

Fundy to its source, and from its source directly north to certain highlands (in the north-west angle of Nova Scotia) which divide the rivers that fall into the Atlantic Ocean from those which fall into the River St. Lawrence; comprehending all islands within twenty leagues of any part of the shores of the United States, and lying between lines to be drawn due east from the point where the aforesaid boundaries between Nova Scotia on the one part, and East Florida on the other, shall respectively touch the Bay of Fundy and the Atlantic Ocean; excepting such islands as now are, or heretofore have been, within the limits of the said province of Nova Scotia."

From the provisions of this Article we gather that the mouth of the St. Croix river was considered to be in the Bay of Fundy, and that certain islands which formed part of the province of Nova Scotia were to the south of a line drawn due east from the point where the boundaries between Nova Scotia on the one hand, and East Florida on the other, respectively touched the Bay of Fundy and the Atlantic Ocean.

What the limits of the province of Nova Scotia were, before the province of New Brunswick was carved out of it in 1784, may be ascertained from the description of its boundaries in the Royal Commission issued to Sir Montague Wilmot, as Captain-General and Governor-in-chief of the province of Nova Scotia, bearing date November 21, 1763, when it became necessary to define the respective limits of the British provinces of Quebec and Nova Scotia upon the cession of Canada, and the renunciation of Acadia and Nova Scotia by Louis XV. under the Treaty of Paris (February 10, 1763).

"To the northward our said province shall be bounded by the southern boundary of our province of Quebec," (which had been previously settled by a Royal proclamation of the date of October 7, 1763), "as far as the western extremity of the Baie des Chaleurs; to the eastward by the said bay and the Gulf of St. Lawrence; and to the westward, although our said province hath anciently extended, and does of right extend, so far as the