

3.—THE COUNTY OF SHELBURNE.

Shelburne is bounded on the west by the county of Yarmouth; on the north-east by Queen's County; and on the south by the Atlantic.

Its principal harbours are Barrington Harbour, Port La Tour, Cape Negro Harbour, Shelburne Harbour, Jordan River, Ragged Island Harbour, and Port Hibert. Of the last of these one side only is in Shelburne.

Its largest rivers are the Barrington, Clyde, Shelburne or Roseway, and Jordan; the most important of these are the Clyde and Roseway.

Its principal islands are Cape Sable Island, Cape Negro Island, M'Nut's Island, and Locke's Island.

The principal towns and settlements are Shelburne, the county town at the head of Shelburne Harbour; Barrington, on the harbour of the same name; Locke's Island, in Ragged Island Harbour; and Clyde River.

The townships of this county are Barrington and Shelburne.

The surface of this county is low and uneven in the vicinity of the coast; but in the interior there are higher lands. The soil is generally rocky, and in many places there are large barrens and peat-bogs. Even in the vicinity of the coast, however, there are patches of good land; and in the interior there are tracts of fertile soil producing valuable timber.

The principal branch of industry pursued in this county is the fishery, which is carried on by the inhabitants of all the harbours on the coast. Shipbuilding and agriculture are also pursued to some extent, and oak timber and plank are exported.

The first settlers in Shelburne were a few French families. The first British settlers were eighty fami-