

rich interval lands, and as we follow down the western part of the county we find rich dike marsh bordering the Annapolis river. Farms through this valley, in addition to their immense fruit production, are specially adapted for dairying, almost every farm having an excellent stream of pure water running from the mountains. The principal towns are Annapolis, (the shire town) population 2,000; Bridgetown, population 1400; Paradise, population 350; Lawrencetown, population 600; and Middleton, population 700. Over the North Mountains, about eight miles from the centre of the valley, is the Bay of Fundy, the tidal waters of which wash the northern shores of Annapolis and Kings. There are shipping ports every few miles along the coast, and formerly large quantities of wood were shipped, the mountain forests being the source of supply. The range of mountains, all the way from Blomidon in the east to Digby Gut on the west, present excellent opportunities for sheep raising. These lands can be purchased remarkably cheap. Cultivated farms in the better portions of this fine country range in price from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

From Annapolis going west we pass into Digby by crossing Bear River, which is the county line. If we follow up the river a few miles from its mouth in Digby Basin we pass through beautiful scenery, the immense hills being dotted with a most luxurious growth of cherry trees. The village of Bear River was formerly an extensive shipping port, and is still a place of considerable business activity. Following the line of railway along the shores of Digby basin the town of Digby, population 1800, is reached. It is placed nearly opposite the Gut, as the passage which forms the outlet to the Bay of Fundy is called. Digby is the capital of the county and is prettily situated; it does a flourishing business, and is a fashionable resort for summer tourists from the United States. Continuing west by rail about twenty miles