

the north-west is bracing. In no respect is this country so misrepresented as in its climate, which is extremely healthy and pleasant, and never visited by any of those local or epidemical disorders, with which other countries are so much afflicted. Halifax, which is often the only place visited by strangers, is by no means so pleasant as the interior, and offers perhaps as poor a specimen of climate and soil, as any in the province. Few parts of the world are so well watered as Nova Scotia. The rivers, brooks, springs and streams of different kinds are very numerous. In addition to these there are lakes in every township, some of them connected one with the other for a great distance. The number of these lakes has never been ascertained, but it is supposed to be very great. Lockwood in his Survey of the Province states, that the space occupied by water is equal to one-third of the superficies of the country. Some of these lakes are extremely beautiful, containing in general one or more small islands, which are covered with a luxuriant growth of wood, and vary in every imaginable shape. The land in the neighbourhood of them is often undulated in the most romantic manner. In several instances they nearly intersect the Province. From the head of the Shubenacadie River they extend with little interruption to the neighbourhood of Halifax. It has been in agitation to connect these waters with Bedford Basin, thereby forming an inland communication with the capital and the Bay of Fundy. The ground has been accurately surveyed, its practicability established, and the expense ascertained not to exceed £35,000. This work if once completed, will not only be the means of affording Halifax immense exports of Coal, Slate, Plaister of Paris, Lumber, Staves, Produce, &c. but in the event of a war with the United States put the internal trade of the country beyond the reach of interruption from the enemy. The advantage resulting from an inland communication of this kind would be incalculable. There is also a connected chain of lakes, commencing within a mile or two of St. Margaret's Bay, and emptying into the river St. Croix near Windsor; and another near Annapolis, which, with a very small portage, make a water communication with Liverpool on the other side of the Province. This track is always pursued by the Indians when travelling across the country, who take their canoes with them. A similar line of lakes lie between Tusket and