

Shubenacadie, the paper mills of Ellershouse, all fill up their quotas and give profitable employment to the shipping which throng the port, lying at the wharves and quays of the Harbor, Basin and North West Arm."

And to what an extent the city has grown we can scarcely conceive. "The peninsula is completely covered with houses and buildings of all kinds, the shores of the Arm are fringed with huge factories, conspicuous among which are three or four sugar refineries, at whose wharves the returning West Indiamen unload their cargoes of coarse sugar for refining, and a branch line of railway leaving the main line at the Three Mile House, passing around Point Pleasant and up the water side takes the refined article to the great provinces which stretch from the old province of Ontario to the shores of the Pacific.

"Steam colliers from Cape Breton compete with the coal trains and the superior coals from veins opened between Sydney and Louisburg and shipped from the latter port to Halifax and all over the continent are enriching their owners, most of whom reside in the city in magnificent villas surrounding the pleasure grounds which were formerly called the North and South Common.

"As the garrison had been withdrawn a good many years ago, the barracks were sold for cotton factories which are now in full operation. The Citadel Hill had the old fortress demolished and the former moat having been cemented is now turned into a vast reservoir, water being pumped into it from the lakes, and forms the most perfect system of protection from fire ever enjoyed by any city on the continent.

"The city proper contains half a million of people, and the towns and villages in sight of the reservoir two hundred thousand more. No less than one thousand fishing vessels are fitted out to proceed to the Bank and Labrador Fisheries, and this industry is principally carried on from the opposite side of the harbor, where ten thousand fishermen with their families reside. Ten banks are in full operation having a capital of twenty millions of dollars. Active competition has driven out all the foreign Insurance companies and the several underwriters' associations have grown to such large proportions that branches have been opened in the United States and other foreign countries where their security is appreciated.

"The capital invested in the manufactories of Halifax is now fifty millions of dollars, and the energy displayed in pushing the trade into the East Indies, China, Africa and the continent would astonish the Rip Van Winkles of the last century whose sons and grandsons have