

# NOVA SCOTIA.

Population 450,523.

PROVINCIAL CAPITAL, HALIFAX.

NOVA SCOTIA consists of a very narrow peninsula, connected with New Brunswick by a narrow isthmus about 16 miles wide, and of the island of Cape Breton. It is bounded on the north by the Gulf of St. Lawrence, on the east and south by the Atlantic, on the west by the Bay of Fundy and New Brunswick. It is 300 miles long and from 80 to 100 wide, with an area of 20,907 square miles, or about 13,000,000 acres, of which 5,000,000 are fit for tillage. The Cobequid Range runs through the interior, the soil on both sides of it being very fertile; which is also the case in the beautiful valley of the Annapolis River. The soil is very rich and productive, and agricultural productions are extensive, wheat, rye, oats, barley, buckwheat, corn, vegetables, and fruit growing abundantly. Apples are exported in considerable quantities. The forests are extensive and valuable, and the yield of timber is large. The principal minerals are coal, iron and gold. Coal is in great abundance, and is freely worked, 250,000 tons being exported in 1886. Iron is in large quantities and practically inexhaustible; it is of a fine quality and commands the highest price in the market. There are 53 gold mines in working order, the value produced in 1886 being \$155,561. Manganese, gypsum, and roofing slate abound. Manufactures are numerous, and include coarse cloth, flannels, blankets, carpets, boots and shoes, saddlery, furniture and farm implements. Ship-building is important. The fisheries are reckoned among the richest in the world. The capital city, Halifax, is situated on the west side of the harbor of that name, and contains about 40,000 inhabitants. The harbor is one of the finest in existence over half a mile in width at its narrowest part, and extensive enough to contain all the navies of the world. Halifax is the winter port for the direct mail steamers, and has direct communication with Liverpool, Boston, Baltimore, Quebec and the West Indies. As a summer resort it is yearly becoming better known; its suburbs furnish the pleasantest drives and superior bathing facilities, and its public gardens have been pronounced by all who have visited them the most beautiful on this side of the Atlantic. Newspapers are published in 17 Counties.

## ANNAPOLIS CO. (W.).....Pop. 19,350

Mountainous along its northern district, on Bay of Fundy; southern portion level; soil very fertile. Agricultural products prolific. The Annapolis orchards are famous, particularly for their apples; small fruits also abundant. Hops are profitably raised. Indian corn ripens here. Has iron mines. Shipbuilding large. Has a good harbor and considerable commerce. COUNTY SEAT, Annapolis, pop. \*2,832.

Spectator .....	Lib.Cons.	Annapolis †	1,500
Monitor .....	Ind.	Bridgetown	1,600
Outlook .....	Ind.	Middleton	1,200

## ANTIGONISH CO. (N.E.).....Pop. 16,114

Undulating; soil in eastward portion, fertile and well cultivated. A good grazing district; has large herds of horned cattle. St. Georges Bay forms a good harbor, with prolific fisheries, lobsters being abundant. The mineral wealth important: coal, gypsum, gold, limestone, marble, copper, and building stone. COUNTY SEAT, Antigonish, pop. \*3,514.

Casket .....	Cath.	Antigonish †	12,400
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## CAPE BRETON CO. (Ex.E.) Pop. 34,244

On Cape Breton Island; mountainous in northwest; surface generally low. Excellent harbor at Sydney. Corn and other grains raised in moderate quantities; maple sugar produced. Is in great part underlaid with coal beds, which is extensively mined, and of superior quality. Marble and limestone are quarried. The export trade in coal is large and important. COUNTY SEAT, Sydney, pop. 2,428.

Herald .....	Lib.Cons.	North Sydney	4,000
Advocate .....	Lib.Cons.	Sydney †	11,300
Island Reporter.....	Lib.	"	2,350

## COLCHESTER CO. (N.C.)...Pop. 27,160

Mountainous along northern border; undulating southward. Soil very productive. Wheat a leading crop; other grains good; hay in abundance. Iron ore exists in great quantities and is largely mined and manufactured. The Acadia iron mines here are the only ones in the Province. Pig and bar iron and steel are made. Limestone, manganese, barytes, copper, and mineral paints are produced. Fisheries important. The manufactures include rolling mills, car wheel works, shoes, hats, leather, laces, organs, saws, wooden ware, etc. COUNTY SEAT, Truro, pop. 5,192.

Colchester Sun.....	Lib.Cons.	Truro †	12,300
Head Light.....	Ind.Cons.	"	11,000
News (evg.).....	Ind.	"	1,600
News (evg.).....	Ind.	"	1,500
Times-Guardian.....	Lib.	"	1,700

## CUMBERLAND CO. (N.).....Pop. 34,529

The Cobequid Mountains in south; undulating northward; soil excellent, and the crop of wheat, oats, and potatoes large and rapidly increasing. Hay abundant. Some of the richest coal mines in the Province are here. Grey and buff grindstone furnished in immense quantities; gypsum largely developed. Timber is plentiful and lumber is extensively produced. Manufactures and ship building. COUNTY SEAT, Amherst, pop. 3,781.

Evening News (evg.)—	Local	Amherst †	1,000
see News.....			
Evening Press (evg.)	Ind.	"	2,000
—see Press.....			
Gazette.....	Lib.Cons.	"	19,000
News (s-wkly).....	Local	"	900
Press (s-wkly).....	Ind.	"	1,500
Record (tri-wkly)—	Lib.Cons.	"	1,575
see Gazette.....			
Sentinel.....	Lib.	"	900
Cumberland Leader.....	Ind.	Parrsboro	900
Advertiser.....	Ind.	Springhill	900

CIRCULATION: † Publishers' reports. Roman figures—estimated. \* Sworn.  
POPULATION: CENSUS of 1881. \* Estimated. † County Seat.