

In *Macnab's Cove*, formed by an indent of the island on the northern side of Maugher's Beach, there is good anchorage in from 9 to 4 fathoms, muddy bottom. The best spot is represented to be in 7 fathoms, with the extremity of Maugher's Beach touching Sandwich Point, and the tower on George Island touching Ives Point.

Mr. Davy, R.N., of H.M.S. Cornwallis, made the following remarks while proceeding from Halifax to Quebec. The Cornwallis left Halifax on June 4th, 1838:—

"Wind north, with fine weather, sailed with Pearl, Dee, and Charybdis for the Gut of Canso. Passed out between the Thrum Cap and Rock Head Shoals to within a cable's length of the Thrum Cap buoy, having 10 fathoms water; this channel is quite safe. Being thus clear, 27 miles led us to the southward of the Jedore Shoals; then east for White Head, wind and weather looking favourable. Just to the eastward of Cole Harbour* is a remarkable red cliff, making in a well-formed saddle; the red is bright, and the eastern coast, thereby, is easily recognised; while the coast to the westward of Halifax is known by its white cliffs. It is advisable for strangers running from Jedore to Canso not to approach the coast nearer than 10 miles, until abreast of Tor Bay. This is a spacious bay, having Berry Head at its western point and Cape Martingo at its eastern, 5 miles apart. White Head Island, immediately to the eastward of Tor Bay, is the most remarkable land on the coast, and is as a beacon to the pilots: it stands well out, and from the westward terminates the eastern view. Being 10 miles south of it, steer N.E. by E. for Canso Lighthouse, which is a tall white building, and makes well out to seaward, on a small low island, named Cranberry Island. It exhibits good fixed lights, which must be brought to bear West before keeping away; then steer N.N.W., until George Island bears West, thence N.W. and N.N.W. for Cape Argos. Avoiding the Cerberus Shoal, which is very dangerous, and directly in the track; leave it on your port hand. Cape Argos makes like a round island, and is bold to approach; passing this, the distance across the gut becomes narrowed to $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile."—*Naut. Mag.*, 1839, p. 299.

CATCH HARBOUR.—At $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile south-westward of Chebucto Head is the small harbour or cove named Catch Harbour, which has a bar of 9 feet at low water, right across the entrance, over which the sea breaks heavily, when the wind blows on shore. Within the bar there are 2 and $2\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms. This harbour is too small, and the access to it is too difficult, to allow it to be frequented by any but the smallest vessels. At its head there is a stream of good fresh water.

COAST WESTWARD OF HALIFAX.—On the coast from Halifax, westward, to Margaret's Bay, the country appears, from the offing, very rocky, with numerous inlets, the shore being steep to, and bounded with white rocky cliffs. The high lands of Aspotogon, on the east side of Mahone Bay, are very remarkable; and proceeding eastward from Mahone Bay the rocks which surround the shore are black, with some banks of red earth. Between Cape Le Have (which is a remarkable promontory, 107 feet above the sea, bald on the top, with a red bank under it, facing the south-westward) and Port Metway, there are some hummocks inland, about which the country appears low and level from the sea; and, on the shore, white rock and stony beaches, with several low bald points; hence to Shelburne Harbour, the land is woody. About the entrance of Port Latour, and within land, are several barren spots, which, from the offing, are easily discerned; thence, to Cape Sable, the land appears level and low, and on the shore are some cliffs of exceedingly white sand, particularly at the entrance to Port Latour, and at Cape Sable, where they are very conspicuous from the sea.

ST. JOHN'S HARBOUR.—The entrance of this harbour bears from the entrance of the Gut of Annapolis N. $\frac{1}{2}$ W., 11 leagues, and may be distinguished by the lighthouse on Partridge Island, which shows a fixed light at 119 feet above the level of the sea, visible 20 miles. The tower is painted red and white, in vertical stripes, and is furnished with a bell, to be tolled in thick or foggy weather; its position is lat. $45^{\circ} 14' 2''$ N., and long. $66^{\circ} 3' 30''$ W.

As a guide to vessels making St. John's, a large iron fog-bell has lately been placed in $7\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms, at the entrance of the harbour. It lies with Cape Spencer bearing S. 59° E.; Cape Mispick S. 62° E. $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles; Partridge Lighthouse N. 21° E. $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile;

* A very shallow bay 4 miles eastward of Devil's Island.