

and a larger amount of shipping is owned in the town of Yarmouth than in any other port of the province, Halifax excepted.

The first settlers of Yarmouth were French Acadians from Annapolis. They were expelled by the British Government in 1755; but in 1763 were permitted to return; and their descendants still occupy a part of the county. Their principal settlements are on the coast of the township of Argyle.

The first British settlers were a few families from New England, who settled at Jebogue in 1761. The town of Yarmouth was founded a few years afterward.

The population of the county was in 1838, 9189. It is now 13,142.

The town of Yarmouth forms a continuous street, extending almost two miles along the east side of the harbour. Its northern extremity, at one time a separate village, is named Milton. Yarmouth is the most important town in the western part of Nova Scotia, and contests with Pictou the honour of being the second town in the province.—Shipbuilding and the carrying trade are the principal foundations of its prosperity. There are several good agricultural settlements in this county, and the soil is generally cultivable; but the comparatively large trading and seafaring population causes the price of provisions to be high. Tusket is a thriving little village on the east side of the river of the same name, which has in some parts of its course much pretty and picturesque scenery.