

ney, and has a population, including the farm-houses that gather about it, of some 1,900 souls. The original spelling of the name was Bedeque. The village is of some importance, both as a shipping port and as the shire town of Victoria County. It is a thoroughly delightful watering-place, a very idyll of peace and beauty and sparkling atmosphere, removed from all the bustle of modern affairs, yet within easy reach of the pleasant society of Sydney. In the neighborhood is *Middle River*, its valley peopled with Gaelic-speaking Highlanders, and its innumerable tumbling tributaries fairly alive with trout. The early summer is best for the trout-fishing, when the sea-trout are running in and stocking brooks that seem by far too small for them. A drive of about 30 miles by a lovely road will take one to the renowned fishing-waters of the *Margaree River*, where the trout and salmon swarm. There is good fishing also some distance up the *Big Baddeck River*, which flows through some of the richest hunting-grounds of Cape Breton. A point of some interest to the tourist not already satiated with Indians is the *Micmac Village* near Baddeck. These red men are in some respects fairly advanced in civilization, and their language, which has been minutely studied and systematized by the life-long labors of the late Dr. Silas T. Rand, author of a *Micmac Dictionary*, has a rich vocabulary and no lack of flexibility and force. No one who reads the *Micmac legends* gathered by Mr. Leland will doubt the imaginative vigor of the tribe. The chief hotels of Baddeck are the *Telegraph House* and *Bras d'Or Hotel*. Gold is found in the neighborhood of Baddeck. A magnificent drive is from Baddeck to *Whycocomagh*, on a branch of the *Bras d'Or*, through the noblest of scenery all the way. A divergence of 4 or 5 miles from the main road takes one to the great water of *Lake Ainslie*, the source of the *Margaree*. In this region are deposits of petroleum, marble, and iron, and there is an interesting cave near the village. *Whycocomagh* may also be reached by steamer through the splendid strait of *St. Patrick's Channel*. The population of the district, of which the village is the center, is about 2,500. Eighteen miles beyond *Whycocomagh* is *Mabou*, on the gulf coast, an important seaport, with rich coal-fields in the vicinity. Ten miles southwest of *Mabou* is *Port Hood*, with 1,300 inhabitants, the busiest port on the northwest coast of the island.

From Baddeck to the mouth of *Sydney Harbor* the route varies. Sometimes the boats, or at least the smaller boats, take the channel called the *Little Bras d'Or*, but ordinarily that of the *Great Bras d'Or*.