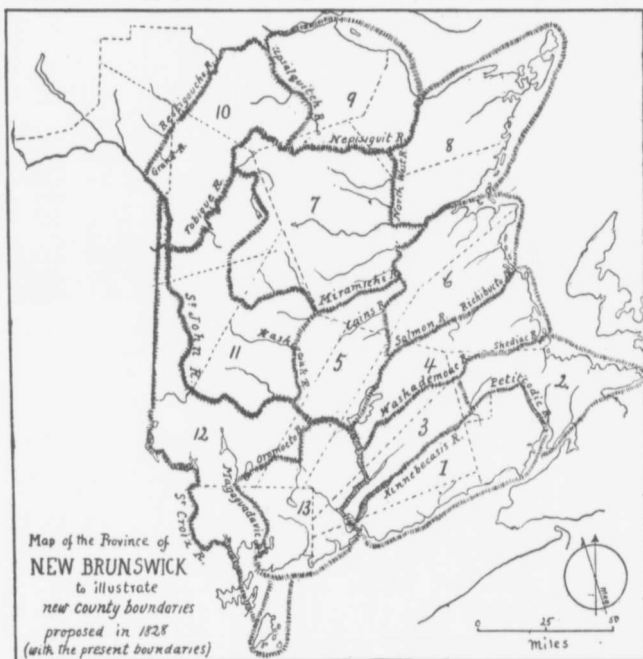


routes, and thus they are already marked out upon the ground. It is possible that the necessity of running and marking out the county lines had become so pressing in 1828, and the expense of doing it was so plain, that it was thought worth while to consider a change to a plan in which the lines were already marked by nature as nearly as possible. Happily, no such change was ever made, for the counties re-



Map No. 37. To illustrate a new system of county lines proposed in 1828.

sulting from such a mode of division, each centering in a wilderness and with the county town somewhere on one margin where most of the county residents must cross the pathless forests to reach it, would be of the most inconvenient possible form, particularly in the days prior to railroads. This plan, however, reappeared once more before it vanished entirely, namely in the book and map of Thomas Baillie of 1832, later to be referred to, where it is used with some minor altera-