

6.—KING'S COUNTY.

King's County is bounded on the west by Annapolis County; on the north by Minas Channel; on the east by Minas Basin; and on the south-east by Lunenburg and Hants Counties.

Its principal rivers are the Gaspereaux and Cornwallis, both running into the basin of Minas. The estuaries of these and some smaller streams are the only harbours of the county.

The principal towns and settlements are, Kentville, the county town, on the banks of Cornwallis River; Lower Horton, Cornwallis, and Wolfville.

The townships of this county are Horton, Cornwallis, and Aylesford.

At Wolfville is situated Acadia College, an institution under the control of the Baptist Association of Nova Scotia. Connected with it are a Theological Institute and the Horton Academy.

The surface of this county is beautiful and diversified, and, like the county of Annapolis, may be divided into three natural districts.

The first of these is the elevated ridge of the North Mountain, terminating in the lofty promontories of Blomidon and Cape Split. It contains much valuable soil of a very fertile quality, but the surface is often precipitous and stony.

The second district is the broad and highly cultivated valley of Cornwallis, in which the soil is a red sandy loam, generally fertile. At the mouths of the rivers running through this valley, and on the neighbouring shore of Horton, there are about 7700 acres of diked marsh land of excellent quality.

The third district lies to the north of the valley of