

head of Spanish Bay and gave it the name of Sydney, in honor of the Colonial Secretary. He devoted himself arduously to the settlement of the island, doing all in his power to attract settlers by offering grants of land with three years' provisions, clothes, lumber for the erection of buildings, etc. As a result over 3,000 settlers were added to the population. Through friction between the civil and military authorities Des Barres was recalled in 1787, and Lieut.-Colonel Macarmick was the second Governor. In 1788 Sydney had the honour of the first visit by a member of the Royal family—Prince William Henry, who reigned later as William IV.

Cape Breton has no less than six different administrators from 1795 to 1816 when the island was annexed to Nova Scotia. General Ainslie was the last governor.

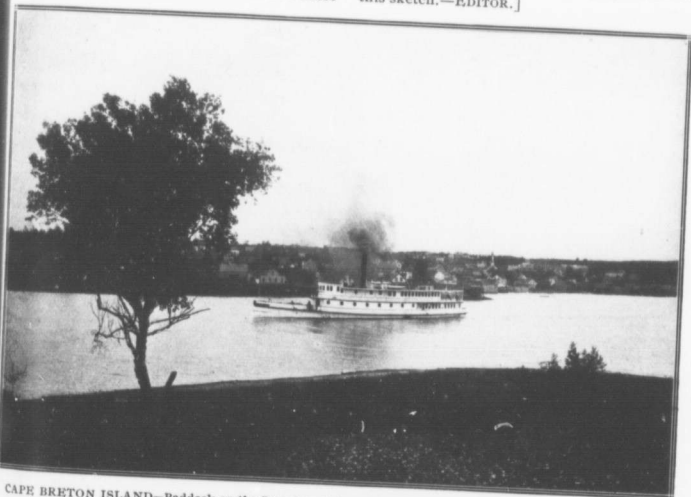
Numbers of Scotch emigrants came to Cape Breton from time to time, until to-day the "sons of the heather" are a large majority of the population. The Gaelic language was chiefly spoken, and even to-day, in the interior, many of the people speak no other language.

The history of Cape Breton since its annexation to Nova Scotia has been without any marked events. Coal mining, which is the chief industry of the island, was developed by several companies; but not until the consolidation of these

companies into the Dominion Coal Co., with its headquarters at the busy and enterprising town of Glace Bay, the establishment of the Dominion Iron and Steel Works at Sydney and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company at North Sydney, did Cape Breton come to the front as a place of great commercial importance.

There are yet great opportunities for expansion. The Sydneys, with the best harbours on the Atlantic coast, with iron, steel and coal at their doors, will, in some near future day, give themselves to other manufacturing industries. All that is lacking is capital. Where all the advantages are in favor of manufacturing, capital will eventually come. Who knows but Cape Breton may yet have one of the greatest steel shipbuilding plants in the world?

[We regret that space forbids giving any detailed account of the wealth of Cape Breton's fisheries, or the value of its coal fields, and other mineral resources. We trust we may have succeeded in creating a desire for further study of this interesting part of Canada. Should such be the case, we recommend a beautifully illustrated book entitled "Cape Breton at the beginning of the Twentieth Century," by C. W. Vernon. We acknowledge our debt to this author for help received from his book in the preparation of this sketch.—EDITOR.]



CAPE BRETON ISLAND—Baddeck on the Bras d'Or Lakes—Baddeck is one of the charming summer resorts of Cape Breton. It has been immortalized by Charles Dudley Warner in his little classic, "Baddeck and that sort of Thing."