



Cape Blomidon.

little, one was finally withdrawn. Besides these forces, there is in Halifax a corps of submarine engineers especially trained by imperial officers for manning the harbor defences. The regiments sent to Halifax are almost always among the best in the service. What Haligonian will ever forget the stalwart fellows of the 78th Highlanders, when this regiment was in Halifax a few years ago? A fine sight its men presented in their tartans and bonnets as they marched in squads from barrack to citadel, or from fort to fort, or turned out for general parade. Soon after, the 60th Royal Rifles, one of the two regiments socially highest in the

service, whose officers are nearly all titled men, was also stationed here.

Between the Army and Navy and the families of the rich civilians—for the city a few years ago was said to have more wealth in proportion to its size than any city on the continent—social life in Halifax, as in most garrison towns, has always been varied and gay. Cozzens wrote of it nearly half a century ago:

“Everything here is suggestive of impending hostilities; war in burnished trappings meets you at the street corners, and the air vibrates from time to time with bugles, fifes, and drums. But, oh! what a slow place it is! Even two Crimean regiments with medals and decorations could not wake it up.”



Site of the Old Grand Pre Church.