

Lunenburg was first settled—by Germans and Swiss, invited by the British Government, who founded the town of Lunenburg in 1751. In 1782, Lunenburg was greatly injured by being taken and plundered by American privateers, who took or destroyed property the value of which was estimated at £13000. Chester was settled in 1760 by emigrants from New England.

The population of this county—in 1827 was 9405; in 1838, 12058. It is now about 15000.

8.—THE COUNTY OF HANTS.

Hants is bounded—on the North-west and North by King's County and the Basin of Minas; on the East by the Shubenacadie, which separates it from Colchester; and on the South by Halifax and Lunenburg counties.

The only large indentation in its coast—is the estuary of the Avon river, which receives the waters of most of the rivers of the county.

The principal Rivers—are the Kennetcook, St. Croix and Avon; and the Nine Mile and Five Mile Rivers, tributaries of the Shubenacadie. In consequence of the low level of the greater part of this county, and the height of the tides of the Bay of Fundy, the three first of these rivers and the Shubenacadie river are remarkable for the length of their tidal estuaries, which form the only harbours of this county.

The surface of Hants County—is in general low and gently undulating. In the northern part of the county, however, there are more hilly districts, the most elevated part of which is Ardoise mountain.

The soil—is in all the lower parts of the county, good and often very fertile; and on the estu-