

The county of Gloucester is traversed by the Inter-colonial railway, which crosses it from north to south and by the Caraquet and Gulf Shore railways which extend to Shippegan and Tracadie. These railways give ready access to its splendid sporting resorts. Some of the rivers of Gloucester are unsurpassed as resorts for the angler, and the Nepisiguit has long been known as one of the finest salmon rivers in America. The Tracadie, Pokemouche and Caraquet are splendid trout streams. No county in the province surpasses Gloucester in the matter of feathered game, its woods teem with partridges and along its coast line myriads of geese, brant and duck are found, while the lowlands and marshes afford fine snipe shooting.

The county of Gloucester contains a large area of fine farming land. In the northern portion, which is occupied by the silurian strata, the surface is undulating and the soil deep with beds of clay in places. Intervales and terraces of greater or less width affording excellent soil, skirt all the larger rivers. The carboniferous portion of the county consists mainly of good land, which is described as a deep, fertile soil. This is especially the case with the land along the rivers and the coast, which is better drained than that of the interior.

The population of Gloucester at the last census, was 27,935.

There are many fine water powers in Gloucester county. The Grand Falls of Nepisiguit river are 76 feet in height, and it is estimated by competent authorities would give a water power of 20,000 horses. At the Papineau Falls on the same river, nine miles from Bathurst, there is a power of 3,000 horses, and on rough water, two and a half miles from Bathurst, there is also a 3,000 horse power. The Teteagouche Falls, nine