

Pré," besides portions of four other counties of Nova Scotia, viz :—Cumberland, Colchester, Hants and Annapolis. North Mountain is well clad with a forest of conifers and hard wood trees ; and though 700 feet above the level of the Bay, has sufficient soil on its flattened top to make good farming land.

#### THE GASPEREAU VALLEY.

Between "The Ridge" and the "South Mountain" flows the Gaspereau river, which finds its source in the picturesque and beautiful Gaspereau lake. This is a narrow but charming little valley, very fertile, abounding in orchards on both sides. The Duncan, Angus, Trenholm and Wall Brooks flowing from the South Mountain fall into the Gaspereau, have furnished fine exposures in the rocks of the Horton formation where Sir J. Wm. Dawson, Sir Charles Lyell and the late Professor C. Frederick Hartt obtained interesting series of fossil plants. In the district around the head-waters of the Gaspereau Valley and in many other places down to its mouth, are dense forests of spruce and hemlock and hard wood trees. The Gaspereau river enters the Basin of Minas near the mouth of the Avon River.

#### LONG ISLAND.

Over one mile in length and about half a mile across, situated four and a-half miles from Wolfville, is a favourite resort for many kinds of birds. It is formed by a mass of red Triassic sandstones, which have withstood the action of the denuding atmospheric agencies in times past. These sandstones are now being washed away rapidly and large masses frequently fall down from the bluffs on the north-western extremity of the Island and are carried away to sea by the powerful tides and tidal action of the Basin which is connected with the Bay of Fundy by a narrow but swift channel between Cape Split King's County and Cape Sharp, below Parrsboro', in Cumberland County.