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No.	Total liabilities including reserve & Capital Stock.	Surplus of assets over liabilities & Capital Stock.	Percentage of Net Surplus to Liabilities.
1	\$18,220,101.46	\$1,818,715.87	9.98
2	6,461,139.78	363,977.05	5.63
3	319,565.38	24,592.29	7.70
4	277,076.38	5,546.61	2.00
5	848,330.29	17,884.29	2.11
6	544,570.53	9,748.19	1.79
7	633,817.55	43,244.16	6.82
8	750,750.16	19,288.52	2.57
9	1,490,789.53	32,082.08	2.15
10	2,665,799.53	520,664.83	19.53
11	3,869,191.63	256,941.42	6.64
12	7,002,873.75	629,038.06	8.27
13	625,533.21	41,231.01	6.59

No. 10 is North American. Including market value, bonds, etc., the same being included by all other companies. The above shows the North American to have 100 per cent. more relative surplus than any other Canadian company. The companies are arranged alphabetically as in government report.

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Mgr. Maritime Provinces,
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LINDSAY,
Special Agent,
Woodstock, N. B.

CREW DID THE THINKING

While the Passengers Gave Useless Advice.

An Incident of a Derailed Train.—Engineer's Plucky Work.—Travellers used well by the C. P. R. and Return a General Thanksgiving.

The express that runs between Aroostook Junction and Edmundston had hard luck last week. The train had just pulled out of the junction and was nearing the Aroostook bridge when the snow plow left the track. Before it could be pulled up it had run onto the bridge and though the guard rail kept the plow from going through the side of the bridge it could not keep it from tearing all the braces out of the left side of the first span, which is a short one, and snapping two straining rods out of the next span. The passengers and crew at once got out to examine the wreck and see what was best to be done under the circumstances; the passengers doing most of the talking and the crew all of the effective thinking. Though the short span was pronounced unsafe Almon Tabor took his engine over it three times in getting the plow off. Any man in the crowd might almost as safely face a Boer fusillade as to have been in the engine. Superintendent Newcomb telegraphed that the passengers be run back to Andover and put up at Perley's Hotel and that the Railway Company would pay all the bills. A wrecking train at once left Woodstock, reached the bridge in the middle of the night and shortly after daylight the crew had the span repaired. Charles Clark superintended the work. The passengers were loud in their praises of the courtesy of Superintendent Newcomb and sent him the following message:

We, the undersigned, thank you and the C. P. Ry. for your kindness in providing for us so comfortably during the suspension of our journey up river. Mr. Perley has given us excellent board and attention.

[Signed]

Judge Hannington, Dorchester
Miss Isabel Mowatt, St. John.
W. B. Balmann, Woodstock.
W. B. Nicholson,
J. S. Eagles,
V. V. Belliveau, Montreal.
Richard Sullivan, St. John.
E. W. Pond, Fort Fairfield.
C. H. Stevens,
C. H. Fraser, Grand Falls.
H. M. Small, Fort Fairfield.

It came out in the course of the journey that Conductor Charles Henderson is one of the most popular conductors on the road. "Well! I'm glad its Charlie Henderson," said a man, with a sigh of relief when he found that something had gone wrong, "for he'll pull us out if anyone can." The train reached its destination just a day late, but no one seemed to grumble about it. J. S. Eagles was secretary of the shipwreck crowd and did a good deal to "keep the thing a moving."

The Woodstock Route.

Ex Coun. Brown, who is organizing a company to build a new steamer for the Woodstock-Fredericton route, held a conference with the council of the Board of Trade, in regard to his project. Mr. Brown exhibited a plan and model of the proposed steamer, and made explanations which quite impressed the gentlemen present with the feasibility of the undertaking. It was decided to have copies of the plans made, and to obtain the opinion of an expert as to whether or not a boat built on the lines indicated by Mr. Brown would be able to run during the greater part of the season. The members of the board promised, after satisfying themselves on this point, to do all in their power to procure for Mr. Brown's company the government subsidy. It was suggested, and probably the suggestion will be acted upon, that a petition be circulated in the river parishes, calling upon the government to aid the enterprises with a grant. Mr. Edgecombe informed the committee that Mr. Manchester of the Star Line Company, had offered to sell the steamer Aberdeen to a syndicate of Fredericton citizens for the sum of \$7000 and to retain \$2000 worth of stock. None of those present however, seemed to look upon the Aberdeen at that price as much of a bargain.—F'ton Herald.

Patronized by Royalty.

LONDON, March 14.—The Prince and Princess of Wales paid a surprise visit today to the new Poor Man's Restaurant in the East End, started by Sir Thomas Lipton's Alexander Trust. Their Royal Highnesses purchased tickets for dinners at 4½d, and each of them partook of the ordinary fare. The Prince and Princess afterwards inspected the premises, and received an ovation from the throngs of working people.

"GOOD IS GOOD."

Boys Write Letters From Cape Town to Their Friends Here.

Report That all is Well and They are in Fine Spirits.—"Bob" Hughes Gives his Opinion of the Boers.—Expect to be Home Before Many Months.

Monday evening's mail brought letters from our brave lads at the front in South Africa. They are all reported well and in the best of form.

Robert Hughes, wrote to his mother from on board ship. He says, "we have 200 miles yet to go. Hope you are not fretting about me for I am all right and will get home some day." He again wrote on arrival at Cape Town under date Feb. 20th. "We got here all right, and stayed in camp on Monday. We had a grand day, all around town. I tell you it is a big town. There are now 8000 soldiers in camp here. They say we will never see a day's fighting. The Boers are on the run now, they have them going. I have the big horse I had when I left home, the mate died. I have seen a great lot, I tell you, since I left home. We had a good time coming and were 28 days at sea. I don't think we will be gone from home more than four months at the outside. Some of the boys whom we left at Halifax got here today. The Boers are no good now, they are flying as fast as they can. I tell you we have had a big sand storm today. You could not see a hand in front of you. The boys are all well.

Mr. Glew received a note from his son dated Cape Town, Feb. 21st. He says:—"I have neglected to write to anyone. Everything is going fine. We got a good reception here. If you write you had better register the letter. If I like it I may stay in this vicinity for there is good money here."

Wheeler Leighton writes under date of the 15th to his father. He says:—"I am in good health and feeling fine. We have just got into Cape Town and all well on board. We had some sickness on the way but in good health now, and in good wealth. We have lost 20 horses. We have church three times on Sunday, and a lot of work. I do not know where we will go, but will write and let you know as soon as I find out. Good is a good man to the boys. Mr. Leighton kept a note of the distance travelled each day, and gives the entire distance from Halifax to Cape Town 6,644 miles. The biggest distance made in any one day was 280 miles. He says "We have had a troopship right behind us for five days. She is from England."

Gunner Alf. Hayden writes as follows to J. W. Ketch of Woodstock:—

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 20th, 1900.
Dear Friend Jack,—I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know I am still on the top side and I guess I am here to stay. There is lots of sand here, it blows like snow. I have ate a few pounds already and eat it all the time in everything. It is very pleasant. We will move out of here this week or next if nothing happens. There are some Boer prisoners here, about four hundred. The wounded come down every day and there are lots of them. They say the war will be done in six weeks but I doubt it. If we get home in six months we will do very well. There are men going and coming from the front every day. Well Jack, I hope you are enjoying yourself this winter. I expect to take old No. 5 gun next summer again. If you could see the sand blowing tonight it would surprise you. The other boat, the second one, is in now so I hear we are liable to move any time now. No. 5 Company went up country tonight. All the boys are well. Give my regards to all the boys. Write soon.

GUNNER A. HAYDEN,
Second Contingent E. Field Bat. R. C. A.,
Cape Town, South Africa.

Good as a Private.

When Strathcona's horse was about to leave Halifax, the contingent was inspected by Gen. Lord Seymour, commander of the Imperial forces in Canada, whose grand nephew was in the ranks as a private.

A RED, WHITE AND BLUE concert and supper will be held in Graham's Opera House on Thursday evening of this week, under the auspices of the ladies of St. Paul's church. Supper will be served from 5 to 7 o'clock and the concert will commence at 8 o'clock. Supper 25 cents, concert 25 cents, combination tickets for both 40 cents. Guests holding combination tickets will be given passes at supper to allow them to return to the concert later in the evening. The programme of the concert presents an exceptionally fine musical and literary treat.

FROM ALL OVER CANADA come letters telling us of the great benefits derived from the use of the D. & L. Menthol Plasters in cases of neuralgia, rheumatism, lame back, etc. Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., manufacturers.

ANOTHER grand carnival will be held in the roller rink March 28th.

"HAD ONE DAY'S GUNNING."

The Run-a-ways Capitulate Without Firing a Shot

Although They had Arms Without Ammunition.—Exciting Chase on Sunday Last by Members of Police Force.—The County Court.

While the church bells were ringing their summons to worship on Sunday morning, a very apparent stir was noticeable among the gentlemen whose particular duty it is to look after law and order in the town and county. Deputy-Sheriff Foster, Marshall MacFarlane, Constable James Woolverton and Gaoler Jones were hurrying to and fro and conversing somewhat excitedly with each other.

The public soon got on to the racket. It was learned that during the night previous, the two lads Darius Thornton and Billy Nason, convicted of stealing brass from Moore's mill, at the county court last week, and sentenced to seven years in Dorchester penitentiary, had managed to escape. They were in a cell down stairs. The floor of the cell was somewhat rotten by age and it was not a difficult thing to remove the register. This having been done access to the cellar was easy for such slim youths as the prisoners, and, once in the cellar, freedom was attained by means of a window.

It was early in the morning when the gaoler discovered the birds had flown and he lost little time in informing the police. All day long did the guardians of the law search for the prisoners, and for information leading to their whereabouts. They found a party who had intercourse with them, and were led to believe that they would be found in Richardson's camp fifteen miles from town in the Parish of Brighton. Thither went Sheriff Foster and his assistants. But not a clue was to be found in this direction, and the officers came back to Woodstock, apparently farther from their object than ever. Some excellent detective work was done after tea and the authorities learned that the boys would be found in Hayden's camp about six miles below town on Franklin Bull's place. It was near midnight when Sheriff Foster, Marshall MacFarlane and Constable Woolverton arrived within short distance of the camp. They went on a double sled. Woolverton held the horses about half a mile from the camp while Foster and MacFarlane went to investigate. They found the camp barred from the outside. They forced their way in and found the two boys lying on a couch. They had been sound asleep. In bed with one was a rifle, subsequently found to be unloaded. There was a fire on and the fort was fairly well provisioned. There was considerable honour in the situation. "Lady-smith is relieved" said Nason, "we'll put up the white flag and surrender." Nothing like resistance was offered. "We'll go back" remarked Darius "we had one days gunning, any way." And the boys were brought back to gaol. It was a hard days work for the police and they came out of it with full honors.

County Court.

The session of the county court did not end till noon on Saturday.

The Queen vs Pryor, assault, the complainant being Mrs. Dr. Brown of Centreville resulting in a verdict of guilty and the prisoner was sentenced to nine months in gaol.

The Queen vs Andrews, assault on Mrs. Aboud resulted in a verdict of acquittal. Wendall P. Jones for prisoner.

Ruff vs McCluskey, slander, was settled out of court, defendant paying all costs and \$10.

The most interesting case was that of the Queen vs Nason and Thornton. The defendants were charged with stealing brass from an engine in Moore's mill. Fred Moore the owner, estimated the value of the brass at anywhere between \$200 and \$400. The theft was very cleverly traced to the boys and they were found guilty. They had no counsel and the court named Thane Jones of Woodstock the defence. Mr. Jones had no notice of his duties and considering this handicap he did remarkably well, making quite an impression on those present in court. The boys were sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary and were taken to Dorchester by Deputy Sheriff Foster.

Mr. Blair a Mine Owner.

BELLEVILLE, Ont., March 14.—The Dundas mine, in Madoc, owned by Mr. D. E. K. Stewart of Madoc Village, has been purchased by a syndicate, of which Hon. Mr. Blair, Minister of Railways, is a member. Preparations are already being made for the erection of a large stamp mill.

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