

basin. The city of Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia, containing in 1853 about 25,000 inhabitants, stands on the declivity of a peninsula on the western side of the harbour, and 9 miles within its entrance. The citadel, immediately in rear of the city, is elevated 227 feet above the sea at high water, and with its flagstaff forms a leading mark easily recognized from a vessel off the entrance of the harbour.

The town of Dartmouth stands on the eastern side of the harbour, immediately opposite the Naval yard; steamers ply between it and the city continually. Eastern fort, with its tower, will be seen 2 miles farther to the southward, on the same side of the harbour.

LIGHTS.—Two lighthouses stand on the eastern side of the entrance of Halifax harbour, one on the south-west point of Devil island, at the eastern point of the entrance, and the other, named Sherbrook tower, on the west extremity of Maugher beach, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles within the entrance.

The lighthouse on Devil island is octagonal, built of wood, and painted brown with a white belt. It exhibits at 45 feet above high water a *fixed red* light, visible in clear weather from a distance of about 8 miles.

Sherbrook tower, on the west end of Maugher beach, is 48 feet high, circular, and painted white with red roof. It exhibits at an elevation of 58 feet above high water a *fixed white* light, visible in clear weather at 12 miles. It bears from the Thrumcap buoy N. b. W. $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Pilots are stationed on Devil island, and several families reside there.

WESTERN SHORE of the HARBOUR.—Referring to the Admiralty plan of this harbour* for a full and accurate topographical description, including the churches, wharves, dockyard, forts, &c., it will here only be necessary to notice those objects which present themselves as most remarkable to seamen, or which may be useful for their guidance in entering or leaving the harbour.

Chebucto Head, the southern extreme of the western shore at the entrance of Halifax harbour, bears N.E. $4\frac{1}{4}$ miles from Sambro island lighthouse. It is 106 feet high, and consists of a whitish granite, which, together with clay slate, forms the steep and barren western shore of the harbour. Proceeding northward, Portuguese cove, with its village of fishermen; and Camperdown flagstaff, on a hill in rear of it 168 feet above the sea, will be seen $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles within Chebucto head.

Herring Cove, distinguished by the steeple of a chapel, and the houses of the fishermen on its rocky shores, is 3 miles to the northward of Portuguese, and distant $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles S.W. from Sandwich point. It is a secure

* See Admiralty Plan of Halifax Harbour, with view, No. 2,320; scale, $m = 3$ inches.