



NIAGARA SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

situated on a beautiful bay of Lake Ontario, its harbor is safe and capable of containing a large number of vessels. Besides the capital there are many prosperous towns; the principal are: *Hamilton*, pop. 26,716; *Ottawa*, pop. 21,545; *London*, pop. 15,826; *Kingston*, pop. 12,407.

LESSON XXIII

NOVA SCOTIA.

Area · 21,730 sq. m.—*Population* · 387,800

1 **Nova Scotia**, formerly called Acadia, is a peninsula situated south of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, it is divided into 18 counties, including 4 of Cape Breton Island, it is connected with New Brunswick by the Chignecto Isthmus.

2 The coast of this Province is indented with many harbors which are very favorable to navigation. It has no considerable rivers.

3 The *climate* is not so cold as that of the Province of Quebec.

4 The *population* is composed of Irish, Scotch, English, Acadians, (descendants of the first French settlers). The Protestant religion is professed by the three-fourths of the population and the Catholic religion by the remainder.

5 The principal products are those arising from the gold and the coal mines. The most productive of the latter are those of Pictou, and Sydney in Cape Breton. In the north-west, great attention is paid to the cultivation of fruit-

trees, and on account of the fine orchards, this portion is called "The Garden of Nova Scotia."

6 The chief products are those of agriculture, the fisheries, gold and coal mines, and ship-building, &c. The exports are fish, coal, gold, gypsum, and potatoes, &c. The imports are flour, liquors, silk, wool, cotton, and other wares.

7 *Halifax*, population 29,582, is the capital, its harbor is one of the finest in the world. It is the chief naval station of Great Britain in America, and the terminus of the Intercolonial Railroad. Yarmouth and Pictou are the most important towns.

LESSON XXIV.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Area, 27,322 sq. m.—*Population*, 285,594.

1 **New Brunswick** lies south-east of the Province of Quebec and is connected with Nova Scotia by the Chignecto Isthmus; it forms a rectangle about 230 miles long and 190 miles wide. It is divided into fifteen counties.

2 The *Surface* is generally undulating. The loftiest mountain are scarcely 2,000 feet high; they are situated in the north-east.

3 Its *climate* is not so cold as that of the Province of Quebec.

4 The St. John is its principal river, it crosses the Province from north to south, and is navigable as far as Fredericton. At the distance of 225 miles from its mouth, it forms a beautiful