

These dangers have made the Bankers what they are — brave, hardy, and daring. And yet the spirit of the men is wonderfully cheerful and patient. They do not regard the sea as a dreadful foe; she is, in their minds, a friend, who furnishes them with a source of livelihood, and who, in all her aspects, is marvellously fascinating and beautiful. They love their hard life and would not exchange it for an “easy berth ashore.” Thousands of them are lost every year. An aged fisherman is a rare sight; the majority die before reaching middle age; but still, so attractive is the sea, that the ranks of the fisherman never lack recruits.

CHAPTER III.

PICTURES OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

New Brunswick, one of the provinces of the Dominion of Canada, is smaller than either Quebec or Ontario, and larger than either Nova Scotia or the little province of Prince Edward Island. It is shaped like the state of Maine, and has the same rocky, indented coast. The northern and northwestern part of New Brunswick is quite mountainous, and many rivers, taking their start amongst these mountains, flow in a southerly or southeasterly direction.

The largest river is the St. John, which empties into the Bay of Fundy. At its mouth is the city of St. John, which is five times as large as any other city in the province. Just at this point our series of pictures begins.