

seemed to us that, if we ever reached it, we should be contented to abide there, in a place so remote, in a port so picturesque and foreign. But returning from the real east, our late interest in Shediak seemed unaccountable to us. Firmly resolved as I was to note our entrance into the harbor, I could not keep the place in mind ; and while we were in our state-room and before we knew it, the steamboat lay at the wharf. Shediak appeared to be nothing but a wharf with a railway train on it, and a few shanty buildings, a part of them devoted to the sale of whiskey and to cheap lodgings. This landing, however, is called Point du Chêne, and the village of Shediak is two or three miles distant from it ; we had a pleasant glimpse of it from the car windows, and saw nothing in its situation to hinder its growth. The country about it is perfectly level, and stripped of its forests. At Painsec Junction we waited for the train from Halifax, and immediately found ourselves in the whirl of intercolonial travel. Why people should travel here, or why they should be excited about it, we could not see ; we could not overcome a feeling of