

broadminded on all subjects, religion included. He puts on no "airs;" is ever ready to help make pleasanter the lives of those with whom he comes into contact, and because of these qualities of his character he is justly appreciated and respected. We have special pleasure in presenting his portrait as a frontispiece to this month's number.



### Sixty Years Ago.

I TAKE up a file of *The Islander*, or *Prince Edward Weekly Intelligencer and Advertiser*, dated Charlottetown, Friday, May 3, 1844. This particular date is the 75th issue of that newspaper, it having first been published on December 2, 1842. John Ings, who is still amongst us, was the printer and publisher.

As affording matter for comparison between that time and the present, and also as a means of furnishing *The Prince Edward Island Magazine's* older readers with texts on which to exercise their memories, I propose to furnish extracts from this newspaper, showing what occurred, and what occupied public attention, during the month of May, sixty years ago.

First in order come the advertisements, and first among them is a notice of Land Assessment, signed by J. Spencer Smith, Treasurer. T. DesBrisay, proprietor of the Apothecaries Hall, announces the arrival of new stock from London, per the *Constance*.

W. R. Watson also announces arrivals of drugs and select groceries, *ex Acadian*, from Greenock, and *Jane Spratt* from Halifax. How many of those merchants of that day, and the good ships that brought their goods to them, have passed away. The old Apothecaries Hall has gone and a new one has taken its place on the old site, but its proprietor is called by another name. Robert MacKie "intimates his having commenced business in Mr. J. M. Gillis' New House, opposite the Apothecaries Hall, (this stand is now occupied by Jenkins & Son). Lydiard & Finlayson, No. 1 Queen Street, are among the largest advertisers, announcing importations of cloths, flannels, silks, Jamaica spirits, brandy and groceries; in a postscript they add a notification that is even yet used, viz: that "unless those whose accounts have been due some time, etc., etc." James H. Peters gives notice that he has been appointed to manage the real estates of the Honourable Samuel