

did theatre. The inhabitants along the coast are chiefly Acadian-French fisherman, and it is frequented principally by Jersey and Guernsey people.

[Divers are now working in Halifax harbor at the wreck of a French frigate which sank off Mount Hope, where the Lunatic Asylum now stands. On Saturday, July 3rd., an attempt to blow her up was made and some copper was recovered. The wood work, it is said still remains sound. The vessel fell into the hands of the English at the Fall of Louisburg and was loaded with stores at that place for Massachusetts. She called at Halifax on her way, and during a heavy gale drove from her anchors and sank.—ED.]

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#### THE CORONATION CHAIR AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY.



**H**IS chair is a relic of great interest, but which, in that marvelous building, so crowned with legends and memories, scarcely obtains more than a passing glance. That rude chair, once gilt and emblazoned with color, contains the old coronation stone of Scotland, a sacred stone which, according to some antiquaries, Fergus, the first King of Scotland, brought from Ireland as a palladium of his race. According to bardic tradition, it groaned and spake when the real rightful King rested himself upon it. According to the old historians, less trustworthy, it was the very stone that Jacob laid his head upon the night of his memorable dream; and according to another equally veracious chronicler, it was brought from Egypt by the son of King Cecrops. King Fergus, it is allowed, might have sat on its cool surface on his coronation, 330 B. C., and it is unquestionable that this great relic was really used at the coronation of the old Scottish kings at Dunstaffnage and at Scone. It was carried to the latter place by Kenneth II., say historians, when he united the Picts and the Scots in the