

fishing, and farming. The Miramichi river, navigable for the largest ships as far as Chatham flows through this county, and with its tributaries waters a large section of country. Forty-five miles of Intercolonial Railway are now being built in this county, in which also the Government has laid off 10,000 acres of the finest land for immediate settlement. Access by rail and steamer from St. John.

Kent contains 1,026,000 acres, of which more than one-half is ungranted; population, 19,101. The inhabitants are engaged in lumbering, farming, fishing, and shipbuilding. Chief town, Richibucto. Kent is a splendid farming country; surface almost level; scarcely a hill of magnitude in its entire extent; watered by the Richibucto and its tributaries. Forty miles of the Intercolonial Railway are being built in this county, and 21,000 acres of fine farming country are laid off by Government for immediate settlement. Access by rail and steamer from St. John.

Westmoreland contains 878,440 acres, of which one quarter is ungranted; population, 29,335; chief towns, Moncton, Dorchester, Shediac, Salisbury, and Sackville. Extensive tracts of alluvial land and fine upland give to this county unrivalled agricultural capabilities, while there are also many facilities for lumbering, fishing, shipbuilding, manufacturing and general business. Sixty miles of railway already built traverse the county, giving to all parts of it railway communication with St. John.

Albert contains 433,560 acres, of which one-fourth is ungranted; population, 10,672. Upland generally good, with extensive dyked marshes; a large proportion of the vacant land is of good quality, well adapted for settlement. Albert is rich in minerals; valuable coal-mines are being worked near Hillsborough. Chief towns, Hopewell and Hillsborough. Inhabitants largely engaged in farming, mining, and shipbuilding. Access by rail from St. John.

St. John contains 414,720 acres, mostly granted. Being a narrow sea-board county, the soil is not so fertile as in the interior counties; still there are many fine farming tracts, and the proximity of large markets makes farming profitable; population, 52,303. The city of St. John has, with its suburbs, a population of 42,000. This fine city, lying at the mouth of one of the largest rivers of North America, with a harbour open all the year round, with regular steam communication with all the main ports of Nova Scotia and the northern portion of the United States, with first-class railways running from it in every direction, with extensive maritime and manufacturing interests, is certain of becoming a city of the greatest commercial importance.

Charlotte contains 783,360 acres, of which nearly one-half is ungranted. The St. Croix river, navigable by steamers to St. Stephen, divides this county from the United States; population, 25,871; chief towns, St. Andrews, St. Stephen, and St. George, the two former of which are connected by rail with the interior of the Province. The surface of this county is broken, although in many districts there is fine fertile land. There is much enterprise and a great diversity of occupation in the county, and the people are generally prosperous. Access by rail and steamer from St. John.

King's contains 849,920 acres, of which only one-eighth remains ungranted; population, 24,593, chiefly engaged in farming. The surface is undulating, with hills of gentle elevation and level fertile valleys. Chief towns, Hampton, Sussex, and Rothesay. A Government line of railway from St. John to Nova Scotia runs for 60 miles through the county. The railway from St. John to the United States also passes through the western part of the county.

Queen's contains 961,280 acres, of which one-third is ungranted; population, 13,847. This county, watered by the St. John River and Grand Lake, and the Washademoak, presents large tracts of the finest alluvial lands, and the soil is generally good. The Government has laid off 22,000 acres for immediate settlement. Large coal-fields underlie the soil of this county, and coal-mining is carried on. All parts of the county are accessible by water from St. John, and the railway from St. John to the United States passes through its western portion. Chief town, Gagetown.

Sunbury contains 782,080 acres, of which almost one-half is ungranted; population, 6824. West of the St. John River the land lies in long swells; east it is very low and level, with immense stretches of the most fertile intervals. Chief town, Oromocto. The railway from St. John to the United States passes through the western part of the county. 8000 acres of good farming land laid off for settlement.

York contains 2,201,600 acres, of which nearly one-half is ungranted. Chief town is Fredericton—the seat of Government—a city with a population of 6,000, on the St. John River, 84 miles