

Cornwallis, and is hilly and elevated, but contains much fertile soil, and is in many places thickly settled. The narrow valley of the Gaspereaux River, which runs through this district, is of great beauty.

King's County was first settled by the French, who built in Horton a village named Minas, and diked much of the marsh land of the county. They were expelled with the other French Acadians in 1755.

The first English settlers were emigrants from Connecticut, who arrived in 1764, and took possession of the lands formerly occupied by the French.

The principal branch of industry in this county is agriculture, and the farms are generally well cultivated and productive.

The population of this county was, in 1838, 13,709. It is now 14,138.

The broad valley between the north and south mountains of King's County is one of the most beautiful parts of the province. Its gently undulating surface, great breadth of cultivated land and marsh, its fine orchards, and the slopes and precipices of the hills bounding it, all contribute to the attractiveness of its appearance. This valley is the principal seat of the population; but there are good settlements in New Canaan, and other hilly portions of the southern half of the county. Kentville is a pretty village in a low and sheltered vale, surrounded by woods and hills.

7.—THE COUNTY OF LUNENBURG.

Lunenburg is bounded on the south-west by Queen's County; on the north-west by Annapolis and King's Counties; on the north-east by Hants and Halifax Counties; on the south-east by the Atlantic.