

quent, that there is a constant succession of forest scenery. The birch, the spruce, beech and hemlock, constitute the most predominant classes of woodland. These are to be severally found in extent, according to the properties of the soil, sometimes distinctly, but often intermingled with each other. In winter, when the ground is covered with snow, the appearance of the evergreen is peculiarly agreeable, and refreshes the eye when fatigued with the uniform glare of a white surface. The arable lands bear as yet a small proportion to the wilderness parts of the country ; and these, as in all other places in America, are chiefly confined to the neighbourhood of the rivers, harbours, and coasts, though small scattered settlements are to be found in the interior, where the lands are of sufficient value to invite cultivation. But the appearance of the old townships will vie with any part of America for beauty. The extended and well cultivated valley of the Annapolis River, the diversified and picturesque country of Horton and Cornwallis ; the richness, extent, and variety, of the views in the vicinity of Windsor ; the unrivalled beauty of Mahone Bay, with its numerous Islands ; the whole country bordering on the Shubenacadie ; very many places in the Eastern parts of the Province, and the extensive townships of Newport and Yarmouth, cannot fail to excite the wonder of strangers, that they exist in a country which has always been represented as the most uninteresting part of America. The civil departments of the Province consist of divisions and counties. Of the former there are five—the Eastern, Middle, Western, Halifax, and Cape-Breton divisions. The Eastern divi-