

central axis to either shore. On the contrary, a series of contour lines would show that while the range is one in its relations to the lowlands, it is itself made up of many subordinate ridges, not quite parallel to the length of the peninsula itself, and so arranged as to form a series of obliquely overlapping lines. The course of the transverse valleys thus formed is usually not far from north and south, and the descent to these, as at Sandy Cove, is usually quite abrupt, while at the Petite Passage, which strikingly illustrates the feature alluded to, the shores on either side stand as well nigh precipitous bluffs overlooking the alternate rush of the tides through that wonderful channel. An admirable opportunity for the study of the orographic features of the peninsula is afforded by a high and conspicuous peak, which, with a nearly vertical face of over one hundred feet, overlooks the picturesque settlement of Sandy Cove. In the almost unobstructed view which may thence be obtained, and of which a part only is shown in the accompanying photograph, Plate IV, not only does the observer marvel at the wonderful beauty and singular characteristics of the immediate foreground, but, for miles to the westward, sees ridge after ridge presenting to the sky an outline which is conspicuously serrated, suggestive of what is actually the case, the existence of table upon table of rocky masses, resting one upon another, each abrupt upon the one side and upon the other sloping gently backward, only to meet and to be capped by other masses similarly inclined. This feature is more marked west of Sandy Cove than to the eastward, and through much of the peninsula in that direction this may be regarded as a sort of trough, formed by and parallel with these bounding ridges. In this trough, through which runs the stage road to Tiverton and Westport, are contained almost all the cultivable lands of the peninsula, and in places long narrow shallow lakes, with connecting streams and meadows.

The peninsula of Digby Neck is thus, as regards its physical features, a district of bold contrasts, including long and prominent ridges, separated in some places by broad and open valleys,