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#### Educational Advantages—Sackville, Amherst, etc.

There are few, if any places in the Lower Provinces, better supplied with the advantages of procuring a good education, than the country around the head of the Bay of Fundy.

*Sackville Academies.*—These institutions were erected, the Male Academy, now a College, in 1843; and the Female Academy, in 1854, principally through the munificence of the late much lamented Charles F. Allison, Esq. Mr. Allison has left in these two institutions, and the Lecture Hall connected therewith, a memorial, that will remain in history's keeping, when the names of other men among us, with much larger means, will be forgotten. The average attendance of students at each of these institutions numbers generally about one hundred;—thus affording education for two hundred at a time of the youth of our country.

Sackville may be said to be one extended village, ten miles in length;

the uplands and extensive marshes are very fertile; the private and public buildings, including the academies, present the appearance of neatness, design and taste.

Leaving Sackville, and crossing over ten miles of the richest country, variegated with rich uplands, extensive marshes stretching on the one side, with Cumberland and Chignecto Bays on the other, both extending beyond the eye's embrace, we arrive at Amherst, the Shire Town of Cumberland, in Nova-Scotia. Here also, we enter a large village with two *Female Academies*; the one, under the able management of *Mrs. Batchford*. This institution has, among its list of patrons, some of the first men in Nova-Scotia; and it is considered by the general public, to be in a very efficient condition, and well qualified to give instruction in all the branches of Female education.

The other is under the manage-