

The following are our Ports of Entry and Departure ; each carrying on a rapidly increasing trade :—

Advocate, Amherst, Annapolis, Antigonish, Arichat, Baddeck, Barrington, Bear River, Beaver River, Bridgeport, Bridgetown, Canseau. (Cape), Canada Creek, Church Point, Cornwallis, Clementsport, Digby, French Cross, Great Bras d'Or, Guysborough, Halifax, Hantsport, Horton, Joggins, La Have, Liverpool, Londonderry, Lunenburg, Maitland, Parrsborough, Pictou, Port Medway, Port Hood, Pubnico, Pugwash, Ragged Islands, Shelburne, Sherbrooke, Ship Harbor, Sydney, C. B., Sydney, (North), Sheet Harbour, Tatamagouche, Thorne's Cove, Truro, Tusket, Wallace, Walton, Westport, Weymouth, Wilnot, Windsor, Yarmouth.

The numbers comprised in the various religious denominations in the province, as shown by the last census, are as follows :—

Roman Catholics . . .	69,634	Church of Scotland . . .	18,867
Baptists . . .	42,243	Lutherans . . .	4,087
Church of England . . .	36,482	Congregationalists . . .	2,639
Presbyterian Church of		Universalists . . .	580
Nova Scotia . . .	28,767	Quakers . . .	188
Free Church . . .	25,280	Sandinianians . . .	101
Methodists . . .	23,596	Other denominations . . .	3,791

The whole number of churches in the province, at the same time, was 567—equal to one for every 487 inhabitants.

CHAPTER VIII.

MEANS OF COMMUNICATION.

Common Roads, most of them good and many of them superior, now intersect Nova Scotia like a net-work. At all seasons of the year we can travel to and from every settlement of the country, with ease, celerity and comfort, to which the first settlers were strangers. These roads are all free, toll-bars being unknown in this country, and there are but two bridges, namely, the Liverpool, and the Avon bridges, at which tolls are taken from passengers.

Rail-roads are, at length, commenced in Nova Scotia. It is destined to connect this province with the others west of us, by means of a Grand Trunk Line, which has already been extended to Truro—60 miles from the capital, with a branch to Windsor, 45 miles from the capital. A branch to Pictou, forty miles from Truro, is in contemplation, and will be carried into execution, so soon as the Government, which has control over these great public works, can command the necessary means.

An Inland Navigation Company was incorporated by act of Provincial Parliament in 1853, to resume and complete the "Shubenacadie Canal." The object of this enterprize is to connect the Harbour of Halifax with Cobequid Bay. Locomotion is to be aided on this Canal by means of a series of locks, and two inclined planes, to be worked by water power machinery. One of these inclined planes is 1,320 feet, and the other 500 feet, in length. There are to be eight locks only, each of which will be in length 67 feet ; in breadth, 17 feet ; and to have 5 feet depth of water. They are intended to afford locomotion to boats of 100 tons burthen. This work is now nearly completed.