

wash and Wallace on the shore of Northumberland Strait; Mill Village and Parrsboro, on the Minas Basin.

The townships of Cumberland—are Amherst, Wallace and Parrsboro'. The first only has a representative in the Assembly.

The first settlers in Cumberland—were French emigrants, some of whose descendants still remain in the county. The earliest British settlers were emigrants from the New England States, Yorkshire and the North of Ireland.

The population of Cumberland—in 1827 was 3416; in 1838, 7572. It is now about 9000.

12.—THE COUNTY OF PICTOU.

Pictou is bounded—on the South-west and West by Colchester; on the North by Northumberland Strait; on the East by Sydney county; on the South by Halifax and Guysborough counties.

Its principal harbours—are River John, Carriboo, Pictou and Merigomish.

Its largest rivers—are River John, the East, Middle and West Rivers of Pictou; Sutherland's, French and Barney's Rivers.

The surface of this county—is in general undulating or rising into low hills. In the western part of the county, is a group of hills which are outliers of the Cobequid range; the principal of these is Mount Thom. In the southern part of the county, there is a more extensive hilly district, which though not very elevated, often has a broken and rocky surface.

The soil—in the lower parts of the county, is generally of good quality, and everywhere capable of cultivation. In the hilly districts it is often

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