

safe anchorage to vessels when within the bars. Ships not exceeding six hundred tons can take the principal part of their cargo on board in either of them, completing it outside the bar, but they require good pilotage.

From Cocagne to Shediac harbour the distance is seven miles and a half. This spacious estuary is situate at the north west angle of the county of Westmoreland; it contains a depth of from eighteen to twenty feet at high water; the tide rises from four to five feet. As this place, in consequence of a branch of the European and North American Railway running to it; must be the point where a principal part of the Gulf trade will concentrate, and is fast rising in the scale of Provincial importance; the inner harbour should be dredged, and other improvements, to meet the demands of its increasing traffic, immediately effected.

Aboushugan, and *Great and Little Shemogue* harbours are not of sufficient depth to admit ships for loading; schooners, however, frequently take in their cargoes at these places. From Shediac to Cape Tormentine the distance is thirty miles. About two miles E. S. E. from this Cape "there is a shoal, having over its shallowest part a depth of only six feet. Its shape resembles a fan; small vessels pass within it. The outer part, on which there is a depth of twenty feet, lies three miles from the Point. Within Cape Tormentine is the isthmus and boundary between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia; the narrowest part of which, from the Bay Verte to Cumberland Basin, at the head of Chignecto Bay, is only fifteen miles in breadth."—"*Sailing Directions*," by Captain H. W. Bayfield, R. N., page 54.

In the same work (page 55) Bay Verte is thus described: "The Bay Verte is wide at its entrance, and narrow as you advance. The shores are lined with flats, on which the water becomes shallow, but in mid-channel the anchorages are good; here vessels of considerable burthen may take in their cargoes of timber. On the north side of the Bay, and near its head, is the small river Gaspereaux, on the southern shore of which stands Fort Monkton; and on the southern part of the Bay is another small rivulet, called the River Tidnish. They are both shallow for ships to enter."

ISLANDS.—*Herring Island*, *Caraquette*, *Tokesuedi*, *Shippegan*, and *Miscou* Islands are all situate in the Bay Chaleur; the two latter lie at its south east entrance, rendering vessels in the harbour of *Caraquette* safe from storms in this direction.

There are a number of Islands within *Miramichi Bay*; the principal are *Sheldrake*, (the seat of a Lazaretto establishment for those affected with leprosy,) *Fox*, *Portage*, *Egg*, and *Vin Islands*.

Cocagne and *Shediac* Islands respectively lie at the entrance to *Cocagne* and *Shediac* harbours. All these islands, with the exception of *Shippegan* and *Miscou*, are small patches of upland separated from the main land by a distance generally not exceeding two miles.

CAPES.—*Point Miscou*, on *Miscou Island*, forms the southerly entrance to the Bay of Chaleur.

Point Escuminac, on which is a light house, lies on the south east side of the entrance to *Miramichi Bay*.

Cape Tormentine, in the county of Westmoreland, is the most easterly point of the Province of New Brunswick; from thence it is nine miles to *Cape Traverse*, in *Prince Edward Island*. The mails are carried over the ice between these Capes during the winter season, which gives them considerable importance; and a light house and fog bell on *Cape Tormentine*

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