

SIGHTS WORTH SEEING.



P to the time that Governor Cornwallis and his settlers reached their haven and founded their city, the place was known by the Indian name of "Chebootook" (modernized into Chebucto), the word meaning "Chief Harbor," and the chief of harbors in this part of the world it has remained and will continue to remain. Its fame has spread to all parts of the earth as one of the great ports of the American continent; and surely a haven where a thousand vessels may ride in safety at all seasons deserves such fame. The harbor of Halifax is a source of honest pride to the citizens and an object of admiration to the stranger. It is one of the finest havens in the world, beautiful in appearance, easy of access in all weathers, safely sheltered from storms, and so commodious that whole fleets may avail themselves of its accommodations, and the largest vessels afloat may traverse its deep water and find ample room on its broad surface. It is six miles in length, with an average width of one mile, and is a busy place at all seasons. Vessels of war are here, not only of Great Britain, but at times of other nations. Lines of transatlantic steamers make this their port of arrival and departure, while merchant vessels flying the flags of all the maritime countries lie at the wharves or anchored in the stream. The beautiful and capacious waters known as Bedford Basin must be seen to be appreciated. This portion of the harbor connection is without a peer in America as a yachting ground or pleasure course of any kind. Around its shores are the homes of many wealthy citizens, who have there all the enjoyment of rural life while still in touch with the busy city. Overlooking Bedford Basin is the famous Prince's Lodge, once the residence of the Duke of Kent, an historic spot. It is now the home of the Ramblers Cycle Club.

The Northwest Arm is another attractive sheet of water, and indeed all of the marine scenery around Halifax and vicinity is such as to charm the eye and afford every opportunity for summer recreation.

Located on a peninsula, and founded on a rock, Halifax is a city with much worthy of attention. It is a solid, a wealthy, and a handsome city. It has now a population of about 45,000, and is steadily growing. It is estimated that about \$600,000 was expended in building operations in 1895, and from this it may be judged that the people are full of thrift and enterprise. What they build is solidly built, for that has been the rule of Halifax, to be sound and conservative in all things, small and great.