

Twenty two miles farther down the Kennebecasis valley is situated the town of Hampton, the Shiretown of Kings County, only 20 miles from St. John. This is also a favoured situation for first-class farms. The railroad here passes a mile or so from the Kennebecasis river, on the shores of which the older portion of Hampton village is situated. Immediately below Hampton, the Kennebecasis suddenly widens out into a beautiful sheet of water with marshy shores, known as Darling's Lake, which flows around a considerable sized island of the same name. Running down on the north side of the river, are a series of picturesque elevations known as the Norton Hills. The most prominent is Pikwaaket mountain, a rather noticeable elevation, which, however, hardly deserves the rather pretentious name which has been given it.

The view from the top of the mountain, looking in a north-westerly direction over the village of Hampton, the Kennebecasis as it winds through the interval, Darling Lake and Island, and the numerous little islets which cluster around the bigger one, and then across to the hills, at the base of which runs the Intercolonial Railway is undoubtedly, one of the most beautiful in this part of the Province. From your feet stretch fine looking farms both up and down stream. They are farms, which, as in the case of Sussex ones, are in excellent state of cultivation, and nearly all have a considerable acreage of interval.

Hampton is very conveniently situated with relation to St. John, both as a local market and a shipping port, being about half way between that city and Sussex. The regions surrounding this village, however, are far less developed than is the case in Sussex, though, as in all other parts of the Province, the development is now going forward rapidly. One advantage that Hampton has is the fact that it is connected with St. John by a navigable river, the Kennebecasis being navigable from this point down. When looking down over the valley from the top of Pikwaaket Mountain, in company with the Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, Mr. Thos. A. Peters, I remember his remarking that it would be