

## JOHN A. FISH

Sends the Advocate an Interesting Epistle.

PRAISES NEWCASTLE.

Incorporation was a Step in the Right Direction--- Sage Advice.

74 Franklin St.  
Boston, Mass., July 29th, 1900.  
To the Editor of  
"The Union Advocate,"  
Newcastle, N. B.,

DEAR SIR:—

Having recently visited the scenes of my boyhood days, and enjoyed a most delightful two week's holiday among relatives, former friends, acquaintances, etc., I am stirred to say a few words in behalf of my good native town, and the general impression of a world—be it stranger after almost continuous absence of thirty years.

First, let me congratulate the Town on its act of incorporation,—this was in my judgment a step in the right direction. You now have the right to expect much needed improvements in the way of better streets, lighting, water supply, sewerage and healthfulness of the Town. I have no doubt that under the administration of your excellent Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, these improvements will soon be carried out, ever keeping in mind the interests of the taxpayers, and in this connection I would say, it is better to take up these improvements a little at a time, and what you do, do it well, even if you only confine the work to doing so much each year,—in this way appropriations are not wasted, and the cost is but slightly felt.

I was glad to see that you had taken up the matter of macadamizing your streets and laying down sewers, doing a certain portion of the work this year; all this is certainly commendable and shows progress.

Your town has much to be proud of, your lovely square with its beautiful trees, a lasting monument to the efforts of the late Dr. Hiram Fish, John Nicholson, Mr. McKee, the present Alexander Stewart, and perhaps some others that I do not know of, its fine pathways and excellent drainage, with its ever flowing artesian well, your conspicuous and well proportioned flag-staff. Contrast this with the square of twenty-five years ago. The buildings, both of a public and private character, show improvement and progress, especially the new post office and new banking institutions, handsome residences and the substantial and well designed mercantile blocks surrounding the public square.

I must also speak of your Dominion Day celebration; it was a splendid effort, and it certainly was crowned with success, reflecting great credit upon the various committees and others in charge. Personally I was delighted,—your procession with its elegant bands of music was creditable in every respect, and deserving of praise, and would do credit to a large city. One thing I particularly noticed was the good order that characterized the occasion, and everyone seemed interested, enthusiastic, and did their best to celebrate the event in good old fashioned "Miramichi" style. I was pleased to hear the speeches of Mayor Morrison and other leading gentlemen, judges, aldermen, etc., and I heartily enjoyed them all. The remarks of your mayor, when he stated that "all lines between Chatham and Newcastle had been obliterated" was a noble sentiment and is worthy of emulation. Now may you go on and continue the good work in the way you have commenced, and when the first of July comes around next year, have another such celebration. The holiday and relaxation from business for one day will do good to all, and will never be missed a thousand years from now.

While there may be some who think that Newcastle has retrograded during the past quarter of a century, I must give it as my opinion that it has improved in many respects. You still have your noble rivers, with their abundant supply of fish and fishing privileges, large forests of excellent timber and timber lands, your fast and well equipped saw mills, stone quarries, pulp mills, spool works, with your beautiful summer climate, and the lot of life is not so unbearable among you as some may suppose.

I observed, (and quite painfully so) that during the stores in rotation from the old Ferry Corner, up to the Public Market, (so called) that there had been many changes of the old merchants of my boyhood days, while the business centre had moved towards the square.

Turning up, I unhesitatingly say that your town has improved and grown considerably, and now that you have started on the line of progress, let each one do his share, let him give good, honest, loyal support to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, encourage them in their duties and responsibilities, and let us all have an interest and co-operate in all that may be put forward for the benefit and interest of the town.

## BY-GONE DAYS

Reminiscences of the Early Life

AT MIRAMICHI

Of the Father of Vice-President Ronald, of the D. A. R.

When the Vice-President Ronald, of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, was recently in the Province, great interest was awakened by his reminiscences of his father's early life in New Brunswick, where in the Miramichi district, he built ships some sixty years ago. Everyone knows how when Cunard and his friends started the first trans-Atlantic mail steam service, the eyes of the world centred on Eastern Canada. Mr. Ronald, senior, a member of the Royal Naval Reserve, who after settling in England became intimately associated with the famous Peninsular and Oriental Company as naval architect, saw so far ahead that in London he used to advocate the shortening of the Atlantic service by making the terminus at Shippegan Island.

It was in a room of No. 4 Broad Street (a house long since demolished), in the City of London, where John Ronald, shipbuilder and naval architect, met Samuel Cunard on March 11th, 1841, and Mr. Ronald forthwith undertook the management of one of Messrs. Cunard's building establishments at Miramichi. The connection thus formed ripened into one of sincere mutual respect and esteem.

In the early forties John Ronald, Senior, was well known as a resident of Bathurst, County of Gloucester, New Brunswick. One of his daughters treasures interesting letters of these days, in the shape of letters, written in the simple but exceedingly candid style which marked the productions of that generation. Here is one of these letters, the original of which, together with several others affecting the same subject, lies before the present writer.

Bathurst, Co. Gloucester,  
New Brunswick,  
5th August, 1844.

My Dear Sir:—

I am exceedingly happy to testify to your exemplary and pious conduct during the time that I have had the extreme pleasure of your acquaintance in this place, and, as you are now about returning to your native land, I may reiterate the general opinion of the respectable part of this community (together with that of the Honorable Joseph G. Cunard, of Miramichi, in his hearing respecting you), viz., that there was no person in England he would employ in preference, did he require one to act in the capacity of ship-builder.

I have scarcely words sufficient to express the regret I feel at your sad bereavement, by loss of your children—and long and serious illness of your excellent lady, whose pious and exemplary conduct and manners will be long cherished in this place—wishing you and Mrs. R., together with the little ones, health and happiness.

I remain, my dear sir,  
Very sincerely yours,  
P. COUGHLAN.

John Roland, Esq.,  
Bathurst.

Several of the children referred to lie in Canadian soil, and the venerable lady, Vice-President Ronald's mother, died at an extreme old age last year. She was of Irish extraction and some of her tenderest memories were of New Brunswick. The favorite topic of her early married life in Canada. Not even Canada supplied sufficient scope for John Ronald's honorable ambitions, and he was afterwards responsible for the construction of several fine vessels of that day belonging to the Peninsula and Oriental Company. He designed a famous yacht, the clipper of its time for the Pasha of Egypt. There is much of the pathetic in his wife in her declining years entertaining her grand children in her son's home in England with stories of her early home in Miramichi—*Halifax Chronicle*.

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encourage manufacturing industries, and remember that a little self sacrifice on the part of the Town's people and its officials, is sometimes necessary for the well being in this age of evolution, science and progress.

I hope to visit you again some day, and stay longer, and would extend to your very hospitable people my sincere thanks for their kindness and courtesies shown me while in Newcastle.

I quote in conclusion from the St. John Globe, July 4th.

"Entering on her thirty-fourth year of Confederation, Canada is in a very prosperous condition. At home her people are happy and contented under good government, while abroad the country looms up larger than ever in public estimation."

Yours very sincerely

JOHN A. FISH.

## A PULP MILL.

Promoters Look Over Sites in Newcastle.

EXCELLENT SITUATIONS.

Their Return Expected Daily—Mayor Morrison Interested.

A few weeks ago a pulp mill promoter arrived in Newcastle for the purpose of examining sites available for a pulp mill. Mayor Morrison heard of his arrival and in company with Ald. Lounsbury showed the promoter the best sites available in Newcastle. The Mayor explained the advantages to be derived from the location of a pulp mill here.

The Jones property at Bridgetown and the Park mill wharf property were both considered by the promoter as excellent situations for his industry and in fact he told the Mayor, and Alderman Lounsbury that he considered the sites as good if not better than any available. He told them that he would leave the following day for Boston, where the company would probably be formed and when that undertaking was completed he would come at once to Newcastle and go further into the matter with the Board of Aldermen.

In return the civic officials told him that the council would unquestionably exempt his project from taxation for five years at least, and would grant him other concessions. In fact the council would do all possible to induce him to locate his industry here. He has not returned to Newcastle yet, but is expected daily.

Before coming to Newcastle the promoter visited Chatham and looked over the Morrison mill property. Since then the Chatham board of aldermen has had the matter under consideration, and is believed to be endeavoring to extend the town limits outside of the Morrison mill, so as to be able to offer the pulp mill promoters a sum of money to assist in purchasing the property. It is said Chatham is willing to give them five thousands dollars.

Now, the properties in Newcastle, it is said can be purchased for a much cheaper price than the Chatham property. For instance, wood coming from points along the Indian town branch, from northern points or from Rogersville could be landed here much cheaper than it could be at Chatham, as it would cost considerable to haul it over another railroad—the Canada Eastern. Then again the Park wharf property is within a few yards of the deep water terminus, and there is sufficient water for the industry at both places. Newcastle is within a very short distance of both the North and South West rivers. Of course the promoter is aware of all this, and will probably make his plans accordingly.

Mayor Morrison's alacrity in securing an interview with the promoter is commendable and he will unquestionably continue to urge the establishment of this industry here. He has evidently marked out a judicious course in the matter. Newcastle seems destined to be the location of a pulp mill and if one is not erected by the promoters in question, it will not be many months before some other enterprising individual or company takes the matter in hand.

## CUT IN TWO.

## Collision Between The Campania and bark Embleton.

LONDON, July 23.—A dense fog hung over the Irish channel yesterday morning. The Cunard Campania, for Liverpool from New York, struck the Liverpool bark Embleton, amid ships, cutting her in two. The Embleton sank immediately. Seven of the crew were rescued, but it is believed 11 other members, including the captain, were drowned.

BELFAST, July 22.—In a collision last evening outside Belfast Lough, between local passenger steamers, 5 passengers were killed and upwards of 50 more or less seriously injured. There were six hundred passengers on the steamers. Terrible scenes followed the collision. It is feared others were drowned.

## MARRIED

At Tabusintac, July 18th., at the residence of the bride's mother, by Rev. E. C. Johnston, Mr. Robert T. Forrest of Chatham, to Miss Cathrine eldest daughter of the late William Johnston of Tabusintac.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Redbank, on June 29th., by Rev. E. C. Baker, John C. Jardine, of Northesk, to Ambrosine Tozer of Redbank.

On the 17th. inst. at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. D. Murray, William Matthews, to Lillie A. daughter of Josiah White, all of Littleton, Southesk.

## OVER THE WIRES.

Latest News From China and Africa.

FOREIGNERS MASSACRED.

Lord Salisbury is Convinced of the Truth of Original Reports.

TOKYO, Friday, July 13, 1900, via Chefoo, Tuesday, July 17. (Delayed in transmission) The situation in northern China is much more serious than is generally realized. It is now common talk that the foreign powers will wait until the end of September before beginning the advance on Peking. In such an event the anti-foreign movement is likely to extend to southern China, in spite of the victory's efforts.

Thus far the relations of the international troops have been cordial, but there is no unity of action, for want of a head. Only about 12,000 foreign troops are in Tien-Tsin.

To-day the Chinese city of Tien-Tsin was taken. All nations took part in the assault on the Chinese fort and arsenal. The losses are unknown. The foreign settlement was constantly shelled by the imperial troops, who assaulted a British position yesterday at the point of the by-onet, but were repulsed. The Chinese troops are showing unexpected fighting power. They are equipped with better arms than the foreign soldiers. The 9th United States Infantry are now all in Tien-Tsin.

JOHN F. BASS.

LONDON, July 20, 1900.—The Daily Mail publishes the following dispatch from its correspondent at Yokohama, dated July 15:

"A Japanese correspondent at the front accuses the Russian soldiers of appalling barbarity toward the Chinese. They have, he says, killed peaceful citizens, slaughtered women and children, pillaged shops and massacred the owners. The Pei-Ho, he says, is full of the corpses of women and children."

The announcement of the British cruiser Bonaventure's departure from Woo Sing, as alleged, in pursuit of Li Hung Chang, comes somewhat as a surprise after the honors paid the Chinese viceroy at Hong Kong, but confirmation of the news will meet the approval of a large majority, as Li Hung Chang's present attitude is regarded as being characteristically dubious. As Li Hung Chang was booked for Shanghai, the departure of the warship from the near-by port of Woo Sing seems to indicate a suspicion on the part of the government that his real objective point may be elsewhere, where he would not be so easily reached by representatives of the powers.

LONDON, July 21.—Sir Chih Chen Le Feng Loh, the Chinese minister to Great Britain, visited the foreign office this afternoon and communicated the despatch purporting to be an imperial edict giving assurance of the safety of the foreign ministers at Peking. The alleged edict was received without comment. The correspondent of the Associated Press has the highest authority for saying that not the slightest evidence is attached by the British government to this latest statement and that the government is also quite unable to understand the credence which is accorded at Washington to Minister Conger's message to the state department there. Lord Salisbury, according to this authority, is convinced of the truth of the original reports of the massacre of foreigners at Peking.

LONDON, July 22.—The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts: 'Pretoria, July 22.—The Boers, made a determined attack yesterday to destroy a post at the rail head, 12 miles east of Heidelberg, which they attacked with three guns and a 'Pom-Pom' and surrounded.

'They were, however, beaten off, after a sharp engagement, before reinforcements en masse from Heidelberg had arrived.'

## DR. MUIR PRESIDENT

Officers of the Maritime Medical Association Elected.

St. John, July 19.  
The Maritime Medical Association to-day named as officers for the year.

President—Dr. W. S. Muir, Truro.  
Vice-President for N. S.—Dr. Thos. Treanman, Halifax.

Vice-President for P. E. Island—Dr. Ross.  
Vice-President for N. B.—Dr. Inches.  
Honorary Secretary—Dr. G. M. Campbell.

Honorary Treasurer—Dr. T. D. Walker.  
Local committee—Drs. Farrell, Wick, Wray, Curry, Kirkpatrick, Tobin and C. D. Murray.

## JUDGE WILKINSON

Opened the County Court Here, Yesterday.

THREE CRIMINAL CASES.

True Bill Found Against Alex. McKay—Only one Civil Case.

The County Court opened here yesterday morning, Judge Wilkinson presiding. The docket comprised three criminal cases and one civil case.

There was only one absentee from each jury. This is extraordinary in this or any other court.

The grand jury were:—Robert A. Murdoch, foreman; John Sargeant, J. M. Falconer; George Stables, Jared Tozer, L. B. McMurdo, Peter De Wolfe, R. N. Wyse, John Brooks, H. Williamson, Simon McLeod, John McAllister, William F. Cope, Clifford Hickey, P. A. Noonan, Wm. J. Connors, Benjamin Flood, V. A. Danville, Wm. Lawlor, Horace Kethro, G. A. Lounsbury, Howard Kitchin, Joseph A. Savoy and Joseph Deners.

The petit jury were:—John Erickson, John Clouston, Hugh Ferguson, Malcolm Anos, George R. Vanderbeck, George Barion, Wm. A. Bryenton, Daniel O'Brien, Wm. Schofield, John H. Ashford, Donald McGruar, George F. Stothart, Martin Murray, Charles Robinson, Ambrose Williamson, John Bell, Gustave Landry, John Moran, Clarence Glen, John Keating and James Donovan.

The docket:—  
The Queen vs. Robert Fogan.  
The Queen vs. Charles Bernard.  
The Queen vs. Alexander McKay.  
Non jury case.

Neil McDougall vs. the trustees of School District, No. 64, parish of Nelson, county Northumberland.

Robert Fogan was charged with stealing lumber, life preservers, tools, etc., from the steamer Nelson. In this case, Mr. Samuel Thomson appeared for the crown and Mr. R. T. D. Aitken for the defendant.

Charles Bernard was charged with stealing tobacco, canned goods, etc., the property of Steward Thompson of the steamer Miramichi. Mr. S. Thomson for the crown and Mr. Robert Murray for the defendant.

Alexander McKay was charged with entering Nevil Whitney's house, North Esk, at night with intent to steal. Mr. S. Thomson for the crown and Mr. C. J. Thomson for the defendant.

After being out about an hour, the grand jury returned. A true bill was found against McKay, but no bill was found against Fogan.

The jury had not arrived at a decision in the other case and again retired.

## EDITORIAL PHILOSOPHY.

[Hartford Courant.]

The good fortune of this favored country has not deserted it. McKinley will be re-elected when the time comes. We are not worrying a bit about the United States of America. Autumn and cool weather will bring with them all the politics that anybody can want or comfortably assimilate. Sufficient unto millennium are the duties thereof, and the chief of these is to keep as cool as circumstances permit in body and mind.

## OUR BLESSING MAGNIFIED.

[New York Herald.]

Painful to walk through a street in the crowded tenement districts on one of these hot nights.

Men, women and little children driven from their superheated stifling rooms stand gasping in the doorways and through the curbs.

Down in the narrow street the air over the hot pavements is dusty and foul. Over the top of the long row of tenements the sky is clear, the air pure and cool. Why cannot the panting sufferers go up on the roofs?

## GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.

[Press and Printer.]

If the people who complain of what the reporter writes of them would only consider what he does not write about them, says a bright newspaper man, they would enshrine him in the dearest corner of their hearts. The wastebaskets of the daily newspaper in any town do more to keep its citizens in good repute than any other agency except the fear of the law and the hereafter. Not all that a reporter writes is true. He is not infallible himself, and of those who are the source of his information many are legions. There are very few men who can tell a straight story. The man who tells the story to the reporter is usually an interested party. He has a purpose to serve in metamorphosing this or suppressing that. The reporter has no desire except to get the truth accurately and completely, and to write it quickly and unobtrusively.

## S. S. CONVENTION

In St. Luke's Church, Chatham, Last Week.

ONE HUNDRED PRESENT.

Sabbath School Workers Listen to Addresses, Reports, Etc.

The County Sunday School convention met in St. Luke's Methodist Church Chatham on Thursday evening in its first session. The meeting opened with a praise service, after which addresses were given by the Rev. W. C. Matthews and the Rev. W. Lewis on work of interest to schools.

Mr. Lucas followed, and by a few remarks advised the necessity of the temperance movement introduced into our schools.

The Friday morning sessions consisted chiefly of reports from parish workers and the superintendent of the Home Department. This line of work is in good condition and is increasing in all parishes. Its advance is due to the energetic superintendent.

The afternoon session was largely taken up with the Normal work. Mr. Lucas giving much useful information. The Primary department was reported on by its superintendent, who showed that good work had been done the past year.

The evening session being the largest attended, was one of importance. After a praise service of twenty minutes and the reading of the minutes, Mr. Lucas gave a short address on the relation of county to Provincial work, illustrating his remarks on the board.

Rev. Mr. Maclean gave the closing address on the Church's relation to the Sunday School work.

The convention closed with reports from committees. One hundred teachers were reported present.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

S. McLeod	President.
Miss H. McLeod	Secretary-Treas.
Miss B. McNaughton	Recording Sec.
Miss E. Noble	Superintendent Normal Department.
Rev. W. C. Matthews	Superintendent Normal Department.
Rev. A. McLeod	Superintendent Primary Department.—World.

## Shipping News.

PORT OF NEWCASTLE ENTERED

July 12, Schr. Ripley Ropes, 53, Sutherland, New London, Oats, Master; Schr. Fanny Young, 85, Portier, Chatham, B. D. & J. R. & Co.; Schr. Levonia, 18, McCarthy, Tignish, G. cargo, Master; Schr. Clara Jane, 60, Chatham, B. Master; Schr. Lizzie D., 17, McLaughlin, Tracadie, B. Master.

July 13, Schr. Fanny, 26, Busta, Rustico B. Master.

July 14, Schr. Mary Jane, 13, Savoy, Chatham, B. Master.

July 16, S. S. Glasgow, 1573, Leslie, Glasgow, B. Clark, Stirling & Co.; Schr. Leith Adie, 39, Jomple, Magd. Islands, B. Master.

July 20, Schr. Athlete, 52, Roberts, Chatham, B. Master; Schr. Ellen May, 60, Foster, Pugwash, B. Master.

July 21, Schr. Jennie, 91, Strickland, Chatham, B. E. Sinclair; Schr. Mary Joseph, 56, Arsenau, Chatham, B. Master; Schr. Une, 41, Chatham, B. Master.

July 21, Schr. Jubilee, 76, Butler, Chatham, B. Master.

July 23, Schr. Jennie Armstrong, 69, Grady, Sun. Side, B. Master; Schr. Cymbaline, 96, Stewart, Chatham, B. Master; Schr. Ocean Belle, 68, Sutherland, Chatham, B. Master; Schr. Henry Swan, 63, Irving, Port Morien, coal, R. K. Call; Schr. Frederick William, 21, Hanrohan, Chatham, B. Master.

July 10, S. S. Andoni, Williams, Manchester, Lumber, W. M. McKay. 11, sch. Jessie McLure, S. Side, Lumber, D. & J. R. & Co. 12, sch. Clara Jane, Clark, North Sydney, Lumber, Geo. Burnell & son. 12, Ship Atlas, Lumber, Ardrossan, Spool wood and corks, J. Sinclair and W. M. McKay. 12, sch. Lizzie D., McLaughlin, Tracadie, G. cargo, Wm. Ferguson.

July 13, Fanny, Busta, Rustico, Lumber, W. A. Hickson.

July 14, Mary Jane, Savoy, Tracadie, G. cargo, master. 14, Reality, Miller, Alberton, Lumber, master. S. S. Choux, Leekhart, Manchester, Lumber, W. M. McKay.

July 16, sch. Leith Adie, Jomple, Magd Islands, Lumber, master. S. S. Con Hood, Kenesdy, Belfast, Lumber, E. Hutchinson.

July 18, sch. Levonia, McCarthy, Tignish, Lumber, master.

July 19, Ripley Ropes, Sutherland, New London, Lumber, master.

July 20, sch. Athlete, Roberts, Pictou, Lumber, master. Sch. Ellen May, Foster, Port Hood, Laths, master.

July 21, sch. Jennie, Strickland, Sydney, Lumber, E. Sinclair, sch. Mary Joseph, Arsenau, Magd. Islands, Lumber, master. Sch. Une, Chatham, Magd. Islands, Lumber, master. Sch. Jubilee, Butler, Sydney, E. Sinclair.

July 23, Frederick Williams, Hanrohan, Alberton, D. & J. R. & Co.

MIXARD'S LINIMENT Cures Dis-temper.