

ship yard at Granville Ferry, and carried on an extensive business there for several years. While living in that township he also farmed for ten years.

In 1873, Mr. Delap moved across the Annapolis river, and commenced ship-building in Annapolis Royal, he having Thomas S. Whitman, banker, for a silent partner. Their operations are carried on at Bay View island, more properly peninsula, at the north-east end of the village, where they are manufacturing lumber, building ships and doing a very thrifty business, that being the liveliest part of the place. They are also merchandising, and giving employment in all branches to about 70 men and boys. Even cripples there find some light work to do, and are well rewarded. The town is largely built up of such enterprising and kind-hearted men as our subject.

Mr. Delap has built in all twenty-four ships, and at no period of his life, probably, put forth more energy or exhibited more enterprise than at the present time. He is a very early riser, and a hard worker. Mrs. Osgood, an American poetess, says that "labor is worship," and our subject verifies it, he finding his reward in expending the strength which God has given him in some honest and useful and hence honorable employment. There is nothing grasping and sordid in his composition, he being very free with his money, attentive to the wants of the men in his employment and their families, and generous to the poor and needy whenever and wherever found.

At the time of writing he is leading off in an enterprise which is likely to succeed, and which will have a tendency to greatly enhance the interests of Annapolis—the organizing of a company to be known as the Acadian steamship company, whose boats will run directly from Annapolis to London. He being elected president and managing director. His whole heart is enlisted in this enterprise, and as thus far in life he has known "no such word as fail," we may expect this movement, under his pilotage, to be a success.

ALEXANDER MACKAY, M.P.P.,

WEST RIVER, N.S.

ALEXANDER MACKAY is the son of Scotch parents, John and Margaret Mackay, who emigrated from Sutherlandshire, Scotland, in 1815, and settled in the county of Pictou, N.S.; and he was born at West River, that county, on the 23rd of April, 1818. He was educated at the Pictou academy; worked as a stone-cutter and builder in his younger days, and of late years has been farming and trading, having had fair success in life.

Mr. Mackay has been a justice of the peace since 1858; and has held, we believe, one or two other local offices of minor importance. He sat in the local Legislature for Pictou county from 1863 to 1867, when he was defeated; was again successful in 1872, and sat until 1874, when he was returned by acclamation, and was again returned in 1878, his politics being Conservative; he strongly supported Confederation in 1867; also the railway system, and earnestly advocated free non-sectarian schools. He is on the committees on railways, privileges, and public accounts, also chairman of committee of supply, and a faithful worker in the committee rooms.

Mr. Mackay is a member of the Church of Scotland; has been an elder of the West River church the last twenty years, and three times has been a delegate to the Synod of that denomi-