

exploring. Its entrance is barely large enough to admit one comfortably; but it enlarges as you go in, and is some 400 or 500 yards in depth. Stages also run from Shubenacadie, in a southeasterly direction, to the gold district of Gay's River and a number of villages beyond. The gold of Gay's River is found in the conglomerate rock of a long ridge of heights called Boar's Back. Leaving Shubenacadie we pass the villages of Milford (26 miles), Elmsdale (32 miles), and Enfield (35 miles). Enfield has a large and prosperous establishment for the manufacture of pottery, its clay being excellent in strength and texture. Three miles south of Enfield are the famous *Oldham Gold Mines*, whose quartz rock yields very rich returns. About 7 miles on the other side of Enfield are the *Renfrew Gold Mines*, equally famous. After passing Oakfield (38 miles) we come to the flag-station of Grand Lake, on a broad water of the same name, wherein may be had some excellent trout-fishing, as in the other lakes of this neighborhood. After passing Wellington (42 miles), and skirting Long Lake, the train runs into *Windsor Junction* (50 miles), where the Intercolonial R. R. connects with the Windsor and Annapolis Railway. The junction consists, besides the station-house, of some half-dozen whitewashed shanties, a little whitewashed church, some picturesque pools of clear water, a fair sprinkling of goats, myriads of great, gray bowlders, and here and there in the crevices a blueberry-bush. It is a picturesque place, but no one stops there unless now and then to hunt for water-lilies, and to get a hotel one must run on to Bedford or Halifax. Two miles beyond Windsor Junction is Rocky Lake, near the Waverly Gold Mines, which are charmingly situated in a picturesque and narrow valley between two lakes. Fifty-five miles from Truro we run over a high bridge, across a beautiful peopled valley, into the village of Bedford and a landscape of enchantment. Bedford is at the head of the noble water called Bedford Basin, a great lake-like expansion of Halifax Harbor. It is 8 miles from Halifax, with which it is connected by suburban trains as well as by the express service of the Intercolonial. Its boating and bathing are not to be surpassed, and its waters are deliciously mild in temperature. Many Haligonians have their summer residences here, and there are also two good hotels, the *Bedford* and the *Bellevue*, close to the station, whose rates are \$2 per day or \$10 per week. Hither come the trim craft of the Halifax Royal Yacht Squadron. It is a beautiful drive between Halifax and Bedford, and the road passes the quaint little structure of the *Prince's Lodge*,