

to the Bay of Fundy and all the interior settlements of the Province. It is situated in latitude $44^{\circ} 40'$ North, and $63^{\circ} 40'$ longitude West. It lies nearly North and South, extending about sixteen miles in length, and terminating in a beautiful sheet of water called Bedford Basin, within which are ten square miles of safe anchorage. The entrance is marked by Sambro Island, on which a lighthouse was erected soon after the settlement of the town by the English. A party of Artillery is stationed here to correspond with the Citadel by signals; and a Battery is erected to defend the entrance to the harbor.

Three miles from Halifax, and near the mouth of the harbor, is McNab's Island, which is three miles in length, and half a mile in breadth, and contains about 1690 acres. On its western side is a long gravelly point of low land called Meagher's Beach, on which stands Sherbrooke Tower. On the top of the tower is a lantern shewing a fixed light, by the aid of which vessels avoid the dangers of the Thrumpeap Shoals, which extend some distance to the southward of the beach. The north end of the passage, on the eastern side of the harbor, is protected by a stone tower called Fort Clarence, or the Eastern Battery. Opposite to the city, and mid way between it and Dartmouth, is George's Island, regularly fortified, and from its admirable position, forms one of the chief defences of the place. To the south of the city, at Point Pleasant, are several very powerful Armstrong batteries, which, from their admirable position, command the entrance to the harbor. The Queen's Dockyard is the most important of the Government establishments; within its enclosure are vast warehouses, workshops, and residences; and when the proposed Dry Dock (capable of receiving the heaviest ship in the service) is complete, the whole will form the largest and most efficient establishment of the kind in America. The Admiral's house (a plain stone building) stands on an elevated piece of ground in the rear of the Dockyard, that overlooks the works and the harbor.

On the eastern side of the harbor, opposite the city, is situated the pretty village of Dartmouth, containing about 3,155 inhabitants. It is connected with the city by Ferry Steamboats running every quarter of an hour. The village possesses the outlet of the Shubenacadie Canal, the two Marine Slips, on which vessels are raised for repairs, a large Gold Quartz Crushing establishment, and several Factories and Tanneries. The Hospital for the Insane occupies a most commanding position to the southward of the village. From the grounds may be obtained one of the finest views of the city. A visit to the lakes just beyond—the scenery of which is picturesque—will repay the tourist.