

Cape Island has been remarkably prosperous the last few years; it has now over 3,000 inhabitants, more than half of whom are in *Clark's Harbour*. The chief sources of wealth are fish and lobsters. The Cape Islanders are keen and industrious, and in a most advantageous position in the lobster business, with easy access to the best fishing grounds, and selling the live product in the States without the aid of the middleman.

The Island is seven miles long and from two to three miles across, and lies about a mile off shore, with a steam ferry plying to Barrington Passage. It is famous for its splendid *Beaches*, Hawk and Stoney Island, and all sorts of shore and sea birds are found here in abundance, and afford good sport.

The first settlement appears to have been made about 1786 by Michael Swim, who had previously migrated from New York to Shelburne. Being a man of some education, he was long known as *the Clerk* of the Island, and hence, according to one tradition, the name *Clark's Harbour*.