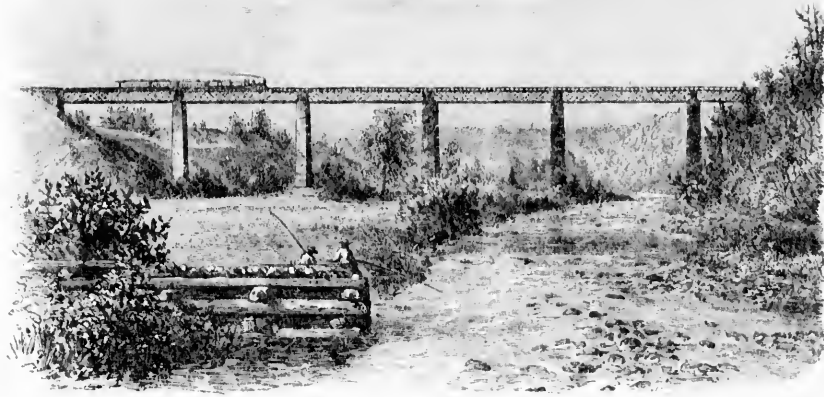


best fishing streams. Some sport may also be had at Leak's Lake and Lake Pleasant, close to Parrsboro; at Fullerton's Lake, 5 miles away and at Caspereaux Lake, 6 or 7 miles distant. Good salt water fishing may be had in the Basin, where cod, halibut, hake, pollock and haddock are found in abundance. Fresh fish may, therefore, be had all through the season, while the best of farm products are got from the surrounding country. It is a place where farming can be followed with profit, as is proved by the experience of Dr. Townshend, Collector of Customs. Last year he raised no less than 520 bushels of potatoes from one acre of ground. This extraordinary

villages on the north shore will not be time spent in vain. The railway is now ascending the well-known Cobequid Mountains, the summit of which it attains at Folly Lake, 607 feet above the sea, the highest point on the line, with the exception of the Summit on the other side of the Metapediae Valley. The scenery while going over the mountains is picturesque. At times the valley is seen far below, the river flowing through its green intervals, and again the train passes through cuttings where the rocks bear witness to the labor involved in the construction of the road over the mountains. Over the Folly Valley is a viaduct six hundred feet long and eighty-



FOLLY VIADUCT.

field shows that the country is as substantial in its resources as it is beautiful in its appearance, a lively combination of *utile cum dulce*.

Regaining the line of the Intercolonial at Spring Hill Junction the visitor passes a fine country, of which the settlements seen from the cars convey no proper idea. At Oxford, the extensive factories, one branch of industry being the manufacture of the celebrated Oxford cloths, which have a reputation which has spread even to distant lands. At Thomson connection is made, by stage, with Pugwash; from Greenville, access is had to the Westchester fishing grounds, and at Wentworth stages are taken to Wallace, Tatamagouche and New Annan. A visit to the flourishing

two feet high. It is substantially built and literally "founded upon a rock."

At Londonderry a branch railway runs to the Acadian Iron Works three miles distant, the operations of which will be of much interest to those not familiar with the manufacture of iron from the ore. Stages also run to the mines, and to Great Village, Economy and Five Islands.

TRURO.

Less than a century and a quarter ago the land where Truro stands was without a habitation built by Anglo-Saxon hands. The first settlers found one or two old barns which the