

Halifax is the principal British military station, and the commander of the forces in America is stationed here, and is the principal British Naval Station in the "new world." Ships of war are continually coming and going, and there are from two to three regiments of soldiers, besides artillery and engineers, regularly stationed in the city. Halifax is connected by rail and steamboat to all parts of the world. The growth of Halifax has been a steady and healthy one. The population is now about 48,000.

The natural situation of Halifax is exceedingly fine. The city, properly speaking, comprises the whole of a peninsula formed by the harbor called the North West Arm, on the south-west. The Harbor, after narrowing as we proceed northward, suddenly expands in Bedford Basin, which bounds the peninsula on the north. This peninsula extends four or five miles in extreme length—that is, from Point Pleasant to the Basin. The width of the Harbor across the middle, and which is nearly its average width, is two miles; the width of the isthmus, from the head of the North West Arm to the nearest point on Bedford Basin, is about one mile and a half. The area of the city is estimated to be eight square miles. The arm of the sea, from which branch off the inlets and expansions already mentioned, is called Chebucto Bay.

Nature seems to have done everything that could be wished to make this peninsula of Halifax the site of a magnificent city. The whole of the area already described is available for building purposes, comfortable streets, parks, pleasure grounds, etc., on a regular plan, at a less cost than usually has to be incurred in

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