



**FISH REPORT.**

May 3.—Yarmouth  
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at very good catches  
of fish.  
At Cross Island,  
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ticut, St. John, Dea-  
Lardose, Pubnico,  
oint, Lockport, Ma-  
er, St. Peters, Dou-  
g-River.  
Georgetown, Lunenburg  
and Port

**VIAGES.**

ST. JOHN.—At Church  
sonage, Sussex, May  
Camp, Leslie Camer-  
A. Kierstead, both

—At Church Ave.  
e, May 2nd, by Rev.  
m Brown of Sussex,  
son Gordon of Done-

—At Church Ave.  
e, May 2nd, by Rev.  
er B. Coy to Miss  
of Collina.

—At Church Ave.  
e, May 2nd, by Rev.  
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**THS.**

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IN DYNAMITE  
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New Brunswick's Met  
Death on Aroostook  
River.

Were Part of Crew Em-  
ployed by Ashland Manu-  
facturing Company

HOULTON, Me., May 2.—Word was received here today of a dynamite explosion at a point on the Aroostook river about five miles above the Oxbow. Four men were engaged in blowing out the ice in a piece of dead water on the Aroostook river. It was necessary to throw out a lot of dynamite which refused to work. They were doing over a fire. A terrific explosion took place and killed almost instantly four men. The names of the dead are as follows:

Hugh Gillin of Mars Hill, 22 years old, single; Fred Grass of Little Lake, N. B., 42 years old, leaves a wife and six children; Burley Golding of Little Lake, N. B., 17 years old, single; Emery McGuire of Little Lake, Me., aged 28 years, leaves a family.

The dead men were part of a crew of twenty-five men employed by the Ashland Manufacturing Co. and were the only ones in the vicinity. The explosion did considerable damage to lumber nearby and, for, great holes in the ground.

The bodies of the men were hurled in all directions. Drs. Haggerty and Dobson of Ashland, were hastily summoned to the scene, but were unable to do the injured men any good.

The bodies were taken to Meserville, Maine, and will be shipped from there Thursday to their respective homes.

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**MORE REPORTS OF  
SHIPS COMBINE**

Have Sailing Vessels Seen  
Their Last Days?

Is Morse Seeking the Control of  
Still More Steamers Along the  
American Continent?

NEW YORK, May 2.—Reports that Charles W. Morse is organizing an American continent steamship trust are not dissipated in maritime circles. Mr. Morse has already secured a virtual monopoly of the coast line traffic from St. John, Maine ports and other eastern ports to New York, as well as acquiring control of the Clyde line, with its freight and passenger service between New York, Philadelphia and San Domingo ports.

It is now common report in local maritime circles that Mr. Morse is negotiating for the Cuba Mail Steamship Co. (the Ward line), the Red Line, the New York and Porto Rico steamship line, and all other American coastwise lines running out of New York. It has been said that he is exerting himself to secure from the government control of the steamship line of the Panama Railway Co. Officers of the company stated this morning that the steamship line could only be sold by special act of congress authorizing such a sale. Officers here of the Old Dominion Steamship Co. concede that overtures were made by representatives of Mr. Morse for the purchase of their line some weeks ago, but no one connected with the company will acknowledge that the proposal was seriously considered.

At the offices of the Ward line the suggestion that Mr. Morse is trying to buy them out is treated lightly. Capt. Frank Smith, superintendent of the company said: "Why, if any one comes along with a million or two of dollars and wants to buy some of our ships, I suppose he will sell them just as we did the Mexico and Havana lines to the Panama canal commission. We can build better ones for our purpose if we sell our old ones."

Shipping men who are in close touch with the coastwise trade agree on one point, that the day of sailing craft in the coastwise trade is nearly over. The unprecedented losses among sailing vessels up and down the coast during the past winter gave this class of property a worse setback than even has befallen the American shipping before, and the general prediction is that the future coasting trade, including the carrying of lumber and coal, will soon be confined to steam vessels and barges in tow.

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**ST. JOHN GAVE THE  
PRINCE ROYAL WELCOME**

After Replying to Civic Address Prince  
Arthur was Taken for a Drive About the  
City—Lieut. Governor's Dinner at Union  
Club a Brilliant Function.

St. John Wednesday extended a welcome to Arthur of Connaught, the grandson of Victoria and nephew of the present King, befitting the city of the loyalists. The sun shone brightly on the royal train draw into the city sharp at 2.30. The delightful weather and the feeling of spring in the air made the day a most suitable one for the prince to have a view of the city.

Flags were waving from every public building and from many of the private buildings along the route through the city through which the prince passed. The city had a holiday appearance all day, and long before the arrival of the prince's train a large number had collected at the depot. All along the route large crowds were gathered, and cheers were frequently given as he passed along.

The drive around the city did not last very long, and by four o'clock the prince was back again to his private car, the Violet.

The dinner at the Union Club last night was a most successful function, elaborate preparations being made for the occasion. The floral decorations were very handsome, and the golden crown of daffodils in the centre gave a most pleasing effect.

His Royal Highness brought his short visit to St. John to a conclusion, leaving by special train over the I. C. R. again for Montreal.

THE ARRIVAL  
Long before 2.30 immense crowds had collected around the Union depot. Chief Clerk with Deputy Chief Jenkins and a force of twenty men prevented the crowd from thronging into the depot. Around the south side exit of the depot, by which the prince was to leave the depot, every available spot was occupied by spectators, the freight cars on the side tracks being used as reserved seats by the youngsters.

In the depot a special platform had been erected, gaily decorated with bunting and surmounted by a canopy. With the Union Jack as background. A carpet was spread from the track to the platform, and the arrangements at the depot were made under the direction of L. R. Ross.

THE PRINCE'S REPLY.  
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The prince then stepped from the dais and was introduced by Col. G. West Jones to the remainder of the ladies and gentlemen present. Mayor Sears, Detective Williams of the C. P. R., who accompanied the prince, with Chief Clarke, were the occupants of the second. Two other barouches made up the party, while Sgt. Campbell on horseback headed the procession. The prince stepped from the train until the carriages left the depot did not last over twenty minutes.

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principal governments, seemed rather bored, and did not go through the ceremonies with the same enthusiasm with which Prince Louis did on his recent visit here.

The prince immediately made an inspection of the guard of honor and complimented the commanding officer on their splendid appearance. As the prince walked up one line and down the other, the regimental band played different selections.

When the inspection was concluded the prince stepped on the dais and heard the civic address read by Mayor Sears.

The address, which was prepared by the recorder, was beautifully engrossed by D. R. Wille, of the chamberlain's staff, and bound by J. & A. MacMillan in blue morocco, with the city arms on the cover. The address was signed by the mayor and common clerk and had the city seal attached. It ran as follows:

May it please Your Royal Highness:  
The City of Saint John on learning that Your Royal Highness upon your return from Japan whether you had come as the representative of His Majesty the King of Great Britain, and Ireland and of the British possessions beyond the seas, and Emperor of India, would pass through Canada at once came to the conclusion that they would take the opportunity of saying as they thought to you the people of this city welcome you in the warmest possible manner. The loyalty of our people towards the throne and constitution of the realm and the perpetuity of British institutions throughout this world is spontaneous and ever abiding.

Canada loves liberty and justice and seeks the elevation and prosperity of its people. These great expectations are being realized amongst us in a manner that we are indebted to His Majesty and to the family to which you belong for the high and beneficial manner in which the high prerogatives and elective franchise of duty appertaining to the kindly office have been administered and we rest in perfect assurance that the same great privileges will be ours in the future.

We therefore extend to Your Royal Highness the warmest measure of our respect and we express to you the hope that your progress through Canada will be pleasant to you and that you may ever remember and fully realize the national grandeur of the fact that you can pass from Great Britain around the world and back to where your voyage began under the flag of our common country and a part of such voyage to the extent of thousands of miles will be through the Dominion of Canada.

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**THE HUNGRY IN SAN FRANCISCO**



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The vexatious problem of placing the new Chinatown will probably be settled to the satisfaction of the Chinese colony. It is the desire of the municipality not to harass this portion of its foreign population, and the desires of representatives of China will be considered.

The unburned region has been nearly restored to its normal condition, while in the burned area each day brings its added share of improvement, and the great task of cleaning up has been fairly started.

Had the dinner been official in this respect His Royal Highness must have attended simply as a lieutenant and have given precedence to his superior officers. As it was, with all the guests in civilian evening dress, he was Prince Arthur of Connaught and entitled to precedence above all others.

The special train which took the prince from the city left at 11 p. m. sharp. The depot was crowded, as was usual wherever a chance offered during the day to view the prince, but Officer Collins at the gate prevented them entering the train shed. The crowd, however, behind the bars had a good opportunity to view His Royal Highness as he sat and lit his pipe in the rear of the car chatting with Capt. Wyndham. As the train drew out of the station there were cheers and cries of "Good bye, Artie," and the prince, coming to the platform, smilingly acknowledged their salutations.

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