LETTER FROM VANCOUVER

If you have anybody to buy Clothing for drop in and inspect our

It will not take very much time and may prove to be a pleasing visit to you as well as a profitable one.

Children's, Boys', Youths' and Men's

Suits In Abundance.

The best assortment that we have ever shown, and at REASONABLE PRICES.

Still headquarters for Boys' and Men's Clothing, Hats, Caps and Furnishings.

Give us a trial. We take pleasure in pleasing particular people. If you are one of that kind of people this is certainly the place for you to come.

JOHN McLAUCHLAN,

Cor. Main and Queen Streets.

The Temperance and General Life Assurance Company

Closed their Books Dec. 31st, 1898,

Without a dollar of interest overdue,
Without a dollar's worth of real estate ever having
been owned by the company.
Without ever having foreclosed a mortgage.
Without a dollar of claims in dispute.
With a larger new business than in any previous

With an increase of 713 policies and 639; lives dur-

Without a dollar of interest overdue,
Without a dollar's worth of real estate ever having been owned by the company.
Without ever having foreclosed a mortgage.
Without a dollar of claims in dispute.
With a larger new business than in any previous year.
With a premium income for '98 of ... \$188,744.14
With an interest income of ... 25,381.55
With an increase in total income of ... 17,538.00
With an increase in total income of ... 93,022.72
With an increase in expenses of only ... 714.58
With total assets amounting to ... 667,214.22
With an increase of 713 policies and 639, lives during '98.
With an encrease of over \$2,100,000.
With a death rate in their thirteenth year of only \$5.38 for each \$1,000 of average risk carried during the year.
With a death rate of only 3.44 per 1,000 of average number of policies in force.
With a record for care and economy unexcelled.
Such has been their record. It is a record of steady, solid progress. Where is there a cleaner record, or one that can beat it in any respect?

T. A. LINDSAY,

Special Agent, Woodsteck, N. B. E. R. MACHUM,

Mgr. Maritime Provinces, St. John, N. B.

Just Received:

- 500 Boxes Window Glass,
- 30 Barrels Linseed Oil,
 - 3 Tons Genuine Elephant White Lead,
- 2 Tons Brandrums Bros. White Lead,
- 500 Gals Sherwin-Williams and Elephant Ready Mixed Paints,
- 100 Barrels Portland Cement,
 - 2 Tons Manilla Rope,
 - 5 Casks Zinc, 200 kegs Horse Shoes,
- 100 Boxes Horse Nails.
- 25 Tons Assorted Bar Iron,
- Carload Carriage Stock, consisting of
- 25 Sets Carriage Wheels.

W. F. DIBBLEE & SON.

Twenty tons of the Best American Fertilizer will be sold cheap. Apply to us before buying elsewhere.

WANTED.

A second or third class female teacher for District No. 18 parish of Kent. Apply to William Dawes, Beaufort.

FOR SALE

Spokes, Rims, Axels, Springs, Etc.

What the New Brunswick Boys Are Doing in the West.

F. Garden, Mayor of Vancouver.-Mike Gillespie, R. W. Queen, Al. McKenzie, John Gallagher, J. J. Gallagher and others from Woodstock.

Vancouver is undoubtedly the most profperous city on the Pacific coast today. Al though the terminal city has never experienced a boom, it has fared none the worse on that account, since its growth has been steady. This spring, however, there seems to be a genuine building boom. On every side, buildings are in course of erection; on the principal thoroughfares workman may be seen preparing the stone for whole blocks; while in the suburbs residences seem literally springing up in every direction. After visiting Seattle and Tacoma in the neighboring State of Washington, Vancouver presents quite a contrast. In the former city may be seen a vast army of unemployed or idle men. At certain hours of the day, the sidewalks especially near the various employment offices are impassible. It is no exaggeration to say that within the area of a few blocks may be seen several thousand idle men. You may traverse every street in Vancouver, and not see a knot of idle men on a street corner. Another agreeable feature of the city is you are never accosted by an unfortunate wretch soliciting the price of a square meal. A person cannot stroll a block in any coast city across the border without being "struck" at least several times. The hobo or tramp who infests all Western cities is an unknown quantity in Vancouver; an efficient police force welcomes him immediately upon his arrival and he becomes a guest of the city, a sentence of four or six months at hard labor being the invariable dose. The result is that the Knights of the Road who exclusively patronize side-door pullmans on their peregrinations, now never wander beyond Uncle Sam's territory. They consider our laws too severe, and deem the condemnation to hard labor on the streets which is always tacked on to their sentence, an infringement of the natural

The population of Vancouver is now estimated at 30,000 and this estimate is considered below the mark. The city is clean and well laid out, the substantial stone business blocks attesting to its commercial prosperity, and a number of the public buildings would be ornaments to any city. The new C. P.R. depot which is approaching completion, the cost of which will exceed \$200,000, will be one of the handsomest edifices in Canada. Everybody admires the design of the building. A large force of stone cutters are employed preparing the foundation tor a new R. C. church, the cost of which will exceed \$250,000. A stranger can judge of the rapid increase of the city's population by the increase of the Catholic sect. The present large church will not accommodate the Sunday congregation although three services are held prior to 11 o'clock, and at every service the aisles are not only occupied, but a portion of the congregation is compelled to stand in the vestibule the entrance doors being flung open. The writer knows by experience that standing room is at a premium at 8 o'clock mass. Less than a lustrum ago, the church was amply large to seat the entire congregation at one Sunday service. Moreover, a few years ago, one priest alone ministered to the spiritual wants of the people; four priests are now required. The contract provides that the new sacred edifice must be fully completed this fall. The building will be of stone and marble and will have a seating capacity of several thousand. The organ alone will cost \$12.000. Other denominations have no doubt, proportionately increased, hence, one can imagine the sure and steady growth of the city. There is an excellent system of street railways, one line running to New Westminster, a distance of twelve miles. Well, in a future letter, I will mention some of the interesting features of Vancouver, and describe the Atlin country to which the rnshhas already commenced.

I will mention a number of the N. B. boys whom I met, and needless to state all of them are prosperous and not a few dwell on the sunny side of Easy St. First, we will round up the Carleton County boys. J.F. Garden, Civil Engineer, a native of Woodstock, is Mayor of Vancouver, having been elected a second term by acclammation. Mr. Garden is courteous to the humblest citizen and is approachable at all times. He possesses a naturally genial and pleasant manner, and his etc., 1 Show Case, and one large Coal Stove. Intain extent to those traits which, however,

are not superficial alone. He is noted for his generous and philanthropic spirit, and in public life always has the interest of Vancouver at heart. No wonder Vancouver is proud of her Mayor and Woodstock ought to feel a like pride in the honor and success of one of her sons. By the way, Julius Garden of Woodstock, a brother of the Mayor, is at present sojourning at Arrowhead. I have not yet met him, but the Mayor told me he was delighted with the mild climate of the coast, and fully believed that Vancouver is destined to steadily advance in population, he had been running the tram brake in the Dolly Varden mine, near Shoal Bay, and \$3.00 per day, and all worked 10 hours receiving double time for the extra two hours. Gillespie is now working in the woods in the houses at the foot of Queen St. owned by vicinity of Vancouver, and has a contract with a Tobique lumberman, whose name I his family here. R. W. Queen is employed same model young man here as in Woodstock. Wendell has attended night school for five months with the object of learning stenography, and will attend another month. He has never missed an evening during five days in the week, and can now write forty words per minute. He informed me of the illness of Al. McKenzie, a waiter at one time in Budden's restaurant on Queen St., and who followed the same occupation here. He has been a patient in the City Hospital since last August, being afflicted with asthma. He is now convalescent, and will be out next week. William Queen, Simon Ryan, Chas. Lee and John Gallagher are all in Atlin, and will start prospecting as soon as the season permits. Messrs. Queen and Gallagher staked several claims last fall and a Seattle paper stated that John Callagher, a stone cutter, from New Brunswick, has the richest claim between Atlin and Glenora. He found one nugget weighing eleven ounces, and his pans ran as high as sixty dollars. It was too late in the season to work the claim to any extent, but the paper says he was offered and accepted \$15,000 for a half interest. Mr. Queen simply staked his claim, the fall being too far advanced to do any work. I met J.J Gallagher, Barrister, formerly of Woodstock, several times, and he looks remarkably well although he has been quite ill for some time with acute gastritis. J. J. is hustling for a position with a legal firm, although he also talks of trying his luck in Atlin this spring. P. B. McGarrigle of Fredericton, who is

well known in Woodstock, occupies the responsible position of book-keeper and cashier for the B. C. Cattle Co., the largest meat concern in the province. Pat is president of the Y.M. I., and is one of the most respected

young men in the city. D. W. Sheehan, of St. Stephen, is a N. B. boy who lives on Easy St. He is the heaviest stockholder and manager of an extensive canning industry. The company has cold storage warehouses both here and in New Westminster, and is the largest company of its kind on the coast. Sheehan has been here upward of 18 years, but keeps in touch with New Brunswick affairs. He is noted for his generous and benevolent spirit, and is always ready to aid a person hailing from New Brunswick. He is one of the most popular men in the city, and his wealth makes no difference either in his manner or intercourse with others. He is one of those whole soul-

ed men one meets in a lifetime. Bob Johnson, another St. Stephen boy, is the famous oarsman whom Gandaur the champion of the world defeated by only two lengths in a race held in Victoria last spring for a purse of \$1000.00 a side. Bob now conducts a cigar and tobacconist shop, and is making money at the business since he i popular with everybody. His brother Jack, stone cutter is also working in the city. Stone cutters receive \$4.50 per day here. Why didn't I learn the business?

Joseph Russell, of Russell & Russell, Barristers, hails from the North Shore, and is Police Magistrate, the salary of which is \$1500 per year. The firm do a good law business. W. J. Bowser, of Godfrey, Bowser

is a Kingston, Kent County, man. The legal firm have an extensive practice and Bowser who is prominent in politics, is considered somewhat of an orator. He was defeated a few years ago for the legislature and is not as popular as N. B. boys generally seem to be. This fact, however, may be attributed to his law practice, since no lawyer can possibly avoid making enemies especially if he is prompt with collections. Bowser is worth money, which would be a solace or Sec. Carleton Co. Agr'l Society

RIVER RISING RAPIDLY.

One Boathouse Gone Water Higher Than It Has Been for Ten Years

Death of Mrs. Augustus Gilman-The Series of Five Pleasant Dances Ended-Mr. Carman Says Farmers Should Raise Their Own Bread.

The St. John river is rising steadily. It trade and influence. I met Mike Gillespie a is now higher than it has been at any time few weeks ago, and he remained in the city since 1888. In 1887 it will be remembered, during the Easter holidays. Until recently, the river reached high water mark when the houses on the flat near the C. P. R. station were surrounded and could only be approachcleared each month atter the 8 hour law went | ed by boats. In 1888 we had another big into effect, \$80.00 per month. Wages were freshet but not so big as of the previous year. The water wants now only about three feet of the mark of 1887. One of the boat Dr. Kirkpatrick and H. N. Payson said good bye to its moorings on Monday afternoon and have forgotton. Mike speaks of removing floated peacefully away on the bosom of the current. The remaining boat house is showin the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, and is the ing a bit of roof above water and may hold her own. The freshet is no joke to a lot of people.

Series of Dances Ended.

The last of a series of five dances came off in the Opera House on Monday evening. The chaperones were Mrs. F. B. Greene and Mrs. Charles Dibblee. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Creighton, Misses Nellie Beardsley, Mabelle Tapley, Bessie Neales, Ethel Bourne, Hilda Bourne, Agne's Greene, Vera Connell, Maude Wright, Maude Dibblee, Blanch Dibblee, Dora Dibblee, Annie Bull, Miss Montgomery, Nellie Gable, Bessie McLauchlan, Annie Cole, Beatrice Williams, Trixie Augherton, Hazel Welch, Marion Dibblee, Madge Connell, Maude Collins, Annie Graham, Nora Dibblee, Pearl McKibbon, Estella Dalling, Ivey Street, Miss Green, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. M. Brewer, Mrs. E. W. Williams, Mrs. Bourne, Mrs. Wm. Connell, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. A. Dibblee, and Messrs. Ed. Mair, Geo. Williams, Chas. Jubien, J. N. Loane, Cecil Watson, Harry Saunders, Fred Saunders, Claude Augherton, Harry Lee, Clifford Dalling, A. N. Vince, Edmund Dibblee, Sabine Carr, Townsend, Gibson, Donald Peabody, Chas. Peabody, Frank Jones, Geo. Baker, Rob Welch, Archie Kirkpatrick, Frank Dickinson, Coster Wetmore, Warrie Lindow. Supper was served at about 11 o'clock. It was a very pleasant affair indeed. Miss Agnes Green one of the young ladies who promoted this series of dances, deserves very great credit for the success with which they have been attended.

Death of Mrs. Augustus Gillman.

Mrs. Augustus Gilman, died on Monday morning at her home on Connell street, after a lingering illness, in the 49th year of her age. Mrs. Gilman was a daughter of Mr. Jameson, formerly of Williamston. She leaves a husband, one son and one daughter and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. The funeral took place yesterday, Rev. H.D. Marr officiating. The remains were taken to Williamstown for burial.

WHEAT IN CARLETON COUNTY.

Mr. Carman Says our Farmers Should Raise More of Their Bread.

In looking over this year's report of the Department for Agriculture, I find that the Counties of Westmorland, Kent and Gloucester each produced much more wheat than Craleton. Gloucester produced considerably more than double, while Northumberland which we consider a lumber county raises very near as much wheat as Carleton. I do not see the reason for this when we can and do grow large crops of as good wheat as can be grown anywhere. Our average per acre is higher than in the province of Ontario, and if we are careful to keep our wheat clean and unmixed with other grain it makes just as good flour as the Ontario wheat. I have heard many farmers say that they would like to raise wheat for there own flour if they could get it properly ground. There is now no difficulty about the grinding, as we have in the Meduxnakik Roller Mill an establishment capable of grinding all the wheat in the county. If supplied with good clean Carleton County wheat this mill turns out a quality of flour good enough for anyone.

When we think of the immense amount of money which goes out of this province every year for flour, and of the good it would do if kept in the province it should influence all of us who can do so to grow wheat. There is no difficulty about getting a good seed as our agricultural society has secured a quantity of government importation, the quality of which is excellent, which can be had at cost from Mr. Fripp proprietor of the Woodstock roller mill.

C. R. CARMAN.