

name it has received, is smaller than the former stream. The river passes along a channel worn out of the sandstone. Small seams of coal also appear on this stream. The soil is more light and sandy here than it is farther eastward; it is, nevertheless, capable of being successfully cultivated.

KOUCHIBOUGUAC.

Northward of the before-mentioned river about fifteen miles, is the Kouchibouguac. Like the Richibucto, these streams open into harbours formed by sand bars at their mouths. The surface of the country is more uneven here, than in the neighbourhood of the Richibucto. Excellent freestones and grindstones may be quarried along the sides of these streams. The rock is a compact grey micaceous sandstone, containing, in many places, the fossils of the coal field in great abundance. The remains of some of these plants will be seen near the bridge and mills on the main road leading to Miramichi. There are but few good farms in this direction. As lumbering has heretofore been the principal employment of the inhabitants, the capabilities of the soil are scarcely known. The same rocks prevail along the whole shore to Point Escuminac, where a large area of land is scarcely elevated above the level of the sea. It was not deemed necessary to explore these rivers to their sources, as the country through which they pass is composed altogether of rocks belonging to the same class, and contains only the minerals already noticed.

Coal and iron are the only important minerals in the County of Kent; these, with the soil, are sufficient to give profitable employment to a large population, independent of timber and the fisheries.

COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

Between the beforementioned rivers and the Miramichi there are several small streams. The largest of these are Bay des Vents, Black and Nepan Rivers; these streams also pass along channels worn out of the sandstone by the operations of their waters. In some places they are skirted with narrow belts of intervale and tracts of productive red soil: there are, however, patches of white and yellow sand, covered with laurel and peat. In approaching Miramichi