

"NEW BRUNSWICK."

In the course of Dr. Gesner's geological survey of New Brunswick, he picked up a great deal of information on its natural history and resources. This information he embodied in a work published in London a few years after the close of his survey, bearing the above title.*

The first three chapters are given to the history of the province, first as a part of ancient Acadia, and then as a part of the Province of Nova Scotia, and finally as a province by itself. Another chapter is given to the boundary disputes and a general description of the country, and a fifth chapter to the native Indians or aborigenes of the province.

This chapter describes the character, customs, dress, dwellings, etc., of the two tribes which have inhabited the province since it became known to Europeans.

A long chapter is devoted to a description of the topography of the province, that of each county being given separately, with valuable information relative to the settlements, lumbering, soil, minerals and fisheries. Agriculture forms the subject of another chapter, in which the climate is favorably spoken of, the forest trees described, and directions are given for applying manure and clearing up the wild land.

The author devotes considerable space to an historical account of the colonial fishing rights and of the aggressions of the American fishermen. The timber trade, the manufacture of lumber and the export trade in this commodity, also receives much attention from Dr. Gesner in this book.

The next chapter treats of the population of New Brunswick, and of its religious, social and political status. An examination of this chapter will show the great increase in the material prosperity of the province since this book was written. The imports and exports have greatly increased, and there has been a like increase in the material comfort and prosperity of the

* *New Brunswick, with Notes for Emigrants*, by Abraham Gesner, Surgeon, F. G. S., etc., London, 1847.