The Standard

Published by The Standard Limited, 82 Prince William Street, St. John, Canada.

MANAGING DIRECTOR—Jas H. Crocket.
EDITOR—S. D. Scott.

SUBSCRIPTION.

Morning Edition, By Carrier, per year,	$5.00
" " Mail, "	3.00
Weekly Edition, by Mail, per year,	1.00
Weekly Edition to United States	1.52

Single Copies Two Cents.

TELEPHONE CALLS:

Business Office	Main, 1722
Editorial and News	Main 1746

SAINT JOHN, THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 15, 1909.

MR. SWEENEY, ADMINISTRATOR AND CRITIC.

Two members of the late Provincial ministry are now campaigning on behalf of Mr. Bentley. Besides these there are Mr. Copp and Mr. Lowell, members of the Legislature, who were supporters of the late administration. This Opposition campaign is in fact conducted by the same group whom the people sent about their business last year. The old Government is therefore on its defence.

One of the former ministers now stumping this county is the ex-Surveyor-General. Mr. Sweeney does right to come. His management of the Crown Land Department is an issue before the electors. The province has said Mr. Sweeney and it has Mr. Grimmer. Those who prefer Mr. Sweeney and his methods should vote for his candidate, Mr. Bentley.

But so far Mr. Sweeney has avoided the very subject which he should be in St. John to discuss. He has not offered any explanation of his remarkable official career. Mr. Sweeney was in the late cabinet five years, and had charge of the Crown Land Department between three and four years. All that is known goes to show that in this period the department was atrociously mismanaged. If Mr. Sweeney has any defence of the condition in which he left his office he ought to give it. If he has not he should have grace enough, or shame enough to refrain from criticism.

In Mr. Sweeney's time a select body of large lumbermen seem to have done as they liked about paying stumpage. Those who were willing to pay, or were without a pull, probably paid about as much as the law called for. Others paid anywhere from one-third or less to two-thirds of the amount due. In his last year of office, Mr. Sweeney was accepting some three and a half millions as the cut of one operator in one district. The Government changed and Mr. Grimmer refused to accept the scale. He found that the cut was twelve millions, and that the province would have lost over $250,000. Nothing can be surer than that the treasury was robbed this much by the defeat of Mr. Sweeney and his friends in one year on a single account. Nothing can be surer than that this thing went on all along the line, and in every year. It is not too much to say that in his four winters Mr. Sweeney cost the province New Brunswick in loss of legitimate revenue from stumpage alone, $250,000, and it is probable that $400,000 would be nearer the figure.

Mr. Sweeney made one explanation in the Legislature. He said that a scaler who made these under-statements was a boy or very young man allowed to take the place of his father who was ill. A little investigation showed that the father had died some time before, and the scaler was not a substitute, but a certified officer, who had been appointed by Mr. Sweeney himself though he failed to qualify before his appointment. Mr. Sweeney seems to have paid so little attention to his public business that he ignorantly or forgetfully repudiated his own action. Even if his statement had been correct it would have shown that he placed in the hands of young and inexperienced men such control of revenues as one of them could make presents of $10,000 worth from the treasury.

During the two sessions since he quit office, Mr. Sweeney has on many occasions confessed his ignorance of appointments, licenses and permits made or issued by himself. He seems to have been the most happy-go-lucky minister who ever had charge of a great revenue department. When he was retired the departmental revenue went up by bounds, and the losses through defaults and bad accounts came to an end. The money saved annually by the change from him to Mr. Grimmer is equal to the interest on two millions to three millions. The disappearance is better than the additional subsidy from Ottawa.

When the tragic death of the late Deputy Surveyor occurred some light was thrown on the condition of Mr. Sweeney's department. The Deputy was a collector of public money and had occasion to spend very large sums. Yet the bank had allowed him to overdraw the account to an extent of some $18,000. The bank was blamed in doing so because it had the authority of Mr. Sweeney himself. It is fair to say that Mr. Sweeney did not begin this extraordinary system. Before he took office his immediate predecessor, with the approval of the Provincial Secretary of that time, had authorized an overdraft of $10,000.

Mr. Sweeney should have caused that account to be closed and cancelled the authority. But instead, he increased the amount, as is shown by his letter:—

"Fredericton, June 1, 1905.

"To the Manager of the Bank of B. N. A.:—Will you please arrange that W. P. Flewelling, Deputy Surveyor General (if necessary) may overdraw his account to an amount not to exceed $5,000 on account of game properly for which amount and interest thereon the Government of New Brunswick will be responsible. This is a guarantee of payment of any amount (and interest thereon) which may be advanced to him.

(Signed.) Francis J. Sweeney,
"Surveyor General."

The note explained that this was in addition to the sum then in force.

The next year Mr. Sweeney wrote the following:—

"October 26, 1906.

"To the Manager of the Bank of B. N. A., Fredericton, N. B.:—

"Please give W. P. Flewelling, Deputy Surveyor General, a further credit of $10,000 for which amount or any interest thereon which may become due) this Government will be responsible.

(Signed) Francis J. Sweeney,
"Surveyor General."

What could the province expect from such management? Mr. Sweeney probably meant no great wrong. He simply did not know the full horror of what he was doing.

And now he is going among the St. John electors criticizing Mr. Grimmer.

MR. MOSHER IS A GOOD CANDIDATE.

To the supporters of the Government one gratifying feature of the St John election campaign, so far as it has gone, is the personal strength and popularity of Mr. Mosher. It is true that in this contest Mr. Mosher has the advantage of the influence and prestige of a popular and successful Government, which itself has gained the confidence of open minded people. But apart from this he has obtained and is daily increasing a strong support on his merits as candidate and prospective representative. He makes a good appearance on the platform and speaks with force and effectiveness.

His prospects are assisted by his frank manner, his earnestness, the fearless way in which he deals with subjects raised by the audience, and the growing conviction that he would in the Legislature be well able to protect the interests committed to his charge. Mr. Mosher has had the assistance of able and experienced speakers, but he has himself smashed the highway canvass that was started against him. So thoroughly has this argument been turned against Mr. Bentley and his friends, that opposition speakers who take it up get an impatient hearing. The people will stand a good deal of nonsense, but they draw the line at political councillors who refuse to repair the roads, and blame the Government for it, and at a candidate who destroys a highway with his own traffic and then complains about it. Mr. Bentley in this matter is like the criminal who murdered his father and mother and appealed for mercy on the ground that he was an orphan.

Mr. Mosher has spent his life in St. John county and is known to many of its people. All that is known of him is to his advantage. The personal element counts for much in a by-election, where there is only one man on each side. Particularly in St. Martins town and parish is Mr. Mosher respected. The names on his nomination paper of life-long Liberals, who never yet voted on the side now represented by Mr. Mosher, have great significance. It is half the battle to have a good candidate and Mr. Mosher is a good candidate.

THE FIELDING LOAN.

Mr. Fielding's 3½ per cent. $32,000,000 loan has not been all taken by the public at 98½ per cent. A part remains on the hands of the underwriters who will no doubt find a sale for the bonds later on. Since the underwriting banks get some two per cent. or over half a million dollars in commissions and brokerage, the net price to the Dominion will be less than 97 per cent. This means that the Dominion will give its note for one million dollars more than is received. Before the year is out, Mr. Fielding must borrow again. The Transcontinental is getting in its work.

ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS.

Mention is made by the Telegraph to the documents respecting the dredging rake-off. This may refer to the following agreement forming part of the rake-off contract.

"And whereas the said George McAvity is to receive moneys out of the performance of the above contract, he agrees and promises to use his influence and endeavors with the Minister of Public Works, or office of the Government at Ottawa, to increase the number of yards to be dredged at the aforesaid site of contract.

"(Signed) George McA."

Another South American war seems to be impending. Bolivia and Peru have long been disputing over the ownership of a triangular piece of territory containing minerals. Finally the question was left to the arbitration of the President of the Argentine Republic. This judge gave each contestant part of the land, but Peru is supposed to have got the best of it. At least such is the Bolivian view, and this state refuses to accept the award.

Persia is nominally following the example of Turkey. An alleged revolutionary party has made war on the Shah, demanding that a promised constitution shall go into operation. The head of the revolutionary party is a nephew of the King, and is said to have been a very autocratic despot, as viceroy. Of course in Persia the change would be only a change of despots, as anything like popular government would be impossible in the present state of Persian uncivilization.

The organs of the late Government are worrying because several Provincial ministers are speaking in this campaign. That is what the ministers ought to do. They have been managing public property and interests and are telling the owners how they have done it. They are not here like the former Premier and Surveyor General to plead that they are not responsible for what they have done.

Mr. Copp has made another speech which is rather long and considerably loud, but has not explained what he did for that $1,425. An inquiring audience was told that he was not there to answer such questions. The audience must have concluded at the end that he was there for a much less useful purpose.

Mr. Robinson will some day tell how it felt to be going about the province through an election campaign with full knowledge of the suspense accounts, keeping the awful secret, while giving out what purported to be a complete statement of the financial situation.

Mr. Sweeney has, after long and painful thought, reached the conclusion that Mr. Pugsley is the greatest statesman Canada ever produced. A mind which can make such a discovery ought to be encouraged. Mr. Sweeney will please keep on thinking.

Mr. Sweeney says the Liberal party has done a great deal for Senator Ellis. But Mr. Sweeney does not see that Mr. Ellis is doing a great deal for the Liberal party. He is trying to keep the party from making itself responsible for the Provincial grafters.

Mr. Morrissy remarks that the Telegraph had to go back twenty years to show that he was not always a Liberal. In the case of the Telegraph it is only necessary to go back six years to find four times that it has changed sides and twice when it was Conservative.

The Telegraph says that Mr. Mayes did not pay any rake-off out of his contracts with the Province. Mr. Mayes should apologize to the president of the Telegraph Company for the inadvertance.

Mr. Robinson, who formerly drew seven dollars a day as minister, heard last night with approval his Westmorland colleague criticizing Mr. Morrissy for drawing the same salary as Chief Commissioner.

Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Copp successively broke it to the Milford audience that they formerly carried slabs. These were days when Mr. Copp could tell what he did for the money he got.

Only six days more and Councillors Donovan, Adams, Barnhill and Curran will be willing to have some road work done.

Superior Dentistry

Emerson puts the POINT pithily:—

"If a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon or make a better mouse-trap than his neighbor, though he build his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten track to his door."

See the POINT?

Our fillings, crown and bridge work are the best.

It will pay you to have your teeth put in good order, painlessly and at reasonable charges.

OUR good work makes good friends, who remain with us.

EXAMINATION FREE.

DR. J. D. MAHER,
Boston Dental Parlors
527 Main Street.

PLUMBING

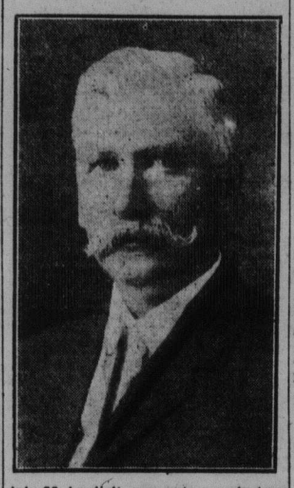
Have the best room in the house. The BATH ROOM done by a practical man.

G. W. WILLIAMS,
'Phone 1986-11. 18 Waterloo St.

St. Martins by the Sea, July 7, 1909.

To the Electors of Saint John County

Having been unanimously nominated by the Local Government Party as their Candidate in election to be held for Saint John County, on Tuesday,



July 20, I solicit your votes as electors desirous of Honest Government for the people, irrespective of party lines.

I have the honor to be,
Yours truly,
J. P. MOSHER.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Albert W. Dawson, of Portsmouth, N. H., who has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wiley, of 129 St. John street, west, for the past two months, left last evening by C. P. R. for Boyn Settlement Sunbury county, where she will visit her brother, Robert F. Wiley, who has recently purchased the Byarden farm there. Mrs. Dawson was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. Wiley.

Mrs. H. Colby Smith and son left last evening for River du Loup to spend the summer.

Mr. J. F. Estabrooks, of North End, was taken ill Wednesday morning and in the evening underwent a trying operation at the general public hospital. Mr. Estabrooks is over 80 years of age, but nevertheless stood the operation well and is today progressing favorably.

Mr. Louis Comeau, of Shediac, is at the Dufferin.

Mr. Lewis H. Bliss, of St. Marys, Ferry, was at the Royal yesterday.

Mr. H. Lardner of Montreal is in the city.

Mr. J. K. Oswald, of Montreal, is registered at the Royal.

Mr. John Kilburn, of Fredericton, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Beatrice Fenety came in from New York on Tuesday and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred W. Daniel.

Miss Elsie Stockton, who has been at Orillia, Ont., for some months, is now at her home on Mount Pleasant.

Eugene McAuliffe, the victim of a serious railway accident here 13 months ago, leaves this evening for Lynn, Mass., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jere McAuliffe. The boy has been lying on his back in the hospital all these months and the wound is now almost entirely healed.

Mr. Fritz W. Schaefer, formerly of Moncton, who was transferred to the Royal Bank at Camaguey, Cuba, two years ago is at Cape Brule, N. S., spending his vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Schaefer, of St. John.

Sydney Herald:—Miss Minnie MacMillan has left to spend a two weeks' vacation at her home in Chatham, N. B.

Mr. Fred Doyle, diver, who met with a mishap some few days ago, is well and about again, of which his friends will be glad to hear.

Mr. Wm. Davidson, of The Molson's Bank,, Montreal, is visiting, is visiting his mother, Mrs. W. J. Davidson, of Rothesay.

Among Canadians registered at the High Commissioners' office, London, June 29, were Mrs. Edwards, Miss Addison, St. John; Prof. C. C. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. FitzRandolph, Fredericton; Mrs. Franklin and Miss Frances A. Shortmell, John Priestman and two ladies, Mrs. A. H. Chandler, Col. H. H. and Miss McLean.

Toronto News:—Mrs. Paver, Moncton, N. B., is staying with Mrs. Canavan, Albany avenue.

Mr. William C. Cross, one of the delegates from the Maritime Provinces to the Dominion Wholesale Grocers' Exchange in Victoria, B. C., has returned home. He was as far south as San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Landry passed through the city Tuesday night en route to Montreal, where they will take the Empress of Britain for England.

Dr. Addy Perry, V. S., who has been visiting his home in Carleton, has returned to Sussex.

Ald. Joseph A. Likely is convalescent.

Mr. D. S. Gass, of Moncton, spent Monday in town.

Dr. Daniel C. Clark, left Tuesday night to attend the New Brunswick Baptist Association meetings at Gibson, N. B. Mr. R. H. Parsons, West Side, left for the same purpose.

Hon. W. S. Fielding and Miss Fielding left London July 2 for a motor trip in the north of England.

Mr. R. W. W. Frink is home from a very successful fishing trip at Mr. J. J. McGaffigan's camp at Tracadie.

Dr. W. W. White and son left last evening for Quebec en route to England.

Mr. Hubert Armstrong, of Lancaster Heights, has returned home.

Mr. Ed. Hazen, of Fredericton, is at the Dufferin.

Mr. Louis Cowan, of Shediac, is in the city.

Mr. E. Connely, of Sussex, was at the Dufferin yesterday.

Mr. J. A. Murray, M. P. P., is at the Victoria.

Mr. Fred J. Carten, of Fredericton, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield, of Yarmouth, are registered at the Victoria.

Mr. F. A. Jewett, of Kingston, N. B., is in the city.

Mr. W. McClafferty, of Halifax, is at the Victoria.

Mr. W. L. Murray, of Summerside, is in the city.

Mr. C. W. Robinson, M. P. P., of Moncton and Mr. A. B. Copp, M. P. P., of Sackville, were at the Royal yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. DeVeber, of Gagetown, are in the city.

Hon. Chas. E. Oak, of Bangor, is at the Royal.

Mr. Thos. Malcolm and Miss Malcolm, of Campbellton, are at the Royal.

Mr. A. F. Bentley, of St. Martins, was in the city yesterday.

HAMMOCKS.

Twenty Per Cent. Discount.

At regular prices our hammocks are excellent value---nevertheless as the season has been rather backward, we have too many on hand, so to reduce our stock, we are making a discount of 20 per cent. A most complete stock--all 1909 designs. If you need a hammock, you should not miss the chance of getting one at a regular bargain.

EMERSON & FISHER, 25 Germain St

FOR HIGH GRADE
CONFECTIONERY
DELIGHTFUL ICE CREAM

and up-to-date Soda Drinks with the latest and newest flavors and fancies, call at

W. HAWKER & SON
Druggists, 104 Prince Wm. St.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT
ARRIVING.
TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS
J. F. ESTABROOK & SON,
ST. JOHN, N. B.

Come One, Come All

the main thing is to look neat. Come and have your clothes pressed where they can be well done. We are the main sports of the city in this line. Come Ladies and Gents

WILBUR & WATTERS.
Cleaning and Pressing. 'Phone 1986-31.
20 WATERLOO ST.

Notice To Contractors

General Superintendent's Office, St. John, N. B.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 2 o'clock P. M., July 20th, 1909, for the following buildings at Aroostook Junction:—

TURNTABLE FOUNDATIONS.
BUNK HOUSE.
BOARDING HOUSE.
TWO DOUBLE COTTAGES.
ENGINE HOUSE.
FREIGHT SHED.

The outside of the envelope must show "Tenders for Buildings, Aroostook Junction, Victoria County, N. B."

Plans and specifications can be seen and proposal forms and all other information obtained from G. L. Wetmore, Division Engineer, St. John, N. B.

The right is reserved to reject any or all tenders.

WM. DOWNIE,
General Superintendent,
Atlantic Division, C. P. R.
St. John, N. B., July 9th, 1909. 7-10-61

Notice of Sale

There will be sold at Public Auction at Chubb's Corner, so called, in the City of Saint John, on Wednesday, the Twenty Eighth day of July, A. D. 1909, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, 25 shares of "THE JOSIAH FOWLER COMPANY, LIMITED" also a certain Promissory Note dated at St. John, N. B., January 19, 1904, made by C. T. Bailey whereby he promised to pay Six Months after the date thereof to H. A. Gardner, or Order, Twelve Hundred Dollars ($1,200.00) at the Union Bank of Halifax, here, together with interest thereon at six per centum per annum, payable quarterly, with overdue interest upon the same from the nineteenth day of July 1908 duly endorsed by the said H. A. Gardner.

Dated this Seventh day of July, A. D. 1909.

R. G. MURRAY, Solicitor.
CHARLOTTE E. BOWMAN.

EDGECOMBE & CHAISSON,
.·. TAILORS .·.
Importers of High Grade Cloths for Gentlemen's Wear.
104 KING STREET, Trinity Block.

THE LEADER, A. W. Faber's New
"CASTELL" PENCILS
the most perfect writing pencil yet introduced, unequalled for *Purity, Smoothness* and *Economy.* These pencils are pronounced the "Finest in Existence." All grades in stock at

BARNES & CO., Limited, -:- Stationers,
84 Prince William Street.

WEDDING GIFTS IN CUT GLASS

Bright, sparkling and brilliant Nothing looks better on the table or sideboard than rich cut glass.

And just now we are offering all our stock at very attractive prices to clear.

For wedding gifts or for your own table you should not neglect this opportunity to buy at such low prices.

L. L Sharpe & Son,
King Street. ST. JOHN.

SCENIC ROUTE

STEAMER MAGGIE MILLER leaves Milledgeville for Summerville, Kennebecasis Island and Bayswater daily, except Saturday and Sunday at 6.45 and 9.30 a. m. 2, 4 and 6 p. m. Returning from Bayswater at 6, 7.30 and 10.30 a. m. 2.45 and 5.15 p. m. Sunday at 9 and 10.30 a. m., 2.30 and 6.15 p. m. Returning at 9.45 and 11.15 a. m., 5 and 7 p.m. Saturday at 6.15 and 9.30 a.m., 2.30 5, and 7 p.m. Returning at 5.30, 7 and 10.30 a.m., 3.15, 5.45 and 7.45 p.m.

JOHN McGOLDRICK, Agent.

Fredericton Business College
IS NOT CLOSED IN SUMMER

Why waste the summer months? Two or three months wasted at this time of your course, may mean loss of that many months' salary at the other end.

ENTER NOW. Free catalogue, giving full particulars sent on request. Address,
W. J. OSBORNE,
Box 385. Fredericton, N. B.

Sales Solicited. Prompt Returns.
TLC T. L. Coughlan
AUCTIONEER
70 Princess St. ST. JOHN, N. B.
Clifton House Building.

The Str. Premier is now connecting with the Sussex train at Rothesay, morning and evening and on Wednesday and Saturday will meet train leaving St. John at 13.15. This will give people from the city an excellent afternoon outing on the Kennebecasis. Get ticket for round trip from I. C. R. Agent, St. John for Long Island, Moss Glen, Gondola Point and Clifton. Austin R. Wetmore, Manager. 261

COAL
AMERICAN ANTHRACITE
SCOTCH ANTHRACITE
OLD MINE SYDNEY
RESERVE
Delivered in bulk or in bags.
Prices low

R. P. & W. F. Starr,
Limited
49 Smythe St. 14 Charlotte St.

Hardwood Flooring
(OUR SPECIALTY)

We carry all widths from 1¾in. to 3 in.

It is carefully and thoroughly kiln dried.

Milled in the most up-to-date manner, by expert mechanics, on specially built machines.

End matched, hollow backed, and bored for nailing.

We claim it to be the best made.

Note—2,500 Doors, all sizes and grades, in our warehouses.

HALEY BROS. & CO.
Box 145. 'Phone 203.

New Brunswick Southern Railway

On and after MONDAY, Jan. 4 1909, trains will run daily, Sunday excepted, as follows:

Lv. St. John East Ferry. ..	7.30 a. m.
Lv. West St. John..	7.45 a. m.
Arr. St. Stephen..	12.00 p. m.
Lv. St. Stephen..	1.30 p. m.
Lv. St. Stephen..	1.30 p. m.
Arr. West St. John..	5.40 p. m.

H. H. McLEAN, President.
Atlantic standard time.

NO SUMMER VACATION

We would greatly enjoy one, but as many of our students are from long distances, and anxious to be ready for situations as soon as possible, our classes will be continued without interruption.

Then, St. John's cool summer weather makes study as pleasant during the warmest months as at any other time.

Students can enter at any time. Send for Catalogue.

S. Kerr
Principal.

B. A. DENNISTON,
House and Sign Painter,
—DEALER IN—
Wall Papers, Paints, Oils, Stains, Varnishes, Enamels, Glass, Putty, Brushes, etc.
Shop: 16 Sydney St.
House 'Phone 1015.

Gasoline Marine Engines
Repairs and Renewals for any make Promptly Attended To.

E. S. Stephenson & Co.,
Nelson St. St. John, N. B.

SPRING SUITINGS
A. R. CAMPBELL & SON,
MERCHANT TAILORS
26 Germain St. St. John, N. B.

FOSTER & CO.,
Tel. 523. 62 UNION ST.
Successors to E. G. Scovil
TEA and WINE MERCHANT
Agent: Robert Brown Four Crown Scotch
Pelee Island Wines.

Wood-Working Factory

Prompt delivery. Give us a trial order. Satisfaction guaranteed.

HAMILTON & GAY,
St. John, N. B.
Erin St. 'Phone 211.