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JAS. A. GIBSON.

Woodstock, June 25.

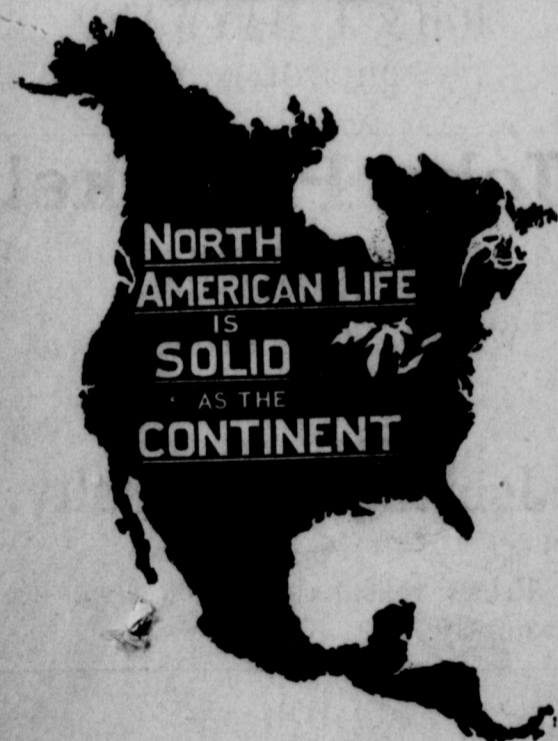
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H. S. WRIGHT, Manager for Northern New Brunswick, Woodstock, N. B.

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T. A. LINDSAY,
Special Agent, Woodstock, N. B.

E. R. MACHUM,
Mgr. Maritime Provinces, St. John, N. B.

DEFENCE OF GATACRE

By One of the Soldiers Under his Command.

He Thinks the General has Been Hardly used, and That he did not Have the Support his Case Deserved.—Interesting Letter From the Front.

Wm. Hill, of Woodstock, has received a letter from his half brother in South Africa. It is dated "79 Battery, R. F. A., 3rd division Field Forces, South Africa. He writes, "I am in the very best of health. I suppose you have heard of Gatacre going home. We are now under command of General Campbell. I don't know why they sent Gatacre home, because I believe he was a better general than the one we are under. Gatacre had plenty of work and but a few men to do it. No wonder those lords get their names up. They have about 50 or 60 thousand more men than anyone else. No wonder they can take positions. I don't think they have had a worse position to take than what Stormberg was. It was about the worst I have seen since I have been here, and because Gatacre met with a reverse, they sent him back. We have been under French, Clements, and now Campbell. We have had plenty of tramping. We have been right on the border of Basuto land. About two days ago we captured 80 Boers, and have kept them on the march with us. We have had a rather hot time for the last month. I think our battery has been one of the luckiest here. We have had only two men die, one wounded, one horse killed and one wounded. Thaba Nucha—they started to shell the town here, and I can tell you we had a busy time for a while. You have no idea of the sight after a battle. It is terrible. I have not seen any of the Canadians yet, and I don't expect we shall for we are working our way to Wynberg so that we can strike the line as we are in need of clothes and food. We are out of biscuits but we have plenty of meat, and we do not know what a bit of bread tastes like. I will try and send you a piece of Kruger money from the first town we strike."

[It may be explained that the writer of the above is in an English regiment.]

Lt. Col. Vince received the following letter from Lieut. W. C. Good:

DOUGLAS, South Africa, May 31st, 1900.
DEAR COL. VINCE,—Received yours of the 18th ult. today. Many thanks for the box of clothing which you and other friends have so kindly donated to the quota of E. Battery from Carleton County. The articles mentioned have not reached us yet, but will do my utmost to have them forwarded as soon as possible. It is very encouraging to know that our friends at home are thinking of us, wishing us success and still more showing stronger evidence of their good will by sending us gifts.

At present my section is detached from the Battery, the other two sections having moved on to Campbell, another rebel village about 25 miles further west. We are now attached to General Sir Charles Warren's column doing duty on the Vaal River, and again back in the north western part of the colony chasing rebels.

Our column consists of E. Battery, one regiment of Infantry, the Duke of Edinburgh's Rifles, and four squadrons of Imperial Yeomenry. When we arrived here there were about 500 or 600 rebels in the town who gave us a warm reception. Our losses were one officer and two men wounded, all of them being of the Yeomenry. The enemy's losses as near as we can tell were about ten killed and thirty wounded. We found four of the enemies bodies and buried them, those we are sure of. It was entirely a running fight from beginning to end. My section and the centre (Opilvie's) were not engaged, we were about 9 miles away at a place called Rooifan holding another position that had been won the day previous by Paget's Horse. Consequently the right section (Murray's) was the first to be engaged in E. Battery. They fired about 30 shells across the river at the retreating rebels with splendid accuracy at a range of 3,000 yards, increasing to 4,200 yards. This occurred on the 21st. On the 26th we were ordered to move to Douglas. The centre section joined the right and moved on toward Campbell with Sir Charles Warren's column (about 800). I was left here in command with my section, 115 infantry and 50 of Paget's Horse. Report came here by a scout yesterday morning that the Boers had made a night attack on the column on the 29th and our casualties were 22 killed and 24 wounded including Col. Spence of the Duke of Edinburgh's own Volunteer Rifles and five of E. Battery

Paget's Horse had the greatest losses. This report has since been confirmed.

After hearing that a force of 800 had been attacked in the night only 19 miles from here and our strength being only 225 we began at once to prepare for defence. Gun pits were dug and the Infantry entrenched themselves. The mounted Infantry were kept patrolling all night for three miles around, the gunners lay all night in the pits ready for action, the horses all harnessed and picketed in rear, the drivers booted and spurred, the Infantry extended in the trenches. Daylight came at last but no attack. These precautions will have to be repeated to night and until we are reinforced, which will probably be tomorrow.

I have just received orders from Warren that as soon as he occupies Campbell this place (Douglas) will be garrisoned by a field Battery and a half Batt. of Highlanders in command of Lieut. Day, now on the move from Belmont 46 miles distant, and that I will join the column, while the right section with a half Batt. of Infantry will garrison Campbell. This is done to rest the horses. Out of 13 horses taken from Woodstock only four are living. The men are all right. A few are in hospital with light colds, but nothing serious. Welch was left at Belmont in charge of eight sick horses. Wish the Brighton Engineers were here to teach these Imperials how to throw up intrenchments. Haven't much time to spare just now. Hope you are all prospering in Woodstock.

Yours Sincerely,

W. C. GOOD, Lieut.
E. Battery, R. C. C.

The following interesting letter from Harry Dysart:

DOUGLASTOWN, May 23rd 1900.

DEAR FATHER,—At last I have something to write about. I have been in action and have heard the bullets whistling around my ears. We arrived here on the 20th after a night march of fifteen miles from Ruypan we arrived early in the morning. The rebels were on a hill between us and the town. They did not know we were so hardy till one of our twelve pound shells burst in their camp and you ought to have seen them scatter in all directions. We then marched into the town and hoisted the Union Jack at half past four in the afternoon. We were just feeding our horses when the scouts came in on the dead run and reported that the enemy were coming in large numbers. There was quite an excitement for a few minutes as we thought they were right onto us, but we soon got our guns in position and commenced shelling them. They could not stand our guns so they soon retired, but not before we had knocked a half dozen of them over. There were about two hundred of them I think. The next morning we saw them again and gave them some more shells when they retired out of sight and have not been seen since. I expect we will move on after them again tomorrow. I was the only Woodstock boy in the fight as part of our battery was left at Belmont to do garrison duty. There was one officer of the yeomenry shot in the leg and one of the scouts in the back, that was all the casualties we had. I am in good health now. I am stouter than I ever was although there is a lot of sickness among the troops, mostly fever. Well, I must close as I have some work to do. We are with Sir Charles Warren.

Hoping this will find you all well I remain
Your loving son,
HARRY DYSART.

The Elroy Stock Company.

The Elroy stock company is the best theatrical company that ever played in Woodstock. They put on "Friends," "Sappho" and "A Spring Chicken." Every man and woman in the Company is an artist. The comedians were simply side splitting. Edward B. Kelly and Harold Kennedy would make a man laugh who had never laughed before. Campbell Stratton, who personated Hanso Otto, the opium maddened old man in Friends, held the audience spell bound by his realistic presentation of the part. J. Frank Burke played the heroic parts in a way that left nothing to be desired. Mattie Choate, the leading lady of the company did her work beautifully. Without "tearing a passion to tatters," she expressed the passion of a woman's heart in a most telling way. The specialties of the company were all good. The costumes were good. The whole thing was good. The Elroy Stock Company can get a crowded house in Woodstock whenever it comes.

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CHIEF DIBBLEE RESIGNS.

Eighteen Years Chief of the Woodstock Fire Department.

John Tattersall Appointed in His Place—Declarations Regarding Valuation of Property Presented to the Council—The Mayor Not Compelled to Give the Casting Vote This Time.

The town council met on Monday evening with the Mayor in the chair and a full board.

Coun. Lindsay read the declaration of Zebulon Connor who said he was 60 years old in 1884, and in as much as a citizen was not liable to pay poll tax for school purposes after he had reached sixty years of age, and as he had continued to pay such tax up to last year, the town should refund him the sum of \$15.00 as overpaid taxes. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee with instructions to report at next meeting.

The declaration of Hugh Hay that his property was over valued was referred to Finance Committee.

The declaration of John Cogger that his property was over valued was similarly referred.

His Worship read a Communication from Col. F. H. J. Dibblee chief of the Fire Department in which he tendered to the council his resignation as chief.

Councillor Lindsay moved that the resignation be accepted and that John Tattersall be appointed chief in his place.

His Worship suggested that the council deal with one thing at a time and Coun. Lindsay's modified motion that the resignation be accepted was carried.

Coun. Dibblee said that Col. Dibblee had been Chief of the Fire Department for seventeen or eighteen years and it was through his active interest and hard work that the Department had been brought to its present efficient condition second to none in the Maritime Provinces. He was sorry the circumstances were such he had to resign. He assured the Chief that the council and rate payers looked upon him as an invaluable man and they all hoped that though no longer connected with the Department, he would still retain his active interest in its welfare.

Coun. Lindsay spoke in warm terms of Chief Dibblee.

His Worship said that he knew no man who had shown so great a desire to increase the efficiency of the Fire Department and make it a credit to the town as the Chief. It was a well known fact through the Maritime Provinces that the Department was a good one. Without detracting from the credit due the men he thought the efficiency of the Department was largely due to the Chief. While force of circumstances was compelling him to resign, the Mayor said he was glad to see him leaving with the best will of the men, the council and the citizens. He asked the council to make a motion that the esteem in which the chief was held be placed on record.

Couns. Lindsay, Gallagher and Dibblee were made a committee to draft a resolution in regard to the matter.

Coun. Lindsay moved that John Tattersall be appointed chief.

Before the motion was seconded the Mayor read the following communication.

To His Worship the Mayor and Town Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Woodstock Fire Department held on Monday June 25th it was resolved to request your honourable body to appoint Albert G. Fields as Chief of Woodstock Fire Department in place of F. H. J. Dibblee resigned.

JAS. WILBUR, Secretary.

Woodstock, July 2nd, 1900.

Coun. Gallagher moved that the recommendation of the Department be adopted and that Mr. Fields be appointed Chief.

Coun. Jones in seconding the motion thought he was merely doing his duty. All his life Mr. Fields had been a citizen of Woodstock; he was one of the oldest firemen in the force; and the force contained no man of more ability; he was a successful manager of men. He thought the right of the members of the Department to choose their own Chief should be recognized and that Mr. Fields should be appointed to the position.

Coun. Dibblee said he understood that the vote at the meeting of the Firemen had not been unanimous. Three men had been voted for, Mr. Fields, Mr. Tattersall and Mr. Boulger, and he thought the Department would be quite satisfied with the appointment of either of these men. He moved in amendment that Mr. Tattersall be appointed. The amendment was seconded and on being put was carried.

Yeas, Councillors Graham, Lindsay, Carr and Dibblee.

Nays, Councillors Gallagher and Jones. His Worship with a smile thanked the councillors for not again placing him in a position where he would have to give the casting vote.