouth of 30 fathom, are not a cataract from rocks, but from the tide being pent up in this river between two steep mountains: by this river and carrying-places there is a communication with Quebec the metropolis of Canada. When we reduced Port-Royal 1710, major Livingston and St. Casteen went by this river to acquaint the general of Canada concerning that event. Higher or more northward is Cape Doré, about 30 leagues from Annapolis; here is plenty of mineral coal for firing; some years since, this affair was undertaken by a company, but soon dropt with loss; here are some slender veins of copper ore, some thin laminæ of virgin copper, and a gold sulphur marcasite.

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