

The Cape Breton Advocate.

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Mining and Minerals of Nova Scotia.

We are in receipt of the report of the Commissioner of Mines for the year 1874, from which we glean the following summary:—

Communications.

Mr. Editor.—

In the North Sydney Herald of the 31st April, a communication appeared signed 'Mr. E.' containing my communication on Eastern Extension, which appeared in your issue of the 18th, as 'one of the silliest pieces imaginable.' And yet MCA states that he 'perused it with a great deal of interest.' He is led to reply to it only with the fear that less intelligent men than himself might be misled by his statements. I am happy, Mr. Editor, to understand that there is one 'ordinary intelligent man' in Cape Breton.

The Senate had a perfect right to deal with the matter independently, and the exercise of this right are but the fiery anathemas poured forth by blasted hopes and disappointed ambition.

represented by no less than four members in the Legislative. Comparing the population of this latter County with that of our own County, Halifax is not entitled to more than two members in the Legislature.

In the past, gentlemen have been elected to seats in the Legislative Council on no principle whatever, and with a total disregard to the interests of individual counties. Appointments have been made by the party in power for the time, not on the score of either weight or merit, but as the reward of political services generally rendered at the time of a party crisis—the appointment being considered a sinecure to be bestowed upon one individual who consented to barter his services for the consideration.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

PERSONAL.—William McDonald, Esq., M.P.

Mr. Editor.— I will you be so kind as to give me some information concerning appointments made at the last session. Does the law allow anyone who don't pay rates, to be appointed to offices? There was a youth applied for this District last year, and he is not a ratepayer. It will be well to look early about this officer. Most of the ratepayers in this place will not pay valuations when the collector will come for them.

Mr. Editor.— I have not seen the Southern route, what an indictment to capitalists to have fishing ports in the vicinity of the Railroad, what a comparison to that of the road passing through a thickly populated county, comprising beautiful agricultural districts, as well as abundant mineral wealth, with the said route comprises from nature. Why? The magnificent scenery that the Grand Narrows and its vicinity presents—apart from the route—would purchase the whole Southern shore route with all its bounties (barren) rather mineral wealth and fishing ports. How much fish can the fisheries of the 'important fishing port' L'Ardoise None, while at Grand Narrows, hundreds of quintals are caught and brought on its shores each day, and that by men whose maintenance is not, by any means, dependent on this as their trade, and neither are they provided for it even to the expense of one single dollar.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS. PERSONAL.—William McDonald, Esq., M.P. arrived home on Tuesday.

ACQUATIC.—Sailor, the Champion English Fisherman, who was to row our George Brown at Halifax next July, has backed down. It is because he is locked in his race with Holt. Boyd on the Tyne, for £200 on the 22nd ult.

GOOSE SHOOTING.—Parties who returned from Goose shooting, at Lingan last week, report the game very plenty, but extremely hard to shoot. Some fifteen or twenty birds have thus far been taken.

THE LATE MR. ARCHIBALD McDONALD, Elder, Catalina. The demise of worthy men deserves to be recorded, for it is said to be the last authority that the world can give on the subject of the lasting remembrance. Within the last few years, many such have been called from amongst us, whose removal left a wide blank in the places which once knew them. We now record the death of a man whose life was devoted to the good of his fellow-men.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS. CAPE BRETON AS A SEPARATE PROVINCE.—A. McLean, Esq., M.P., writes to the Halifax Chronicle the subject of Cape Breton as a separate Province. He is of opinion that if it can be proved—and he thinks it can—that the concession of a Local Legislature to Cape Breton would benefit the whole Dominion, no liberal or patriotic Cabinet should refuse it.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS. ACCIDENTS IN THE WOODS.—Mr. John Beaton, West side Sydney River, while walking through deep snow in the woods one day last week, slipped and inflicted a severe cut on his knee with an axe which he had been carrying. He was brought to Sydney to see a doctor on Saturday last.

WAR CLOUDS IN EUROPE.—London despatches of the 9th inst., to the associated press, speak of the situation in Europe as follows:—The Berlin Post, an official journal, has an article saying that recent events unfortunately render it too probable that there will be a Republican majority in the next Assembly.

THE ICE.—The harbor is still closed, but traveling on the ice is beginning to be fraught with danger. Mr. Robert Ball of Coxheath informs us that his horse broke off a splinter of ice from the ice, which was as broad as a road.

CHARLIE ROSS IN NOVA SCOTIA.—According to the St. John News, a child answering the description of little Charles Ross, who was stolen from his parents at Lunenburg last year, has been discovered in the possession of an old woman at Aylesford, Nova Scotia. The old woman is a fortune-teller by calling, and came from Boston in October last, bringing the child with her.

ACQUATIC MONSTERS.—Among the dreadful animals which devastate the Belts of Nova Scotia, and attain a pre-eminence and strength of size, strength and ferocity there,—these together with the marvellous insects which protect themselves among the snow-drifts, or extract honey from the icicles throughout the winter, constituting that country a land of wonders and monsters—most now be classified the Owl. As this omnivorous and sinister bird develops its rapacity, especially in the remote fastnesses of Cape Breton, the Conquer of the Andes or the screaming Eagle of the American Capital is not the shadow of a patch to it.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS. RAILWAY.—The new railway between Cape Breton and Lunenburg is now under construction.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS. MINE.—A large mine has been discovered near Sydney.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS. FISHING.—The fishing season is now well advanced.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS. WEDDING.—A marriage ceremony was performed in this town on Sunday evening last.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS. FIRE.—A fire broke out in the town of Sydney on Saturday last, and a large amount of property was destroyed.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS. ACCIDENT.—A man was killed in an accident on the coast.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS. DEATH.—A young man died of a fever.

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