

Eddy, leader of the rebellion against the troops of George III in 1776, having had his residence thereon.

The temperance bodies of the town, with the years of organization, are : Amherst Division, S. of T., 1862 ; La Planche Lodge, I. O. G. T., 1865 ; Myrtle Juvenile Temple, 1882 ; W. C. T. Union, 1886, Pioneer Council, R. T. of Temperance, 1891 ; Catholic T. A. Society, 1891. Fraternal Societies : Acacia Lodge, A. F. & A. M., 1845 ; Ivy Lodge, I. O. O. F., 1878 ; Amherst Council, Royal Arcanum, 1880 ; Court Acadia, I. O. Foresters, 1883 ; Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, 1891 ; L. Orange Lodge, No. 1628, 1892 ; Chignecto Lodge, Knights of Pythias, 1892 ; besides societies connected with the churches.

Amherst men who have held important public positions in the last forty years have been : Judges McCully, Townshend, Morse ; Hon. R. B. Dickey, M. L. C. member of conference on Confederation, and senator ; W. W. Bent, M. P. P. ; Sir Charles Tupper, Premier of N. S., minister in Dominion cabinet, and Canadian High Commissioner in London ; Sir C. H. Tupper and Hon. A. R. Dickey, Dominion cabinet ministers ; W. T. Pipes, premier of N. S. ; Hon. H. Black, M. L. C. ; T. R. Black C. J. Townshend, G. W. Forrest, M's P. P. ; W. H. Rogers, Inspector of Fisheries ; Rev. S. McC. Black, editor of the Baptist organ of the Maritimes.

Amherst has given to public life brilliant talents in men of past and present generations ; nor has the literary field been uncultivated. One of our citizens, Mrs. Grace Dean McLeod Rogers, has, though yet in early life, acquired, by her fine talents, devoted sometimes to subjects allied with the history of our own province, a high literary reputation, which has extended beyond the Dominion.

The mayors of the town have been Thomas Dunlap, Dr. Allan, Nat Curry ; stipendiaries—Cyrus Black, T. J. Copp, W. F. Cutten, W. R. McCully, J. M. Townshend ; town clerk and treasurer—W. F. Donkin.

An organization in which the citizens take great pleasure and pride is the Amherst Military Band, of 40 pieces. An efficient company of volunteer militia has been maintained here for thirty years.

In these days of the annihilation of space it becomes a marvel how busy people found time to travel, even only thirty years ago, for there were only 93 miles of railway in Nova Scotia, 108 in New Brunswick, and P. E. Island had not thought of such a thing. Now, we have in operation in Cumberland County alone 120 miles. The