

habits of greater economy and foresight. The mineral resources were remarkably rich, especially in coal and iron. For many years they were mostly in the hands of the Duke of York's creditors, which perhaps would not have happened had our former leading men possessed the right kind of knowledge to enable them to understand their value. This monopoly was now, to a great extent, removed, and a surprising spirit of enterprise was manifesting itself in consequence. A chief cause of the bad repute of the Province was the selection of Halifax by Government for the site of the capital, as, notwithstanding the noble harbour, the ruggedness of the soil produced a bad impression on visitors. The leading vessel of the fleet which brought Cornwallis and his veterans to form the settlement was appropriately named the *Sphinx*, for the Province had been a riddle to its people and the world ever since. The natural capital, as shown by the choice of Annapolis by the early settlers, was on the other side of the Province. Fortunately, under the influence of better opportunities for comparison, and an improved style of education, more correct ideas were taking hold of the public mind. Although the climate was unsurpassed for salubrity, as shown especially by the Army medical returns, the training of the young had formerly seemed as if it were especially contrived to ruin the health. The close, ill-ventilated school-rooms, ill-provided with even decent accessories,—the absence of play-grounds,—the long and monotonous hours of attendance,—the scanty clothing of the children, especially those of the weaker sex, partly with the false idea of making them hardy, partly under the dictation of fashion, and the preference given to luxurious over wholesome diet, were all reprehensible. These things were recently in process of reform under the late and present able superintendents of education. The leisure time of the young, once wasted in idleness and dissipation, was now more generally employed in active

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