

Mabou,

one of the finest agricultural districts that the eye could wish to rest on. The valley is fertile, and on each side rise ranges of hills. The tide rolls up some twelve miles, swelling the volume of a slow, and meandering river. The harbor is obstructed by a sand bar. If this bar were removed Mabou harbor would probably supercede that of Port Hood. The soil here is loamy and rich and easily tilled. The farms are large and the buildings on them wear an aspect of comfort that speaks of well rewarded industry. The Mabou river winds with a peaceful flow from side to side of the valley, here and there resting in deep reaches that mirror the purple, and scarlet, and loving green, of clumps of maples, beeches, birches, haematac, and hemlock. The Mabou Hills are the finest in the Maritime Provinces. Their bases are laved by the sea or the river. Their sides are green with rich pasturage, and thickly dotted with herds of cattle and flocks of sheep, and their summits are crowned with hardwood forests, whose splendor in autumn it would be hard to overstate. Their monarch is Cape Mabou, from whose brow one sees the lesser summits ranged along the shore and far inland. They are tumbled, like the big waves of a rough sea, into most orderly and beautiful confusion — apparent confusion, yet perfect mathematical order, which becomes speedily manifest to the experienced eye. The Hills are the rough frame of this lovely valley, — foil to the polished emerald of these fertile meadows. Country roads skirt their flanks, and though not wide or smooth they are in effect beautiful avenues, shaded and over-arched by stately trees. Here you may enjoy the deepest solitude, the kindest shelter, the sweet hush of nature, as if there were no winter brewing in the north and no tempest lurking in the south. Art has not yet produced "grounds" like these, even for monarchs. Nature's pleasure grounds, nature's forests are ever first and finest. Through Mabou valley you travel seventeen miles over a very excellent road to

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