

but of late years consumption seems to be making inroads. The prevalence of this disease is without doubt due to the constant intermarriage of the same people. Anyhow, the climate is very unhealthy for consumptives. On nearing Amherst one of the first scenes to attract the eye is Dead-man's Island, a small island which very much resembles a corpse laid out for burial. Amherst, Grindstone, Albright and Entry enclose a beautiful sheet of water called Pleasant Bay. At Etang-du-Nord, on Grindstone Island, there is a large lobster canning factory and a very pretty church. Wolf is a long and barren island, to the north-east of which is Coffin Island, named after Admiral Coffin, who at one time owned the whole group. Gannet Rock, or, as it is generally called, the Great Bird, is the most northerly and easterly of the group. It rears abruptly to the height of 140 feet, and has an area of four acres. In 1872 a light-house was built upon it, and the light-house keeper is the sole occupant of the Island. The light is very powerful and can be seen at a distance of twenty miles. For some years after this light-house was built, a little steamer came from Quebec every spring and fall with supplies for the light-house, and provisions, &c., for the keeper. The mode of getting from the rocky shore to the top of the island was by means of a bucket and winch. On a bright September morn the little steamship arrived. The crew landed and were drawn up one by one to the top of the cliff by the light-house keeper, but on the return journey, as the first man was being lowered the chain cable, that fastened the bucket to the winch, broke, and the ill-fated Frenchman was launched into eternity. There were his companions on the rocky cliff with no means of descent. In the latter part of November, just as provisions were giving out, a vessel arrived from Quebec in search of the steamer and the prisoners were released from their lofty cell. At Bird Rock may be seen countless millions of countless species of sea-fowl. It would seem that all the aquatic portion of the