On the 9th July, 1858, while the steam-ship ‘Dundalk’ was passing through Banff Bay, on her passage from Inverness to Granton, the attention of the crew and passengers was attracted by a remarkable object floating in the water, which was at first supposed to be a huge fish. A closer examination proved it to be a squared log of fir timber, somewhere about thirty feet in length, completely covered throughout its entire lower surface with a dense crop of barnacles.

The log was brought to Granton Pier, whence I obtained a supply of specimens for examination. The species is Lepas

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