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now unfortunately robbed by act of the Legislature of its sonorous Indian name, and compelled henceforth to wear the name of "Inverness." The new name is all right in itself; but it is blind policy to drop the original names now countries for borrowed one. The basin of Whyecoma, the head waters of Big Bras d'Or, is sheltered on every side, and slumbers quietly among the hills as if it were no child of the stormy Atlantic. We are now on the east side of Cape Breton. "Inverness" is a rising village, the centre of a fine picturesque country. Coal oil has been discovered in this vicinity. Salt springs, too, abound. The shores of "Hagoua" basin are settled by a thriving population, except portions that are still "reserved" for the wandering Indian. It is at Whyecoma that the waters of the Bras d'Or first flash on the sight,—bright and still, worthy of the golden name conferred long ago by the French—"The Arm of Gold." We proceed by steamer from this place to

Baddeck,

the shiretown of Victoria County, lying on the north side of a very pretty basin communicating with the Bras d'Or. The place is young yet, but it is rising in importance. A fine farming country surrounds Baddeck.

The Bras d'Or Lake is a large bay almost land-locked. Boularderie almost closes the mouth of it. On one side of the island is the channel of the "Big Bras d'Or." Boularderie is 12 miles long by 4 wide. "Bras d'Or Lake" communicates by St. Peter's Canal with Arichat, &c., on the other side of the island; so that Cape Breton is cut in two by St. Peter's canal.

An adventurous tourist should visit St. Ann's, the Margaree valley, and the magnificent wilds extending to Cape North. This part of Cape Breton is but little known, but the scenery is grand; the climate is delightful in summer, and the facilities for fishing, shooting, botanizing, geologizing, &c., are inexhaustible.

Following the usual route you pass by steamer through the "Big Bras d'Or" and are landed, if you wish it, at Sydney.

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