

but is nowhere mountainous, the highest hills not exceeding 600 feet. The highlands generally run north and south, branching off in all directions, terminating in some instances in bold cliffs on the coast, the most remarkable of which is Aspotagoen, between Mahone and Margaret's Bay, and is about 500 feet high. Ardoise Hill, between Halifax and Windsor, is the highest land in the province. The Horton mountains run nearly north and south; and the north mountains, which are washed by the Minas basin, terminate in Cape Blomidon, whose head may be often seen above the clouds by which it is sometimes encircled. The highlands which lie in the interior of the counties of Annapolis, Shelburn and Queen's, are called the Blue Mountains, and are said to retain traces of volcanic eruption.

This province contains numerous lakes, which are scattered over it in every direction, many of them of considerable extent, and forming in several places almost a continued chain of water communication from sea to sea. The largest is Lake Rosignol, situate partly in each of the three counties of Queen, Shelburn, and Annapolis. It is but little known, and said to be thirty miles in length. It is the source of the Liverpool river—the Mersey; and in the same section of country there are several other lakes approaching within a short distance of the Mersey, and communicating with the head of Allan's River, running into Annapolis Bay. The Indians pursue this route in passing between Annapolis and Liverpool; and it is supposed that there are but two short portages in the whole distance. Lake George, another considerable lake, and seventy or eighty small ones, are situate in the township of Yarmouth. A chain of lakes extends from the head of the river Shubenacadie nearly to the harbour of Halifax, and by the completion of the Shubenacadie canal affords an extensive inland navigation quite across this part of the province. There are similar chains of lakes between Windsor and St. Margaret's Bay, between the head of the river Avon and Chester, and between the river Gaspereaux, in King's county, and Gold River, in the county of Lunenburg.

The rivers that intersect, beautify, and enrich the country are far too numerous even to be named. Perhaps there is no country in the world better watered, nor any of equal extent containing so many rivers