

connected with the continent by a narrow isthmus, and is bounded on the north by the Strait of Northumberland, on the northeast by the Gut of Canseau, by which it is separated from Cape Breton, on the south and southeast by the Atlantic ocean, and on the west by the Bay of Fundy. The whole Province is nearly three hundred miles in length, by one hundred and fifty in breadth, and embraces not less than fifteen thousand square miles of surface.

The face of the country presents, with some irregularity, three distinct ranges of high land, two of which have some claim to the title they bear, of mountains, although they rarely attain an elevation of more than five hundred feet above the sea. The other range consists of rounded hills of inconsiderable elevation, extending through the county of Cumberland, and the districts of Colchester and Pictou. The first two ranges are called the South and North mountains; the former extending through the Province in the direction east-northeast, and crossing the counties of Annapolis, Kings, Hants, Colchester, and Pictou. This range is bounded, on the north and west, by the valley through which the

facts relating to the geological structure and mineral productions of Nova Scotia, as have come within the scope of our personal examination. We are aware that a large blank remains to be filled up on the subjects of which it treats, before these interesting branches of the natural history of that region can be fully elucidated or its real mineral resources made known; and we can only repeat, what we have said on a former occasion, that we hope soon to see it filled up by the examinations of our own countrymen, as well as of the inhabitants of Nova Scotia, to whom, more properly, the labor seems to belong. But we trust that enough will be said, to show that the country, in her mineral constitution, has treasures laid up, which will afford ample materials for the exercise of the native skill and industry of her citizens, and will always secure to her the advantages of an exporting trade.