

Free Schools in Nova Scotia

with the Chairman of the Board of School Commissioners and the County Surveyor, who with myself were commissioned by the Government to revise the bounds of the school sections of the county—over a hundred of them there were. Every settlement of the county from the borders of Hants to those of Annapolis, and from the Bay of Fundy to the borders of Lunenburg was visited. And I may say to you that no part of this fine county appealed to us with more charm than did this northern side of the valley lying at the foot of the North Mountain from Blomidon down to Digby Strait. It is not alone its scenic beauty as seen from the little-travelled mountain heights that lends it interest. It has, too, an economic interest which I know must command your appreciation. In this regard the mountain ridge which rises so abruptly from the lowlands, giving, as it does, shelter from northern winds, claims consideration; then the moderate elevation of your farm-lands protects them from the killing frosts of spring and autumn, thus lengthening the season for the growth and ripening of their products. Another advantage you have