

"INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES OF NOVA SCOTIA."

The next important work published by Dr. Gesner was a volume of 375 pages on the "Industrial Resources of Nova Scotia."

This work opens with an historical sketch of the province, beginning with the early French settlement of the country and extending down to the time in which Gesner lived. This is followed by a geographical outline, giving an account of the harbors, lakes, marshes, etc. In another chapter the vegetable products of the province are described, and then in succession the fisheries, agricultural capabilities, manufactures, geology, mines and minerals. Chapter X gives an account of the climate, history and resources of Cape Breton; and there is a final chapter devoted to prospective railways and to emigration.

This book is imbued with the local politics of the time at which it was written. It advocates the protection of the sea-fisheries from foreign aggression, complains of the monopoly of the mining rights, and calls for the construction of a railway from Halifax along the Gulf shore of New Brunswick to the Metapedia river and Quebec. This railroad has since been built almost exactly on the line advocated by Gesner.

One remarkable feature of the book is the strong advocacy of a protective policy in relation to the commerce and manufactures of Nova Scotia. It outlines the "national policy" adopted by the Canadian confederation soon after the consolidation of the provinces. The policy of protecting domestic manufactures was adopted in New Brunswick about this time, but soon after abandoned for a tariff purely for revenue.

The geological chapter may be considered to contain Dr. Gesner's matured views on the geology of his native province. Thirteen years had elapsed since the issue of his work on the Geology and Mineralogy of Nova Scotia, and several able geologists had in the meantime given their attention to the geology of Nova Scotia.

The views expressed in this work differ in some points from those of the earlier one. His first division consists of granitic