

to the eastward and westward. There were two small military posts, one at Annapolis, and a second at Windsor. Halifax had only been founded about ten years. At Lunenburg, some unfortunate Germans had been making a desperate struggle for subsistence for about six years.

A century and a half is not a very long period in the history of a country, and a comparison of conditions as just described, with what is portrayed in this issue of *ACADIENSIS* as existing today, will indeed reveal a remarkable progress. From end to end the county contains a series of thriving communities; Brooklyn, Milton, Liverpool, Port Matoun, Port Medway, Mills Village, Caledonia, South Brookfield, North Brookfield, Westfield, Pleasant River, Molega, Harmony, Greenfield and Kempt are thriving centres.

Lumbering, farming and gold-mining are the chief industries, and hay, grain, root-crops, apples, grapes, plums, quinces, and many small fruits are the chief products of the soil. Five hundred thousand acres is a conservative estimate of the timber land which the county contains.

We trust that this issue of *ACADIENSIS* may be instrumental in disseminating more widely a knowledge of this interesting portion of Nova Scotia. We wish that the Acadian provinces contained many others like Mr. McLeod, who were as able and willing as he has shown himself to be in furthering a good cause, and making more generally known the resources of his native land.

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