

## The St. John Standard.

H. V. MACKINNON, Publisher  
22 Prince William St., St. John, N. B., Canada

**REPRESENTATIVES:**  
Henry DeCherue, Chicago  
Louis Klebahn, New York  
Frank Calder, Montreal  
Fred W. Thompson, Toronto  
Freeman & Co., London, Eng.

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES:**  
City Delivery, \$6.00 per year  
By Mail in Canada, 4.00 per year  
Semi-Weekly Issue, 1.50 per year  
Semi-Weekly to U. S., 2.50 per year  
(Agent Measurement)

**ADVERTISING RATES:**  
Contract Display, 3c. per line  
Classified, 2c. per line  
Inside Readers, 9c. per line  
Outside Readers, 15c. per line  
(Agent Measurement)

ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1920.

### THE PRIME MINISTER AT TRURO.

Thinking men among the electors of Colchester County will find much food for thought in the speech of the Hon. Arthur Meighen, delivered at Truro last night, and it will puzzle them to find a satisfactory answer to the question he propounded, as to what benefit it was going to be to them and to the province at large to turn down its representative in the Government.

If by the action of the Colchester electors, Mr. Meighen is defeated, Nova Scotia is robbed of its only portfolio in the Dominion Government, and that portfolio one of the most important of them all. The defeat of Mr. Meighen by the electors would be simply cutting off their noses to spite their faces, a very foolish proceeding at any time.

Owing to the lateness of the hour at which the report of the Prime Minister's speech was received, time will not permit us to deal with it as fully as could be wished. It may, however, be summed up shortly as a masterly exposition of the political, financial and, it may be said, general situation of Canada today. Mr. Meighen's words were not directed to any particular section of opinion, and will meet approval wherever men think seriously on the conditions, the history and the future of Canada. He made no class or sectional appeals. He put forth the platform of his Government in a straightforward way, which all may appreciate. He favors the retention of the present fiscal system, whose moderate protection to home industry has commended itself to two generations of voters, and will, without doubt, commend itself to their successors. Canada must of necessity raise a considerable revenue. This country assumed a tremendous debt in connection with the war. The interest charge is a heavy burden on the taxpayers. Every country which shared in the war, and has the ability to do so, is working to reduce the debt obligations and relieve business of some of the taxes it bears, to the curtailment of enterprise. Canada is doing something, though the sinking fund to the same end; but it would do well if it could do more. It should not increase its debt or its taxes; and Mr. Meighen's intimation that it shall not, is therefore something that merits general approval; and no doubt it will be given. The other sections of the address are of secondary importance, compared with these.

Referring briefly to the programme of the new National Party, the Prime Minister exhorted his hearers to consider that programme well and judge for themselves as to whether what it proposes is not in the best interests of the country. Those who will do so honestly and impartially, will have to trouble in coming to the conclusion that the direction of public affairs will be in quite safe hands if left to Hon. Mr. Meighen, and his colleagues and supporters who framed that programme.

### IN HONOR OF THE LATE RT. HON. JOS. CHAMBERLAIN.

There is an old saying that "some men are born great, some achieve greatness and others have greatness thrust upon them." The late Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain belonged to the second class, and was on account of the greatness which he achieved, that the British House of Commons, shortly before prorogation the other day, unanimously resolved to ask the consent of His Majesty to the erection of a monument within the precincts of Westminster to the late member for Birmingham, as a mark of its "high sense of his eminent services rendered to the country and Empire." In Parliament, and in great offices of "State," in thus doing honor to Mr. Chamberlain, the House did honor to itself. It vindicated its title to possess unbroken its ancient reputation for breadth and liberality of sentiment, and for the power of rising, when called upon, high above the atmosphere of faction, and of recognizing and acclaiming a great and forceful personality and invaluable services done, not for party or personal ends, but for the Empire and the race.

By universal acknowledgment Joseph Chamberlain was such a man. It is not necessary to approve of all he said and did to perceive in him a dignity and a beneficent force in Imperial and in national politics. It was part of his nature and his temperament that in his forward course he should rub roughly against the men and the ideas that stood in his way. As the Prime Minister said of him, he was "essentially a fighting man and a great controversialist." It may be said that during his whole political career, his figure was the storm-centre of controversy; his blows were the most trenchant, his blade was the sharpest. "The most remarkable man that British politics has produced

"within the last forty years," is the testimony of Mr. Gladstone, who, as a Parliamentary gladiator, he sometimes crossed swords. But if a lion, he was also a clean fighter. Mr. Chamberlain there raged long and relentless political warfare which, however, never made a breach in their friendship, spoke of him as "a clear-cut personality," with "no blurred edges"; as a man "fed, sustained, and inspired by unselfish ideas, of dauntless courage, unswerving loyalty to colleagues and friends, and, above all, with a pervading and dominating sense of Imperial and patriotic duty." He was never content to let these ideas remain in the mind; they must bear fruit, in legislative and in administrative work. The best proof of his practical statesmanship is that in the field of home or colonial politics there are few indeed of the works which he accomplished, always in the teeth of fierce opposition and bitter criticism, that any one now dreams of undoing. Only in the future, as Mr. Lloyd George remarked, will the value of his labors in his country's service be fully appreciated. But they have endured the "test and searching test of the great world war"; they are exalted most highly in quarters where they came into closest touch with the life of the nation, whether at the centres of our industrial life or at the furthest outposts of Empire.

It is, however, on character more even than on works that Joseph Chamberlain's fame is built. He was an exemplar of those qualities and endowments of intellect and spirit—prominent among them, directness of purpose and tenacity of resolution—which are most needed and make the deepest mark in public life. Above all else, he was the "House of Commons man," a jealous upholder of its reputation and of its rights and privileges, profoundly convinced of its exalted and incomparable function as the repository and the weapon of the national will, and proud of the rewards and the distinctions it offers. As we truly said, the compliment paid to his memory is of the kind and in the form that would have commended itself most to one of the greatest in the brilliant band of the Parliamentarians of the Victorian age.

### A HEALTHY SIGN OF THE TIMES.

One of the healthiest and most satisfactory signs of the times is the revival of interest in sport, which has been so noticeable in and around St. John and elsewhere of late. Whether it arises from a keener realization of the old adage that "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," and that in these times no one wishes to be so "clashed, or not, we are not in a position to say; but, no matter from what cause it arises, the fact remains that interest in sport of various kinds has taken a tremendous boost of late. There are more men and women playing golf at present than was ever the case before; there has just been concluded one of the most successful tennis tournaments ever held in the province; the recent regatta held in Courtenay Bay showed very conclusively that rowing is not by any means a lost art among our youth; baseball teams are to be met with at almost every turn on the outskirts of the city, and the Monmouth race track is once more to be put to some practical use. Some first-class exponents of the art of trap-shooting can be found in our midst, also. It is a good sign; for those who excel in sport and sportsmanship can generally be counted on to make good in the more serious matters of life.

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION.

Just what St. John is going to do during Exhibition week to accommodate the out-of-town visitors who will come here is not easy to say. There are today one or two conventions taking place in the city, to attend which delegations have arrived from various places. The Boston and Digby boats also brought numerous visitors. From one hotel last night between six and eight o'clock forty-three people by actual count were turned away. From another, more than fifty had to be refused accommodation, because it was not to be had. At another hotel, cots were put up in the corridors and reception rooms as far as possible, but even that did not suffice to meet the demand. This is not a very extraordinary occasion, it may happen many times during the holiday season. But what a "black eye" it is for St. John for visitors to go away and tell the story that a city of 60,000 people has no accommodation for visitors. The sooner the Hotel Champlain is built and opened for business, the better for St. John.

No one can say the present-day girl does not give the mosquito a fair chance.

### WHAT OTHERS SAY

Defining the Invitation.  
(Bernarda Colonist.)

We are inclined to think Mr. Crowe, of Canada, will have to content himself with hoping without hope for the fulfillment of his desires for Federation and to see "Bernarda becoming the first tropical province of Canada." Bernarda doesn't want to become an Episcopal Diocese of Canada—her ties, her thoughts, her most intimate historic associations are all with the homeland, the great mother of the Empire. If it ever comes to the choice, a British General of distinction for Governor—or a Canadian politician, fond as we are of our Canadian brethren, high as we hold them in honor for their war service, just as sure as the Bernarda Contingents associated themselves with units of the Canadian Army; just as certain as was an English steamship line development proposal favored and those of the Canada Line rejected; just as surely will Bernarda's people decline to become a Canadian province—or an American State.

The All-British Press.  
(London Daily Mail.)

Great Britain, as a charming French critic once pointed out, ought to possess the best journalists and the best novelists, because they alone are born into a world-wide connection and come into daily touch with facts and experiences that preclude narrowness. The delegates to the Imperial Press Conference who are at present touring Canada, should help us to appreciate these ideal opportunities that the French author envied. Everyone who attended the last congress held in London in 1909, came away stimulated beyond his expectation. "It is the vitality of you in London that chiefly amazes us," said one of our visitors on that occasion, and we in London felt very much the same in regard to our guests. The vitality of the British Press has certainly increased in the interval; and it has become doubly obvious how much good this Press may do both to itself and to the world by common acquaintance, by discussion, by travel, and in the sequel, perhaps, by common action. Yet when all is said, the greatest gain to all may be a knowledge of Canada itself. Canada, a land where hospitality of the finest savour flourishes, is almost a half-way house for us to the Antipodes; and from both sides we shall find their ideas and inspirations most fruitful for strengthening Imperial and human ties when we return to our home countries after some 10,000 miles of most informative travelling.

Injustice of Customs Tax.  
(Saskatoon Star.)

Direct taxation is a just and reasonable mode of levying toll upon the people. The federal income taxation system has one redeeming feature inasmuch as it grants an exemption of \$200 for every child under 15 years of age. The custom regulations instead of granting exemption to a man who is rearing a large family actually penalize him for having such a family. Take a simple case. Here are two homes side by side. In the one there is a family of six children, and the father's wages is \$1,400 per year. He cannot sell nor can he find out what proportion of his earnings go into the federal treasury, but he does know that it eats up a large portion of his yearly income, for those six children require a great deal of clothing and many pairs of shoes in the course of a year. In the other home there are no children. The husband's income is \$1,200 yearly, therefore he pays no income tax. He lives simply and so out of his larger income he pays a smaller amount into the federal treasury than is contributed by the man who is rearing a large family.

Direct taxation is equitable. Indirect taxation seldom is.

### A BIT OF VERSE

NOT UNDERSTOOD.

(C. E. Howe, in American Friend.)  
Not understood! We move along as under.  
Our paths grow wider as the seasons creep.  
Along the years; we marvel and we wonder.  
Why life is life, and then, we fall asleep.  
Not understood.  
Not understood! We gather false impressions.  
And but grow closer as the years go by.  
Till virtues often seem to us transgressions.  
And thus men rise and fall, and live and die.  
Not understood.  
Not understood! Poor souls with stunted vision.  
Off measure giants with their narrow gauge;  
The personed shafts of falsehood and derision.  
Are off impelled 'gainst those who mold the age.  
Not understood.

Not understood! How trifles often change us!  
The thoughtless sentence or the fancied slight.  
Destroy long years of friendship and estrange us.  
And on our souls there falls a freezing blight.  
Not understood.

O God! that men would see a little clearer.  
Or judge less harshly where they cannot see.  
Oh, God! that men would draw a little nearer.  
To one another—they'd be nearer Thee.  
And understand.

### THE LAUGH LINE

Whatever is common is despised.  
A good many persons spend much of their time telling others how busy they are.

Possibly.  
"My Dear Chap," said the doctor.

## Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

Yesterday after supper I was in the sitting room rocking in the rocking chair, and all of a sudden I rocked so hard the hole chair went over backwards, me going with it, making a fearful noise, and pop jumped up, saying, Blast it all, confound it to blazes, how many times must I tell you not to make a fool of out of that chair?

I didn't hurt myself, pop, I said.

You haven't got sense enough to hurt yourself, all you can do is bust up all the furniture, said pop. And he picked the chair up, saying, Now try to calm down for the love of Peet, sit over there at the window and let the breeze blow on you and try to think inspiring thoughts.

And he started to read the sporting page again and I sat by the window a while without feeling any breeze, and after a while I thought, I wonder if any of the fellows are out, I wonder if pop would leave me to go out if I asked him? Which he probably wouldn't, and I thought, O well, he didn't say I couldn't.

And I started to walk out of the room easy, pop keeping on reading the sporting page, and just when I got to the door it blew shut, me thinking, Heck, darn it, now I bet its going to skreek when I open it. On account of it being a skreek door, and I started to open it easy as anything and it gave a fearful skreek, and pop kept on reading, and I opened it a little bit further and it gave a even fearser skreek, pop saying, Benny.

Sir, wait? I said, and pop said, Ware are you going?

Nowhere, I said, and pop said, You'll never get there that way.

The door blew shut, I said. And I opened it all the way without it skreacking at all properly just because I wouldn't of cared whether it did or not, and after that I didn't mention anything about going out and neither did pop.

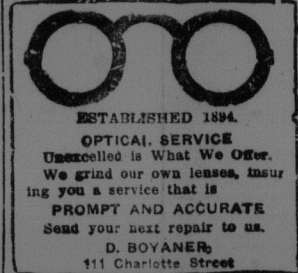
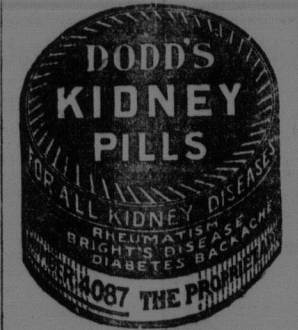
after the examination, "I'm glad you came to me when you did."  
"Why, doc," asked his friend and patient, "are you broke?"

Essential Knowledge.  
The Wife—"What do men know about women's clothes?"  
The Husband (hittler)—"The price."—London Opinion.

A case of Explosives.  
Magistrate—"What is the charge?"  
Policeman—"Intoxicated, your honor."  
Magistrate (to prisoner)—"What's your name?"  
Prisoner—"Gunn, sir."  
Magistrate—"Well, Gunn, I'll discharge you this time, but you mustn't get loaded again."—Tit-Bits.

The Gauntlet Thrown.  
The newboys were quarrelling when one challenged the other with "Do you know what I think of you?"  
"No," replied the other pugnaciously, "but if it's what I think of you, I dare you to say it."—Boston Transcript.

The Greatest Need.  
"What this country needs is more production."  
"What the country needs," replied Farmer Corntossel, with a slight trace of irritation, "is less talk about what it needs and more enthusiasm about delivering the goods."—Washington Star.

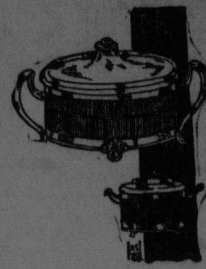


C. P. R. SUBURBAN SERVICE  
Commencing Monday morning, August 30th, there will be a change in the early morning suburban train from Welsford. Under present schedule this train leaves Welsford at 6:30 a. m. daylight time, but after the above date suburban will leave Welsford at 6:30 a. m. and will be ten minutes later at each station to Grand Bay. From Grand Bay to St. John the present schedule is not disturbed.

**ROTHESAY COLLEGIATE SCHOOL**  
Michaelmas Term begins Sept. 14th. Two entrance scholarships for boys under thirteen open for competition. Value \$50.00 per annum tenable for four years. For prospectus, etc. apply to  
Rev. W. R. Hibbard, M. A., D. C. L., Head Master.

We have a good supply  
**Flour, Shorts, Bran, Feed Flour, Oats, Scratch Feeds**  
C. H. PETERS SONS, LTD., St. John, N. B.

## Casseroles

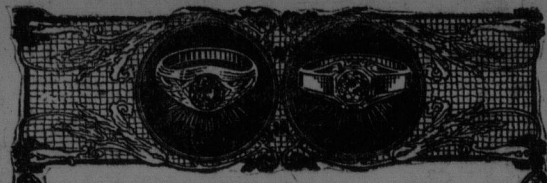


are a wonderful cooking convenience—they make the food taste better and do away with considerable extra effort—as the food can be baked and served on the table in the same dish.

We have Casseroles in a number of styles, and sizes, in both round and oval shapes, also Pyrex Casseroles.

Let us show you this attractive ware.

'Phone M 2640 **McAVITY'S** 11-17 King St.



### A UNIQUE COLLECTION

**DIAMONDS** of unquestioned quality and of obvious brilliancy—mounted in the most modish designs—constitute an important feature of our stock.  
**Of Beautiful Diamonds**

This beautiful collection affords exceptional buying opportunities. There are exceptional values here right now. We maintain buying connections that keep us in close touch with the diamond marts of the world. Large assortments to choose from.

**Ferguson & Page**  
The Jewelers—41 King Street

### Painless Extraction Only 25c.

**Boston Dental Parlors**

Head Office 527 Main Street  
Branch Office 85 Charlotte St.  
'Phone 663 'Phone 38  
DR. J. D. MAHER, Proprietor.  
Open 9 a. m. Until 9 p. m.

### Everything Wood and Glass for Buildings

Including Window Sashes and Frames, Exterior and Interior Trim; any of these in Douglas Fir, Pine, etc.  
Hardwood Flooring, Spruce and Fir Flooring, Sheathing, Mouldings of all kinds.  
Cabinet Work, Laths, Shingles, and Beaver Board. Large Stocks of Spruce and Pine Boards and Dimensions. Pine Clapboards to order.  
Plate Glass, Sheet Glass, Art Glass, Mirrors.  
Phone Main 3000.  
**MURRAY & GREGORY, LTD.**  
St. John, N. B.

### THE FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

Is the beginning of our busy season. No need of waiting till then. Students may enter at any time and the inflowing tide has already set in.

Send for New Rate Card.

A "Know What It Costs" System Fair to Customer—Fair to Printer

**FRANKLIN PRINTING PRICE LIST**  
Used by  
**FLEWELLING PRESS**  
Market Square, St. John, N. B.

### Best Value in Shingles

**8 IN. CLEAN WESTERN CEDAR \$6.50 per m.**  
WHILE THEY LAST  
**HALEY BROS., LTD. - St. John, N. B.**

**Pulleys English Belts Fasteners**  
**BALATA BELTING**  
ALSO GENUINE ENGLISH OAK TANNED  
**LEATHER BELTING**  
MANUFACTURED BY  
**D. K. McLAREN, Limited.**  
MAIN 1121 90 GERMAIN STREET, ST. JOHN, N. B. Box 702

### Elastica House Paints

For Interior or Exterior Use  
**Painters' Sundries, High Class Varnishes**

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

### WORK-ORGANIZERS

Handle Your Work Systematically.  
Chase away littered desk problems, keep the desk cleared for action, organize the day's work, keep all papers flat, neat, in order and out of the way until wanted.  
WORK-ORGANIZERS are for use on the desk or in the drawer, lie flat, look neat, help you to do more work easier.  
Get them at

**Barnes & Co., Limited**  
PRINTERS AND OFFICE OUTFITTERS

The Best Quality at a Reasonable Price.

### SCARF PINS

Are really part of the tie. The idea is to make the scarf better looking—to get a more pleasing effect. That's why the well-dressed man wears a scarf pin and has a number of them. He selects his tie for the day, then puts in the proper pin—and has that clean cut appearance that marks the man of good taste and good character.

We have a good variety of scarf pins in the latest styles and the desired good quality.

**L. L. SHARPE & SON**  
Jewelers and Optometrists  
2 Stores 21 King St.  
189 Union St.

### WHAT ABOUT THAT HARDWOOD FLOOR?

Get your carpenter to lay it now before the family comes back from the country.

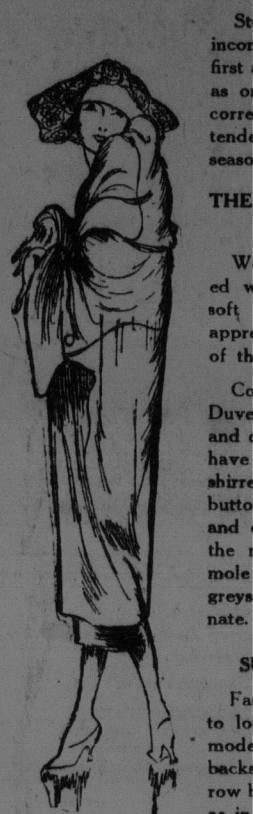
Clear Maple Flooring 21 cents a foot; Clear Birch 20 cents. A room 14 ft. x 15 ft. takes 280 to 300 ft. according to the width

'Phone Main 1393.

**The Christie Wood-working Co., Ltd.**  
186 Erin Street

Stores Open 8.30 a.m.

## Coats, Suits and



and will be found to correspond novel color combinations of

### FALL'S FASCINATING

Satin and Taffeta are em Models are in straight line simple or more elaborate. Rich metallic brocades are unlivening contrast to the mat

### SEPARATE SKIRTS

The demand for these is winter coats becomes apparent include some beautiful color combinations. Some pleated, while others are also with buttons, and with soft

(Costume Section.)

## Millinery Individual Every

Correct Millinery gives to finishing touch it needs, and will please even the most particular wear-hats are most simply made of fabric such as Duve there are plenty of others in etc. The shapes are original colors will be found an endless colors of suits and coats for



(Millinery Salon, S)

## New Silk Down

You have not seen any new sizes, for single, medium and style has covering of Dressed wide plain colored border. with cord and tassels.

Another has rich satin border and corded edges. flowered silk coverings with borders and a splendid assortment quality English saten and c

(Housefurnishings Sect)