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PRICE TWO CENTS



Perhaps
An Overcoat,
An Ulster,
A Reefer, or
A Suit,

Would be a most acceptable gift for some member of your family. If so, here's the place for you to come for it, no matter whether it be for the boy 4 years old, or the big man, or perhaps some other article of Boys' or Men's Wearing Apparel might suit you better to buy.

Our line of **Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Gloves, Mitts, Braces, Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, Underwear, etc.**, is large, and up-to-date in style.

Our selections in **Neckwear** have been very carefully made, and surpass all previous

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JOHN McLAUCHLAN,

Men's and Boys' Clothier, Hatter and Furnisher.

NOTICE.

GREAT CLOSING SALE OF BOOTS and SHOES.

We have decided to close out our Boot and Shoe business, and will from this date sell our entire stock of Boots and Shoes at **less than cost**. Call and satisfy yourself that now is the time to shoe your family at reduced prices.

We will take Hay, Oats, Butter, Cheese, Buckwheat Meal, Hemlock Bark, Hard and Soft Cordwood, in exchange for Boots and Shoes. Call early and secure the best bargains.

J. D. DICKINSON & SONS,

Corner of Main and Connell Streets, Woodstock.

Dec. 18, 1899.

Cash Paid for Hides.

VICTORIA ICE RINK.

Grand Opening New Year's Day.

and in attendance Afternoon and Evening.

ADMISSION 25 CENTS.

Come and see one of the largest rinks in the province. The Rink will be open for skating every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday afternoon and evening during the season.

Season tickets as follows: GENTS..... \$3.50
LADIES..... 2.50
CHILDREN (good for afternoon only)..... 1.50
MONTHLY TICKETS..... 1.75

It is the intention of the management to maintain the best of order, and to give the public the best of healthy exercise and clean sport throughout the season. The management reserve the right to admit or refuse admission to those who do not conform to the rules. **WE WANT YOUR PATRONAGE.**

A. D. HOLYOKE, Proprietor.

The Temperance and General Life Assurance Company

Closed their Books Dec. 31st, 1898,

With a dollar of interest overdue, a dollar's worth of real estate ever having been owned by the company. With a dollar of claims in dispute. A larger new business than in any previous year. Premium income for '98 of \$188,744.14. Interest income of 25,381.55. Increase in total income of 17,538.00. Increase in assets of 93,022.72. Increase in expenses of only 714.53. Total assets amounting to 667,314.22.

With an increase of 713 policies and 639 lives during '98. With a new business of over \$2,100,000. With total insurance in force, \$7,955,859.00. With a death rate in their thirteenth year of only \$3.38 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?

LINDSAY,
Special Agent,
Woodstock, N. B.

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

"SOLDIERS OF THE QUEEN."

PREPARATIONS FOR A GRAND SEND OFF TO THE BRAVE LADS.

Who are Going to South Africa to Take Their Part in the Fighting.—A Banquet and Promenade Concert for Saturday Evening, and a Half Holiday the Day the Boys go.—County and Town Councils to do Their Share.

It's the Soldiers of the Queen, my lads,
Who've been, my lads, who've seen, my lads,
In the fight for England's glory, lads,
When we have to show them what we mean.
And when we say we've always won,
And when they ask us how it's done,
We'll proudly point to every one
Of England's Soldiers of the Queen.

Major Good has his quota to the contingent made up, and men to spare, and has offered to contribute more than the required number.

A public meeting of citizens was held on New Years evening to arrange for a demonstration to the boys, and for some practical assistance. The Mayor presided, and Jas. Watts was secretary. A. B. Connell moved seconded by T. C. L. Ketchum that the chairman and secretary be a committee to wait on the county council, asking that they contribute a sum towards paying an assurance premium on the lives of the boys for the front. A. B. Connell, J. T. A. Dibblee and Joseph Fewer were named a committee to wait on the town council asking their assistance.

It was announced that the proprietors of the roller rink will give a benefit to the boys on Wednesday evening, tickets 25 cts. The meeting decided to encourage this.

The question of another sort of a demonstration was referred to a special committee composed of Col. F. H. J. Dibblee, H. P. Baird, J. T. A. Dibblee, J. C. Hartley and T. C. L. Ketchum. This committee met and reported to the meeting as follows:

That for the day the boys leave, the Woodstock and Hartland Band be secured to play, that the town be decorated as much as possible, that the shops be closed and that a half holiday given to the children.

That on Saturday evening a banquet and promenade concert be given in honor of the boys, at the Opera House, beginning about five o'clock, the admission to the general public 25 cts.

That the ladies in the town meet on Wednesday afternoon in the W. C. T. U. room, Graham's building, with a view of considering the advisability of forming a branch of the Red Cross Society.

That an executive committee with power to appoint sub-committees be named to carry out the programme. The report was accepted and the former named committee was appointed such an Executive committee.

They again met and named these sub-committees.

To solicit contributions of food from the ladies for the supper: Queens Ward—John Leighton jr., John Tattersoll.

Kings Ward—Harry McLauchlan, Frank Fisher.

Wellington Ward—Jos. Fewer, Jack Dibblee.

Hall Committee—Tim Fields, Thos. Fewer, J. C. Hartley.

Bands—T. C. L. Ketchum.

Entertainment—H. S. Wright, George Mitchell, H. P. Baird.

Col. Dibblee was appointed supervisor of all these committees.

During the time that the committee was deliberating stirring addresses were made by several gentlemen present including Rev. H. D. Marr, Wm. Dibblee, Col. Vince, James Watts, Geo. L. Holyoke, J. K. Flemming, Jas. Carr, F. B. Carvell and others.

The National Anthem was sung at the beginning and close of the meeting, and as a "special" when the announcement was made that General French had captured Colesburg. H. P. Baird announced on behalf of the Pure Food Co. that they would contribute all the hams required at the supper.

It is particularly urged by the committee that the ladies join in with them, heartily, in the demonstration.

Capt. W. C. Good has been appointed as a lieutenant in the special service artillery corps bound to South Africa. The following

Carleton County boys passed the necessary examination and were duly enrolled and sworn the last of the week.

Harry Dysart, J. A. Hayden, Harold Gray, Robert Hughes, Robert Welsh, Robert Smith.

Capt. W. C. Good is a son of the late Frank Good, Esq., and was born in Jacksonville, of this county some 34 years ago. He began his military career at an early date, joining the Woodstock Field Battery in 1880. He attended the school in Quebec in 1885 and received a first class certificate. At the next provincial camp in Fredericton he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. In 1888 he was made sergeant major of the battery, and the following year he received his commission as lieutenant at the brigade camp in St. Andrews. He was promoted to a captaincy in April 1899, having again attended the course of instruction at B. Battery, Quebec, and having received a first class A. officer's certificate. On the 21st of last August he received the rank of brevet major.

Fifty-one men are taken from the Maritime Provinces—the batteries of Woodstock, Newcastle and Sydney, C. B., and the former has the distinguished honour of contributing the only commissioned officer. It is expected that 18 men and thirteen or more horses will leave here. Good's section when the whole battery is concentrated at Quebec will consist of 55 men, 41 horses and two guns.

Harry Dysart is a son of James M. Dysart, now keeping a store in Hartland. He is an old hand at the battery, having attended the school at Quebec and won a first class certificate. He is a sergeant. He has drilled continuously with the battery, and is an enthusiastic military man. He is 26 years of age.

Harold Gray is a native of England, and while there was a member of the royal naval reserve. He came to this country four years ago and immediately became connected with the battery. He was made sergeant last year, and acted in the capacity of instructor. He is 26 years of age.

Robert Hughes was born in St. Andrews, and is now 22 years old. He is a son of John E. Hughes who conducts the livery stable on Queen street. He joined the battery five years ago, and served four years. He is a bombardier.

J. Allan Hayden is a son of William Hayden, of Grafton. He is 22 years of age, and joined the battery three years ago. He served in each drill since. He attended the school in Quebec in 1897 and got a certificate. He is a sergeant in this battery.

Robert Welsh is a son of Robert Welsh, station master at Kilburn. He is 22 years old, and has served one year as bombardier in the battery and three years in the infantry. He attended the school at Fredericton.

Robert Smith is a resident of Lakeville, and served four years in the battery. He was corporal, but did not drill for the last two years of the battery. He is the big man of the corps.

The other recruits are Harry McLean, Frank Brewer, Frank Gilman, Wm. Kennedy, Harry Joyce, George Searle, Frank Buck, Woodstock, Matthew McLennan, Jacksonville. Wheeler Leighton has accepted a place and will be on the contingent. He is 28 years old, Joyce is 22, Searle 22, Kennedy 23, Buck 22. Only a couple of the men are over thirty. John Sutton and Fred Everett, Jacksonville, are ready in case of a vacancy, and a place is being left for Sergt. Maj. Vanwart, who is in a lumber camp and has not yet been heard from. The exact personal

of the entire corps may not be known for a day or two. The thirteen horses have not yet been bought, but it is only a question of making a suitable selection.

It is not likely the corps will leave Woodstock before this day week, the 10th inst.

OVER A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

Items From a St. John Paper Published in 1795.

A very ancient document has come to the notice of THE DISPATCH. It is a copy of the St. John Gazette and Weekly Advertiser No. 458, vol. 9, and bears date Friday February 27th, 1795. It is in possession of W. Chipman Hazen, of Upper Woodstock, and on the margin is written in ink, the address, "John Hazen," a grandfather of the owner of the paper. It is certainly a curiosity and is worth a special notice, just at this time, when we are in the closing year of the 19th century. At the time it was printing the citizens of St. John were contemplating the close within a few years of the 18th century.

It is a striking object lesson of the progress of the century. At that time the Napoleonic war was at its height, and the Gazette is full of war news, but while the paper was published on the 27th February the latest news of the war was from English papers of Dec. 18th. The editor states "that the ship Neptune arrived in 42 days from Liverpool. Capt. Jeffries has very obligingly furnished the editor with English papers up to the 18th of December." Fancy the change in a century! Two months getting news from England, and the news probably old when it left England. We are in a terrible stew if we do not get news from South Africa the day the event happens. What will happen a century hence?

There is a bit of NEWS dated January 22nd about the Treaty of Amity, Navigation and Commerce between Great Britain and the United States, and a letter from London of the 2nd of December states "The only circumstances against the treaty are the objections that may oppose its satisfaction in America."

Mr. Pitt, the great son of a great father, is mentioned in much of the news.

Here are some extracts:

"Mr. Pitt has made his loans for 18000,000 l for the service of England and 6000,000 l for the Emperor." "Warsaw has surrendered to the Russian General Suwarrow on terms highly favourable." Peace still continues to be talked of on the continent. "The fleet now off Spithead consists of 4 ships of 110 guns, 4 of 98 3 of 80 19 of 74 2 of 64 12 frigates 1 cutter etc." "The accounts from Paris mention that the army of the Moselle after the taking of Rheinfelt has formed the blockade of Luxembourg, and that the army of the eastern provinces gained a victory over the Spaniards." The advertisements contain much of local interest. One dated Burton, 3rd Jan. 1794 reads "All persons having any demands against the estate of Doctor Ambrose Sharman late of Maugerville in the County of Sunbury deceased, are requested to render the same to Samuel Denny Street of Burton in the County of Sunbury one of the administrators of said estate. Samuel D Street, John Hazen, Hugh Johnson, administrators. Another is dated Feb. 26, 1795, and is as follows:—

NOTICE.—The Court House in Kingston in the County of Kings is to be let for the term of twenty-one years. Whoever would wish to lease the premises, may apply to the subscribers at Kingston, who are authorized to treat for the same.

Jon. Ketchum,
David Pickett.

There is also an advertisement of the Theatre, King St.

The editor of the Gazette had to be careful of his contributions for he has this notice to correspondents:—

"The dialogue of 'D. L.' and 'Plain Truth' cannot be admitted. The editor of the St. John Gazette will not permit his paper to be the medium of private scandal. Error is the common lot of humanity. But determined as the editor is to pursue a line of conduct agreeable to the above sentiment, he is determined to treat with merited contempt to say nothing farther, all, low or high, who shall infringe on the Liberty of the Printer or the Press." Here is an advertisement dated Feb. 6, 1795: "For sale (cheap) by the subscriber next door to Edward Sand's esquire store, A few kegs of excellent glazed and common gun powder. Peter Blair.

The great mass of the letter press is about the war, and there is brief mention of the prorogation of parliament.

The Gazette is printed every Friday by John Ryan at his printing office No. 58 Prince William Street, St. John."

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