

be seen. Stellarton, where some of the celebrated coal mines are situated, is forty miles from Truro, and three miles beyond this is

NEW GLASGOW.

The names of the place and of its residents are in complete harmony. Here, as in other parts of Pictou County, everything is as essentially Scotch as it can be after a growth of a century on the soil of America. Old and immortal names in Scotland's history adorn shop after shop and descendants of those who fought with Bruce and Wallace stand behind the counters, surrounded by all the insignia of peace. New Glasgow is a town in which a great deal of industry is manifest. Many fine vessels have been built here, and Iron Works, Steel Works and Glass Works speak most favorably for its enterprise. It has some fine buildings, the Masonic Hall among the number, and a full supply of hotels. The Halifax and Cape Breton Railway runs from here to the Strait of Canseau, and affords an easy means of communication with the island of Cape Breton.

The nearest place from which a good view of the surrounding country can be had is Fraser's Mountain, about a mile and a half from the town. This view takes in Prince Edward Island, Pictou and Pictou Island, and down the shore as far as Cape St. George, besides the country in the rear. He who wants to see coal mines and some good scenery as well should drive to Stellarton, through the collieries, calling also at Middle River and winding up at Fitzpatrick's Mountain, Green Hill. From the latter place the country can be seen in all directions for a distance of something like forty miles. A drive to Little Harbor, six or seven miles, and a bathe in the salt-water is also "not hard to take." At Sutherlands River, six miles distant, is a fine waterfall with picturesque surroundings.

Gentle reader, were you ever in a coal mine? If not, and not likely to be, get some able bodied friend, a tub and a rope, and allow the former to lower the latter and yourself into a dark, damp and not over clean cellar where there is a coal bin. This method is cheap, safe and convenient, and has many points of resemblance to the genuine article. If you must visit a mine, however, visit one of those in Pictou County. You will have no trouble in finding one, and after rambling among the darkness a thousand feet or so under the earth, you will feel glad to see daylight again. Some one has said that no one can appreciate cold water so well as a man who suffers from the thirst following a debauch; no one can better

realize the beauty of green fields, the blessing of pure air, and the glory of the sunlight than one who has been down among the coal mines.

PICTOU.

is an old, important and well-known town. The railway runs to within a mile of it, and the rest of the journey is performed by a steamer across the harbor. This is a pleasant trip, for the harbor is a beautiful and well sheltered one—the best in this part of Nova Scotia. The town, rising on a hill, makes a particularly good appearance from the water. A closer inspection shows some fine buildings, such as the Custom House, Court House, Christian Association Building, Pictou Academy, the Convent, Chapel, and a number of Churches. Vessels of all sizes and rigs are in the harbor and at the wharves, and the scene is altogether an inspiring one. The town does a large shipping business, and vast quantities of coal are sent from here to places near and far. Business of other kinds is brisk, and large numbers of travellers visit the place during the summer. Two lines of steamers run to Prince Edward Island—the P. E. I. Steam Navigation Company make four trips a week and the Gulf Ports Line two trips. The former also run to Cape Breton and the latter to Quebec, calling at intermediate ports.

Some good scenery may be found in the vicinity of Pictou. In the town an admirable view of the surrounding country and the waters to the north and east may be enjoyed from the roof of the Academy. Drives in the vicinity of East, West and Middle Rivers will also repay one. Fitzpatrick's Mountain and Green Hill have already been mentioned, and another good view is from Mount Thom. Another drive is down the shore to Caribou Point and between Caribou River and River John. For bathing, a good place is at Caribou Cove, less than two miles from the town, where there is a fine sandy beach. Other good bathing places and good views may also be found with little trouble. The county, with its low land along the shore and hills and valleys in the interior, its lakes and its rivers, has many scenes of real beauty for the lover of Nature.

The fishing in the county is chiefly confined to trout. Salmon enter the streams only in the spawning season, about the 1st of September, and go out before the ice begins to form.

The trout streams are Barney's French, Sutherland Rivers and River John. These have good sea trout during the summer.