

southern and eastern parts it is undulating, with some ranges of low hills. The eastern coast is very much indented by arms of the sea, while on the western coast harbours and inlets are rare.

The most important bays and arms of the sea—are the Bras D'Or Lake, which nearly divides the Island into two parts, and communicates with the sea by two channels, the Great and Little Bras D'Or; Aspy Bay, Sydney harbour, St. Ann's Bay, Miré Bay, Gabarus Bay, and St. Peter's Bay, all opening to the Atlantic.

The population of Cape Breton—is even less accurately known than that of Nova Scotia, but may be estimated at 50,000.

## POLITICAL AND JUDICIAL INSTITUTIONS.

### THE EXECUTIVE.

The chief Executive Officer—is the **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**, appointed by the crown, of which he is the immediate representative in the colony.

He administers the Government—with the advice of an **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**, usually consisting of nine members, appointed by the crown, but whose continuance in office depends on the wishes of the people as expressed by their representatives.

The Governor has the power—of appointing the Judges of the Courts of Common Law, the Custos and Magistrates of the Counties, and generally all such officers as are not usually appointed by the British Government. These last he can also appoint temporarily, till the appoint-