

# The Union Advocate

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NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI, N. B.  
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16, 1898.  
Newcastle Societies.

MEET AS FOLLOWS—  
NORTHUMBERLAND LODGE NO. 17 A. F. & M. in the Lodge rooms on the north at 7.30 o'clock.  
NEWCASTLE DIVISION NO. 45 S. of T. in the Temperance Hall every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

COURT MIRAMICHI NO. 165 I. O. F. in their rooms, Masonic Hall, on the evening of the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 o'clock.  
COURT HARTY HARTY NO. 150 I. O. F. in Forsters' Hall, Derby, on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30 o'clock.

**Editorial Notes.**  
M. Ferdinand Fabre, the French novelist is dead.

There were forty-three failures in the Dominion last week as compared to sixty in the corresponding week last year.

China has consented to the British demand for a railway from Burmah to Yunnan; and she also agrees to indemnify the kidnapped Frenchman, M. Lyadot. Germany has secured a concession for a railway from Kiaochow to Jehan, (Kiao-Fu) as the price of the loaned sentry.

The roads leading in all directions have been and still are in anything but travelling condition. It does seem as though something could be done to keep them in decent order, so that teams can pass to and fro. The road commissioners, if they have not funds nor power, ought to get that right from the authorities who are over them at once.

The humorous and graphic account of the last Town Council meeting of Chatham as penned by Editor Smith is without exception as interesting reading as has passed through the hands of the Editor since he began his duties with the Advocate.

Brother Smith has the happy and able faculty of making his paper spicy and can make a person feel as though he were actually present instead of merely reading the happenings, such as occurred in the last session of the Town Council.

The town of Newcastle must and shall not be overlooked in regard to the purchase of the Canada Eastern Railway by the Dominion Government. Her interests must be regarded in spite of what Chatham people may say. She has claimed only what is right and is due her in order to advance the industries of the town. What would be the advantage to our business men if the above deal was consummated and the road from Blackville to Indiantown left as at present? It would amount to nothing and there is no argument as yet advanced by the World contemporary that gives its readers any reason why it takes the stand it does regarding this important transaction.

Our citizens know better what this town needs than any other parties and they do not ask anybody to misrepresent them in their attitude in this proposed purchase.

There is no place on the American continent which is better adapted for field and forest sportsmanship than here in the province of New Brunswick. She offers better natural game resources than any other part of this Dominion and if active means were taken at once to send a delegate to attend the Sportsmen's Show to be given in the city of Boston, March 14th to 26th, together with excellent specimens of New Brunswick game, there is no reason by convincing the people who will be in attendance with solid facts and a vivid description of her superior advantages, but what the United States people, looking for excellent shooting grounds, could not be induced to come in larger numbers to this province, which would mean the expenditure of a great many dollars and give employment to a large class of people in the capacity of guides. It would be even better if those intending to go into the woods for all kinds of game, should make Newcastle their headquarters for securing provisions and everything necessary for a successful trip into our forests abounding with all kinds of animals. If the sportsmen only knew and appreciated how well stocked our surrounding forests are, there would be no trouble but what this section of the province would be very busy during each shooting season of the year and a great deal of money put into circulation. Newcastle, above all other towns would be the best place to start from and if our citizens would unite in selecting a representative to go to Boston and tell them our numerous qualifications over other towns, it would mean a large increase in our stockpiles

## Social and Personal.

If the people who know of parties, weddings, social gatherings, church news, deaths, births or in fact any happenings in this town or county, will kindly inform this office by means of telephone, No. 60, or a card of letter, we shall be only too pleased to publish the same in our columns. Please remember we want all the news.

Inspector John Menzies left yesterday morning for St. John to attend the Grand Lodge of Orangemen which will meet Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Menzies was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Rogers.

Frank Crocker has been confined to his home for the past two weeks with acute rheumatism.

The Friday Twelve met last week in the home of Miss Katie Troy. A large attendance and plenty of fun made an evening of genuine pleasure.

A. C. Ayers, Moss River, Que., was in town four days last week.

John Morley starts this morning for a business trip around the coast and will be gone a week or ten days. May success attend his efforts.

Mrs. D. G. Smith is visiting for a week at the home of E. Lee Street on Friday.

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The Portland, Me., Press states that there was a most remarkable and happy gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Masters, at 147 Franklin street, on Saturday evening. It was the celebration of the 99th birthday of Mrs. John Henry, which occurred Sunday.

Mrs. Henry was present, and although she was born in the last year of the 18th century and bids fair to live to see the beginning of the 20th, she had as enjoyable an evening as did any of the younger people who were present. There was another remarkable thing about this gathering which has not been equalled many times in the State of Maine and there are not many instances of the kind on record in the country.

The birthday of Mrs. Henry was celebrated by the presence of the three generations of her family present, of whom the oldest of course was Mrs. Henry, and the youngest a pretty little girl of five years. Mrs. Henry has, in all, four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Henry is described as a very remarkable woman. She welcomed the guests with a kiss or a shake of the hand, and those who did not know her well were greeted with an old-fashioned courtesy such as our younger people are not used to.

She was a very good woman, and she was a very good mother. She was a very good grandmother, and she was a very good great-grandmother.

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## Opening of Assembly.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE—MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS met at 10 o'clock this morning for the opening of the 18th session of the Dominion Government.

The weather did not today favor the opening of the Legislature, which took place at 10 o'clock this afternoon, there being a steady and unpleasant drizzle of rain. Notwithstanding that a large concourse of people were waiting in front of the Parliament building to witness the arrival of the Lieutenant Governor.

At 2.45 the Guard of Honor made up of No. 4 Co. R. C. I. and the attached men, under command of Capt. Thacker, with Capt. Nagle and Samson as subalterns, and led by the Infantry School band, marched down and took their station on Parliament Square.

A firing party under command of Sergt. Cochran, were stationed at the river bank on the opposite Parliament Square, and fired the customary royal salute of 13 guns.

The Lieutenant Governor was attended by his private secretary, Mr. Barker, his aide-de-camp, Capt. Macdonnell, and Lieut. Col. Mansfield, Major Henning, Sergt. Lieut. McLean and other officers of the R. C. I. were in attendance in the Assembly Chamber.

Entering the Chamber attended by his suite, His Honor took his station on the throne and read the following:

**SPEECH.**  
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Legislature Assembly.

I welcome you again to the discharge of the trusts committed to you, assured that your advice and assistance will be directed towards a wise administration of the Province. In doing so, I am reminded of the glorious history of the Province, which has sustained in the immortal death of the Hon. James Milne, who so worthily filled the high office of Premier when you last separated.

**THE PROVINCE'S CREDIT.**  
It is gratifying to know that never in the history of the Province has its financial credit stood so high as at present. The general prosperity and contentment of the people here and throughout the Dominion, the many eminent blessings which have been bestowed upon the land in whose interests we are assembled, and the many encouraging grounds for trust in the future, are all sources of congratulation and merit our devout thankfulness to the Sovereign Ruler of our destinies.

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Agriculture, as an essential basis of all arts, will, I feel confident, claim your first consideration. The stock improvement made during the recess, in accordance with the recommendation of the Farmers' and Dairyman's Association, met with perfect approval, evidenced by the increased manifested in the sale and the sale prices realized. The special efforts made under the direction of the Department of Agriculture in the lodging throughout the Province of Farmers' associations to disseminate knowledge pertaining to agriculture, have contributed largely, I believe, to advance and energize this great industry. Past efforts have resulted in a large increase in the dairy products of the country, and I am led to hope that like efforts will result in stimulating and encouraging the farmers of New Brunswick to produce their own wheat supply, as of other cereals, thereby saving their pockets the large and annual drain therefrom, now necessary in furnishing bread for their own tables.

**RAILWAYS.**  
My Government strongly entertains the opinion that better of the best quality can be profitably manufactured within the Province during the winter season through the agency of dairies supplied by auxiliary skimming stations located at suitable points; and with the view of demonstrating the possibility of conducting this enterprise successfully, have established one such winter dairy at Sussex. As there can be no doubt that great benefits will accrue to the Province should this experiment prove that the enterprise can be made generally successful, you will be glad to hear that the results thus far have been eminently satisfactory. In furtherance of the interests of dairying, the Government have established and are now conducting a Dairy School at Sussex, where all interested can obtain free of cost, instruction in the most approved methods for butter and cheese making.

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## Commercial.

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**ESTIMATES.**  
A claim of long standing against the Dominion Government on account of Eastern Extension has been pressed during the recess by a delegation of my Government, and I have reason to conclude that a reply will be promptly given in the early days of this Session. The merits of the demand and the reception accorded by the Ministry at Ottawa to the representation on behalf of the Province encourage the belief that such reply will be favorable.

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I have directed that the Accounts of the Income and Expenditure for the past year, as well as a statement of the Receipts and Payments of the current year up to the opening of the present Session, be laid before the Assembly.

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