

RECORDS

OF THE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN NEWPORT.

THE township of Newport lies on the eastern side of the river St. Croix. It is one of the six subdivisions of Hants county, and in importance ranks next to Windsor. In consequence of the proclamations issued by that excellent and popular man, Governor Lawrence, in the years 1758-9, many substantial farmers from Boston, Rhode Island, New London and Plymouth, arrived in Nova-Scotia, determined to settle in districts most favorable to the prosecution of agriculture. Newport was considered one of these, and in the year 1761 it was granted in seventy shares. The township comprises fifty-eight thousand acres. Of these, fifteen hundred are good dyked land, two hundred are salt marsh, and some few are Intervale, Gypsum and lime abound, and the former has been extensively quarried and exported to the United States. It is also said to possess the best freestone quarry in the Province. The