

The population—in 1827 was 8627; in 1838, 11899. It is now probably 14000.

9.—THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

Halifax County is bounded—on the West by Lunenburg; on the North by Hants, Colchester and Pictou; on the East by Guysborough; and on the South by the Atlantic.

Its most important Bays—are Margaret's Bay, and Chebucto Bay or Halifax harbour; but beside these there are numerous safe harbours and inlets along the whole coast.

The principal rivers—are the Musquodoboit, which is the largest river in the county; the Middle River of Sheet Harbour; the Sackville River; and the Shubenacadie, which rises in this county, and after passing through a chain of lakes, runs for some distance along the boundary between Halifax and Hants.

The lakes of Halifax county—are generally small. The Grand Lake of the Shubenacadie is the largest.

The surface of this county—is generally uneven and rocky, and in many parts very sterile. On the margins of the rivers, however, especially of the Musquodoboit, there are tracts of good soil; and near the town of Halifax, very stony soils have been rendered productive.

The principal Towns—are Halifax and Dartmouth, both on the harbour of Halifax. The most important agricultural settlements are those of the Musquodoboit river. On the coast are numerous settlements, the people of which are chiefly employed in the fisheries.

The City of Halifax—is the capital of Nova Scotia, and the principal naval and military sta-