

Joseph Crandall, a pioneer Baptist Minister was compelled by the Legislature to elect between the church and politics. He decided for the former and resigned his seat.

Mr. MacMonagle was a resident of Mount Whatley and was drowned in crossing a branch of the St. John, on his way to Fredericton.

During the first part of the 19th century, Westmorland produced two men whose works were effective in making permanent changes in the face of the country. The first one was Tolar Thompson of Tantramar. He was the first English Marsh (dyke) builder. Whatever methods La Valliere in 1675 and La Loutre in 1750 pursued, had passed into forgetfulness in the turmoil and confusion of war. The first English settlers had the benefit of the dykes, aboideaux and sluice boxes constructed and left by the Acadians, but it appears they did little or nothing in the way of excavating channels for tidal deposits, tho' the fertility and value of these lands had been recognized by even the first pioneers and recorded in various official reports.

As soon as there was any safety for life and property in the Isthmus, the government was alive to the fact that the marshes must have some sort of administration. Accordingly in 1764, Sewer Boards were appointed—the Sackville Board consisted of Daniel Hawkins, Ebenezer Sallisbury, Robert Foster and Jonathan Cole. The Amherst Sewers were Josiah Throop, James Fulton and Elisha Freeman.

Very little progress seems to have been made in marsh building for at least a generation thereafter. Marsden, the Methodist circuit rider mentions in his notes the dangers of travelling across the Tantramar marshes between Point de Bute and Tantramar. He required a guide armed with a pole to go ahead and find safe footing amidst the bogs, pools and streams.

Mr. Thompson day after day and season after season made his home amongst the lakes and streams of this vast expanse of waste land, the screaming water fowl his only companions.

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