

quantities has been found on the Nepisiguit river near Grand Falls. At New Bandon, on the Bay Chaleur, there are veins of coal of some importance, the seam being 18 inches. These are on the shore and there is reason to hope that the vein when followed up will show better results. On Miscou island there is a large peat bog, which covers fully one-half the island. There is a bog of the same kind on Shippegan island with an area of about five square miles, and on the neck of land at the mouth of the Pokemouche river there is a large peat bog. All these in time may become commercially valuable. Freestone for building purposes and grindstones are quarried at Stonehaven and Clifton, on the Bay Chaleur, a few miles east of Bathurst. A large portion of the area of Gloucester has never been explored for mineral purposes, and therefore no adequate idea can be formed of its mineral wealth.

Agriculture is carried on successfully in this county, and more wheat is grown in it than in any other county in the province, with the exception of Kent. In the year 1900, 96,161 bushels of wheat were grown, the average production being 18 bushels to the acre. Gloucester in the same year produced 309,900 bushels of oats, 11,030 bushels of barley, 31,172 bushels of buckwheat, 511,860 bushels of potatoes and 78,386 bushels of turnips. The county contains two roller mills for the grinding of wheat, each with a capacity of 50 barrels a day. These are located at Petite Roche and Caraquet. There is a cheese factory at Bathurst which in the year 1900 produced upwards of 1,500 pounds of cheese. Agriculture is receiving more attention in this county than it did formerly and the results are very satisfactory. Gloucester contains five agricultural societies with a total membership of 424 and two dairy associations.