

# The St. John Standard

Published by The Standard Limited, 52 Prince William Street,  
St. John, N. B., Canada.

H. V. MACKINNON, Managing Editor. ALFRED E. MCGINLEY, Editor.

Yearly Subscriptions: \$5.00 Do not enclose cash in an unregistered letter. Use postal notes, money orders, or express orders when remitting.  
By Mail: 3.00  
Semi-Weekly, by Mail: 1.00  
Semi-Weekly to United States: 2.00

ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1916.

"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H.M. The King.  
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

## THE U. S. PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST.

On Tuesday next the people of the United States will elect their president. Both sides claim to be sure of victory but the fact is that today there is no real basis for forming an opinion as to the result. A week ago The Standard referred to an election slate published by the Chicago Tribune, which gave Mr. Hughes a distinct advantage. Today, judging from the American newspapers on both sides of politics it looks as if the issue would be decided by that great force in all political contests known as "the silent vote"—and that vote is still unsettled.

From the beginning of the contest it has been claimed that if Hughes could get the normal strength of the Republican vote he could win. This he has been trying for and for that reason his campaign utterances have been carefully framed with a view to offending no one, and, at the same time attracting as many as possible from those elements which Mr. Wilson has alienated during his term in the White House. Mr. Hughes' campaign has consisted principally of criticism of the Wilson programme but it has not been evident that he has definitely committed himself to the policy he will pursue if elected. In other words, he has talked fluently about the need for "staunch Americanism," "American nationhood," and all that sort of thing, but has not given specifications, as to the exact necessity.

On the other hand, President Wilson stands upon the record of domestic legislation during his administration. He justifies his course with regard to Germany and Mexico and claims the labor vote because of what he has done for the introduction of the eight-hour day.

Until quite recently, independent observers were of the opinion that Hughes was steadily gaining ground and was a sure winner. Within the past few days, however, there have been signs that the Republicans are becoming alarmed, although it is only fair to add that the party leaders regard this alarm as artificial. They say it has been created by some of their own workers as a sort of final "shake-down," an attempt to extract a little more "dough" from headquarters.

It was at first expected that the contest would have much interest for Canada but with the nomination of the candidates and the opening of the real campaign this interest rapidly died. From the Canadian viewpoint neither candidate has exhibited much backbone. Mr. Wilson prides himself on having kept his country out of war—which is a good thing, or a bad one according to the price of that peace. If it was obtained at the expense of American honor it cannot be regarded as much of an achievement. Mr. Hughes, on the other hand, has not hesitated to go after the German vote and he is doing it by methods which smack of the "cheap jack." Consequently it matters to few, except the ever increasing crop of office seekers, which man occupies the White House. Both of them have shown it as their conception of political wisdom to be vigorous in words and weak in action. The vigorous Americanism—and despite the milk and watery Wilson attitude there is a good deal of it—which thinks the country should be doing its share in the struggle for the liberation of the world from the evil of Prussian militarism is really not represented in the contest at all.

## MONEY IN SAILING VESSELS.

Owners of sailing vessels, of whom there are many in the Maritime Provinces, will be interested in an article in the November number of Scribner's Magazine which deals with the development of the sailing vessel in the ports of New England and of the really wonderful profits gleaned by these "wind-jammers," as the result of the great demands on steam tonnage made by the war.

The first vessels to feel the effect of this boom were those of larger size, the square-riggers, barques and the great five and six masted schooners which had been engaged in the American coasting trade. Then smaller schooners were snapped up for this

gold-bringing off-shore trade and those that did not engage in the trans-Atlantic trade found a rich harvest because of the scarcity of domestic tonnage. It was like a commercial fairy tale and, somehow, more wholesomely gratifying than the stories of fevered activity in munition stocks in Wall Street with their inflation and jobbery. Profits continued to grow to such an extent that newspapers in New England towns and cities commenced to publish stories of the great gains to be made in this trade. The Portland, Me. Press, for example, tells the story of the six-master E. B. Winslow, engaged in carrying coal from Norfolk, Va., to Portland. She was one of the vessels whose good fortune has been dazzling. She was chartered for Rio with 5,000 tons of coal beneath her hatches and came home laden with manganese ore after a voyage of seven months. Her owners received \$180,000 in freight money, or considerably more than the cost of building her, and \$120,000 of this was net profit to be distributed as dividends.

It soon became commonplace information to hear that a schooner had paid for herself in one voyage off-shore. Those who preferred to sell instead of charter also enjoyed a sort of Arabian Nights come true. There was the retired skipper of Portland who recklessly bought an old vessel two years ago for \$17,000, a tremendous speculation which absorbed all he had thrifflily tucked away in a lifetime at sea, and strained his credit besides. In two voyages this sturdy coaster put \$35,000 in his pocket, after which he sold her for \$100,000 and dared to indulge in the long-deferred luxury of navigating his own cabin-coat.

As with New England vessels so with those of Maritime Province ports. They, too, felt the impetus of "big business," and shared in the general prosperity. This is well, and there are none who will begrudge to the owners of wooden shipping their well merited prosperity. There was a time when St. John was famous all over the world for the extent of the ship holdings of its citizens. That time has passed, probably never to return, but it is good to learn that fortune once more smiles on the class of traffic which gave this city and port its first commercial impetus.

## A LIBERAL'S VIEW.

A Liberal of Liberals is E. W. Thomson, the well known journalist and correspondent in Canada of the Boston Transcript; but he declares that not to support Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues, in a time like this, "would be treacherous to the cause to which Canada stands engaged." The Standard has already published Mr. Thomson's remarks on this subject, but they are so emphatic that they merit reproduction. In a recent letter to the Transcript he says:

What is at stake on the issue of this war is precisely the future of mankind. If we do not now utterly beat down the Hohenzollerns, our children's children must be slaves to that dynasty; or else slaves to a militarist caste, maintained to permit enslavement by the Hohenzollerns. The one path to a long or a permanent peace, and to quiet industrial existence, is the way of our allied guns and men to Berlin.

Inasmuch as Sir Robert Borden boldly put Canada on that way, and has steadily pursued that course, he appears to me to have been guided by well-informed sense and by such inspiration as may be properly termed genius. None but a great man would have dared in August, 1914, venturing to interpret the real mind of the Canadian people in such a time of confused opinion and quaking dismay. I humbly confess that he then knew, as by instinct, what men like myself, who at first objected to Canada's being committed to the war without a mandate from the electors, would be thinking when the time should have disclosed the power, preparedness, and devility of Prussia. To do other than support him in the general election to which seems to be impending, would, it seems to me, be treacherous to the cause to which Canada stands engaged. To defeat him would be to testify that Canada had flunked and wished to crawl out. That would be a heavy loss to the Allied cause; a large encouragement to Berlin.

Mr. Thomson's opinion will be endorsed by thousands of Liberals. The English-speaking Liberals of the Dominion will not replace Sir Robert

Borden by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, a man who has the solid backing of the anti-war element, which would stop recruiting at once if it dared.

## A GENEROUS RESPONSE.

Those business and professional men of St. John who responded so generously to the appeal of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, eloquently and effectively voiced by Senator Thorne and T. H. Estabrooks, have cause for self-congratulation upon the success attending the efforts of the volunteer canvassers. More than \$58,000 has been secured as the result of a direct campaign amongst the wealthy men of this city and it is a showing of which St. John may well feel proud.

By their effort, and the generous response they encountered, Messrs. Thorne and Estabrooks have succeeded in wiping out the deficit which the Patriotic Fund faced and that organization can now enter the year 1917 with a clear sheet. The report of the collectors published in full in another column of The Standard this morning is pleasant reading.

## THRILLING ENCOUNTER WITH BIG WILD CAT

Victoria Co. Man's Life Saved by Rifle Shot — Big Cats Plentiful Along Upper St. John River.

A wild cat measuring four feet long and weighing sixty pounds, was recently captured on an island about four miles above Blue Mountain Bend, Victoria County, by the well-known sportsman, Mr. T. F. Allen, and one of his guides, Mr. Andrew McAskill, says the Victoria County News of Perth. Their experience was somewhat thrilling. As Mr. Allen describes it, they were coming down the Tobique river in a canoe, when they saw an animal upon the shore, which at first glance they took to be a deer or a dog; but upon approaching nearer, discovered it to be a wild cat. Mr. Allen fired at it with his rifle, bringing the animal to the ground. When they went to get the carcass, it had dragged itself into the thicket. After searching a few minutes they found it crouched on all fours. Knowing it was not dead, and being anxious to secure the fur without firing another shot, the guide decided to club it, and was in the act of doing so, when it made a spring for his throat. Mr. Allen instantly fired, hitting the ferocious animal in the side, when it fell to the ground dead. Mr. Allen says that wild cats are numerous on the Tobique river, and very savage, and they are destroying deer and other small game.

## If Strength Declines As Age Advances Follow This Suggestion

So many women grow old before their time, perhaps your wife or sister. A little while ago, buoyant, full of vigor and activity — she enjoyed life and imparted pleasure to the whole family; but now in a few short years she has faded and lost color and strength. She is just ready to develop some disease that will further weaken and debilitate. You remember how it began, failure of appetite, tired in the morning, found housework burdensome, always nervous and a little irritable. It's a shame to let her go down hill further when you can build her up so quickly with Ferrozone. The change this nourishing tonic makes in a weak woman is surprising. It gives great zest for food, increases appetite and digestion enormously. The blood gets richer and stronger and adds new life to every organ in the body. A rebuilding process works through the entire system. The first week will show an improvement and a month or two will fatten up the thinnest, most run-down woman you can think of. Take Ferrozone for lost color, for nervousness, for weakness, — use it when run-down and feeling poorly — it will do you more lasting good, keep you in better health, than anything else. Just as good for men and children, too, because Ferrozone is harmless and safe, 50c. per box or six for \$2.50, at all dealers, or direct by mail from the Cattarrhazone Co., Kingston, Ont.

## Humphrey's Shoes

Made in St. John, are inner-circle goods.

Ask your dealer for them.

J. M. Humphrey & Co.  
St. John, N. B.

## Little Benny's Note Book

### THE DISCOVERY OF GRAVITATION.

A Play.  
Scene, Izkik Newtons back yard.  
Izkik Newton: (sitting on the grass with his feet out), G, this is a swell day, I wonder what kind of a tree this is Im sitting under.  
(A apple on the top branch starts to swing on account of the wind.)  
Izkik Newton: It aint a pair tree, because I aint got any pair trees.  
(The apple keeps on swinging for the same reason.)  
Izkik Newton: It aint a orange tree, because were do I think Im at— Florida?  
(The apple brakes off and starts to fall.)  
Izkik Newton: All I haft to do to find out is jest look up, but wat do I care?  
(The apple is now pritty near a quarter of the way down.)  
Izkik Newton: This is a fine day, all rite.  
(The apple is now more than a quarter of the way down.)  
Izkik Newton: Look at the birds singing.  
(The apple is now pritty near half way down.)  
Izkik Newton: To see me setting heer with my feet out you mite think I didnt have anything elts to do. I awt to go in and rite a book, ony I cant think of anything to rite one about.  
(The apple is now more than half way down.)  
Izkik Newton: O, this is a grate day.  
(The apple falls all the way down and cracks Izkik Newton on top of the head.)  
Izkik Newton: Owtich! Ithust be a apple tree, according to this. This apple woodent of fell if it cood of stayed up. G, the law of gravitation must of had sumthing to do with this! Its funny nobody ever heard of it before. (He goes in the house and rites a book about it.)  
The end.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. C. Arthur McKenzie, of Fredericton, was at the Dufferin yesterday.

George D. Prescott, M. L. A., of Albert, was at the Dufferin yesterday. Former Mayor Raymond A. Legere, of Shediac, and George A. Legere of Moncton, were guests of the Dufferin yesterday.

W. P. Erb of Sussex, was at the Dufferin yesterday. Rt. Rev. John A. Richardson, Lord Bishop of Fredericton, observed the 45th anniversary of his birth yesterday.

H. P. Leaman and W. A. Ross, of Moncton, were at the Victoria yesterday.

B. P. Gorham, of Fredericton, was at the Victoria yesterday.

H. B. Durost, of Woodstock, was a guest of the Victoria yesterday.

H. P. Norton, of Penebiquis, was at the Victoria yesterday.

G. B. Jones, of Apohaqui, and Mrs. Jones were guests of the Victoria yesterday.

Dr. P. P. Weldon, of Grand Manan, was at the Victoria yesterday.

R. McDonald, of Sussex, was at the Victoria yesterday.

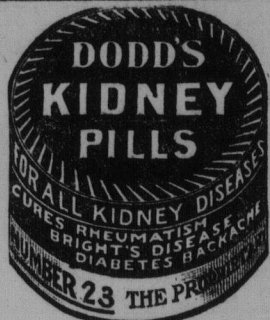
Hon. P. G. Mahoney, of Melrose, was a guest of the Royal yesterday.

H. E. Fawcett, of Sackville, was a guest of the Royal yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Burnham are in the city and will stay at the residence of Miss Armstrong, 265 Charlotte street, for the winter.

Mrs. R. H. McKendrick will receive a spring for the time since her marriage, Thursday and Friday afternoons, November 2nd and 3rd, at 96 Mount Pleasant Avenue.

Home from the Front.  
Lieut. Frank M. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Morton Smith, Princess street, arrived home from the front yesterday. He is on sick leave for a



## Your Choice of Neolin or Leather Soles on your Fall Boots

Colors—Black, Dark Tan or Mahogany.

Let us show you the "Greatest Values" in Men's Fall Wear. Goodyear Welt Sewed, Laced Boots.

Leather Soles, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8, \$8.50.  
Neolin Soles and Rubber Heels, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50.

We have every size in over 40 different styles. A last and width to fit every foot.

FRANCIS & VAUGHAN  
19 King Street

## Fir Sheathing

for wainscoting.  
Nice Number One stock, free from knots and defects.  
3-4 Fir Sheathing for partitions No. 1 grade.  
3-4 Fir Flooring

CHRISTIE WOODWORKING CO. LTD.  
Eric Street - Phone Main 1893

## Increased Cost of Efficiency

has compelled increased Rates of Tuition, beginning Nov. 1st. Those entering this month entitled to present rates.

Rate Card mailed to any address.

S. Kerr, Principal

ROLLS OF HONOR, ILLUMINATED ADDRESSES and DIPLOMAS, Hand Lettered and Colored, FOR CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES.

ENGRAVING & Jewellery Press PRINTING  
3 WATER STREET ST. JOHN, N. B.

## Electric Heaters



During this season of the year, the evenings are too cold to permit sitting around without some heat, and at the same time it is not cold enough to warrant lighting furnaces and heating stoves.

### An ELECTRIC HEATER

will meet the requirements exactly, and make the whole family comfortable. Another advantage is that they can be moved about the house to any room and heat provided, by simply connecting them to a socket and turning the switch.

In Oxidized Copper and Brass Finish, \$18.00.

T. M. AVITY & SONS LTD.

## Exclusive Styles in Jewelry

In Jewelry, as in everything else affected by fashion, exclusiveness stands foremost, and with this in view, we specialize in what is known as UNUSUAL JEWELRY—something a trifle different. Particularly would we call your attention to our latest offerings in Platinum Set Diamonds.

FERGUSON & PAGE  
Diamond Importers and Jewelers  
41 KING STREET,

## Canada Brushes Win

Most Modern Equipment, Skilled Workmanship and Best Selected Materials enable us to produce Superior Grade Brushes, which, we feel, will meet your entire satisfaction.

Our Solid Backed Household and Dandy Brushes are daily winning preference, and we would especially draw attention to our

STRAIGHT COMPRESSED VARNISH BRUSH so made that it absolutely will not flare.

CANADA BRUSH CO. - ST. JOHN

## SLEIGH SHOE STEEL Refined Iron

## Blacksmith's Outfits

M. E. AGAR, 51-53 Union St.  
Phone Main 818 St. John, N. B.

## D. K. McLAREN, LIMITED

Manufacturers of  
Genuine English Oak Tanned Leather Belting, Balata Belting

Lace Leather and Belt Fasteners of Every Description

Complete Stock at  
64 Prince Wm. St. Phone 1121 St. John, N. B.

## PRINTING

We have facilities equal to any printing office in Eastern Canada for the production of high-grade work.

Job Printing of all kinds promptly attended to.

Phone Today Main 1919

STANDARD JOB PRINTING CO.  
ST. JOHN, N. B.

## A. R. C. CLARK & SON, General Contractors

Water and Sewerage Installations  
Wharf Building Concrete Construction  
Street Paving  
51 Water St. St. John Phone M. 1320