

to open up the vast pine regions of that river and its tributaries, which had been previously almost inaccessible to the lumber trade, which works he carried out successfully. Apptd., 1857, to explore the country from Lake Superior to the Saskatchewan, and report upon its adaptability for settlement, and the practicability of opening up communications therewith. Resigned the office after completing his reports, and carried on business for some years as a timber merchant on the St. Maurice. In 1863 called upon to commence the construction of the route to Red River, now known as the "Dawson Route;" and, in 1870, although but little had comparatively been done, owing to the limited means appropriated therefor, put through the Red River expeditionary force under Col. (now Lt.-Gen. Sir) Garnet Wolsely, when all other means of reaching the country to subdue the insurrection had proved unavailing. Was joint commissioner, with the Lt.-Gov. of Manitoba and the Indian Commr. of the North-West, in concluding a treaty with the Saulteux tribe of the Ojibbeway Indians, 1873. Resigned charge of the Dawson Route on becoming a candidate for the constituency of Algoma, for which he was returned at g.e. for Ont. 1875. Resigned his seat in the Local Legislature, and was returned for the Commons at last g.e. (1878), defeating his opponent, Col. Arthur Rankin, who came out in the Reform interest. Independent in politics. A strong advocate of the immediate construction of the section of the Pacific Railway reaching from Lake Superior to Manitoba. Has stated in the Legislature of Ont. that, in his opinion, it would be to the advantage of the Dominion that the great central region known as Algoma, extending from the 81st to the 95th meridian, that is, from French River to the Lake of the Woods, should be formed into a separate Province.—*Thunder Bay, Algoma; Queen's Hotel, Toronto; Toronto Club.*

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B. at Windsor, N.S. Ed. there and in Halifax. Unmarried. Went to California, 1852; and to B.C. 1858, where he has since remained. Founded the *British Colonist*, newspaper, 1858, which he owned and edited from that date until 1863; founded the *Daily Standard* (same city) for political purposes, 1870; and was editor and proprietor of it until 1872, when he retired from the proprietorship. Has been actively engaged in politics since 1858. Called upon to form an Administration in B.C., 23 Dec. 1872, a duty he succeeded in accomplishing, and in which he held the office of