

for its oyster beds; the people of the parish devote themselves mostly to cod-fishing and oyster cultivation. The land in this settlement is dry and poor. Population 2,571.

Pacquetville is a new parish composed of the upper end of old Caraquet, its chief settlements being Barnesville and Pacquetville. It contains an area of 23,000 acres of which 15,000 acres are occupied and 6,000 are improved. This is a nice farming country, the soil is light but responsive; originally it was covered with large pine trees and some spruce. Population 1,341.

Caraquet, which lies along the coast of the Bay Chaleur has an area of 50,000 acres of which 35,000 are occupied and 10,000 improved. This is the largest deep sea fishing district in the Maritime Provinces, and every Monday morning more than one hundred fishing schooners can be seen there going out to sea to the fisheries. The fishing vessels of Caraquet range from ten to twenty-five tons, some of them going up to forty and forty-five tons. In addition to these vessels which are manned by 500 men, there are 550 boats employed in the fisheries of Caraquet, New Bandon and part of Bathurst. These fisheries employ altogether 1,650 men. The principal fish caught are codfish, the export of codfish alone amounting to upwards of \$600,000 a year. The codfish is of the very finest quality in consequence of the excellent manner in which it is cured and it finds a market in southern Europe. Lobster packing is also carried on in Caraquet. The soil of this parish is a light sandy loam but very productive. The fishermen are very independent and well-to-do. The oyster fishing which was at one time very important has now diminished in value. Caraquet is a pretty town