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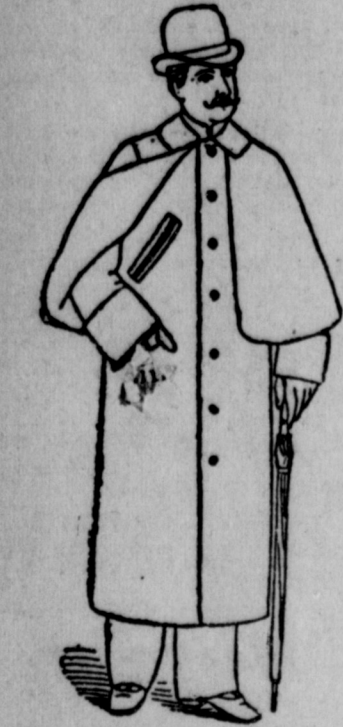
PRICE TWO CENTS

## WET WEATHER

Is pretty sure to come sooner or later. The wise man gets ready for it before it does come by purchasing a

## WATERPROOF COAT,

which will save his clothing, keep him dry, and add greatly to his comfort. We have coats of this kind in the most popular shades and styles. Come in and see them. Prices right.



**JOHN McLAUCHLAN,**

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

**What we make We Guarantee!**

Britain's motto is:

**What we have we'll hold!**

It is likewise the sentiment of those who patronize our establishment.

Many have endeavored to imitate

Custom Tailoring, and have filled the

market with their goods, but have met the

fate of the Boers—

A seeming success for a time, then a struggle, and finally

are forced to recognize the

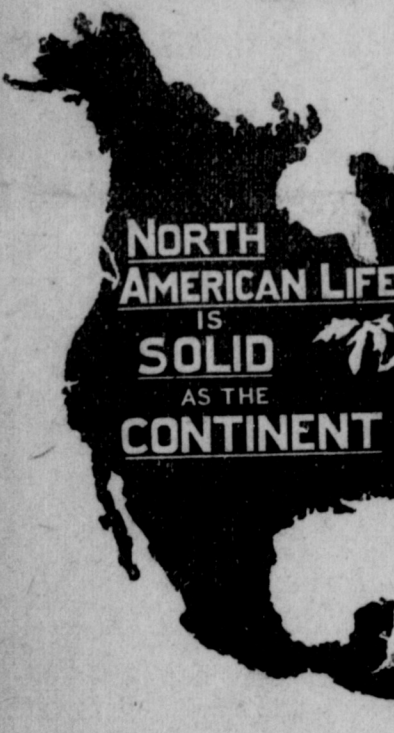
Superiority of Custom-Made Clothing.

It should not require much argument

to convince a man that a garment made from His Measure, taken by an Experienced Tailor, and fitted on in the course of making should fit better and be more stylish than one taken from a pile made 6 to 36 months ago! To say nothing of the Superior Workmanship and goods used. We are showing an Excellent Stock of The Newest Shades and Textures, which we make up in Our Usual Good Style. Radical changes in styles this summer

**W. B. NICHOLSON,** - **Merchant Tailor,**  
Woodstock, N. B.

## LIFE:



One of the most important items for policy-holders in the statement of a life insurance company is THE SURPLUS ACCOUNT, as it is from this and this alone that satisfactory returns on Investment and Endowment policies must come. The company that fails to build up a good surplus cannot give satisfaction to their policy-holders. Now in this particular the North American Life stands in the very front rank of Home Companies. The net surplus of the North American Life is \$520,644.83.

No.	Total liabilities include reserve & Capital Stock.	Surplus of assets over liabilities & Capital Stock.	Percentage of Net Surplus to Liabilities.
No. 1	\$18,220,101.46	\$1,818,715.87	9.98
2	6,161,139.78	363,977.05	5.93
3	319,565.28	24,392.29	7.70
4	277,076.58	5,846.01	2.00
5	848,399.20	17,884.20	2.11
6	544,579.53	9,748.19	1.79
7	633,817.55	43,244.16	6.82
8	730,790.16	19,288.52	2.67
9	1,490,789.53	32,082.83	2.15
10	2,665,799.53	520,664.83	19.53
11	3,869,191.03	256,941.42	6.64
12	7,002,873.75	629,038.06	8.27
13	625,353.21	41,261.01	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.

L. GOLDMAN, Sec. Wm. McCABE, Man. Director,  
NORTH AMERICAN LIFE.  
112-118 King Street, West, Toronto, Ont.

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

## PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

against loss or damage by fire, with a policy in the LAW UNION AND CROWN Fire Insurance Co. Lowest rates. Losses promptly paid. Established 1825. Assets \$21,000,000.

## PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

with a policy in the National Life Insurance Company, of Canada. Capital \$1,000,000. Local Board of Directors in every Province in All the best plans of Life Insurance at lowest rates. Losses promptly paid.

## PROTECT YOUR INCOME

with a policy in a first class Accident Insurance Company.

## PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS

by having your Accounts Collected Promptly.

**A. D. HOLYOKE,** OPERA HOUSE BUILDING, WOODSTOCK, N. B.  
Agent GLOBE SAVINGS AND LOAN COMPANY. Money to Loan.

## SEE THE RECORD FOR '99.

## THE TEMPERANCE AND GENERAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

without a dollar of interest overdue, an unbroken record for 6 years.  
without a dollar's worth of real estate ever having been owned by the company.  
without ever having foreclosed a mortgage.  
with much stronger reserves than the law requires with a much larger new business than in any previous year.  
with the lowest death rate on record for so long a period in our Temperance Section of any company anywhere.  
with a premium income for '99 of \$215,755.57  
with an interest income of 27,212.20  
with an increase in total income of 30,298.10  
with an increase in assets of 127,291.44  
with total assets amounting to 794,505.06  
with an increase of 1,253 policies and 1,117 lives.  
with an increase of insurance in force of \$1,452,441

with insurance of \$7,265,469 under 6,593 policies on lives of total abstainers classed by themselves, with a new business applied for of \$2,938,836 with a total insurance in force of 9,436,800 with a death rate in our fourteenth year of only \$5.00 for each \$1,000 of average risk carried during the year.  
with a record for care and economy unexcelled, with experience to show that abstainers are better risks than non-abstainers.  
with a recognized standing as the total abstainers company in Canada.  
Such has been our record. It is a record of steady, solid progress, and we are proud of it. Where is there a cleaner record, or one that can beat it in any respect? Surely The T. & G. is the Best Company for the Best Risks.

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

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

## THIS YEAR'S TAXATION.

### Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure on Town Affairs.

**Scott Act Fines Question Dealt with And Committee Named.—A discussion on the Sewer Appropriation.—Items as Finally Passed and Warrant ordered Issued.**

It was an important meeting of the town council on Monday evening. Mayor Murphy being very ill was unable to attend and his place was filled by Coun. Dibblee.

The following resolution was moved by Coun. Carr and carried without a dissenting voice.

Resolved that this council appoint a committee with full power and authority to enforce the Canada Temperance act within the town of Woodstock and to take legal steps to collect the fines imposed or which have been imposed, and deposit the same to a special account in the Bank doing town business, to the credit of the town.

And that the town clerk notify the county treasurer and Police Magistrate to pay over to the town treasurer any funds they may have in their possession which they may have collected in the town under prosecution under the same act, and upon failure or neglect to pay the same, then, to take all such necessary steps and proceedings to collect and recover the same.

Coun. Carr said that in the year 1898, some \$1414 was collected from parties in the town, and he believed and was informed that every fine collected in the town belonged to the town. He thought the council should proceed in the proper legal way to get their rights. In accordance with the resolution the following committee was named, Couns. Carr, Lindsay, Jones, Dibblee.

The council went into committee of the whole on the estimates. The main discussion was on the question of sewers. A petition was read from between 50 and 60 ratepayers on the Houlton road between Union and Charlotte streets asking that steps be taken to place that part of the town in a good condition. In the spring time there was much inconvenience by an overflow of water.

Coun. Jones thought a sewer should be built, with catch basins, and moved that \$1500 be placed to the credit of the Sewer committee. This was seconded by Coun. Gallagher but was voted down, the mover and seconder only supporting it.

Then Coun. Lindsay moved that \$1200 be appropriated, and Coun. Jones, after some hesitation seconded this, but this time Gallagher wouldn't let her go, voting against the \$1200 and so nothing was appropriated for sewers.

Coun. Graham, on the discussion of the street appropriation said that either an asphalt or wooden sidewalk was imperative this year from the corner of Main and Connell to Chapel street.

There was a small increase made in the Police appropriation, and it was announced that the town police officers will be given uniforms.

In the following table it will be noted that excepting for the large item for bank deficit, the estimates are below last year. It is unpleasant to learn that less revenue is anticipated from water rates this than last year. The naked fact is that there are many vacant houses. The estimates as passed are as follows. The clerk was authorized to issue a warrant of assessment for \$24,372.20.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.

Interest on Debentures	\$5,172.50
Interest to Bank	250.00
Waterworks Expenses	3000.00
Electric Lights	1300.00
Schools	5000.00
Streets	1500.00
Poor	1700.00
Fire	2500.00
County Purposes	2244.70
Hose	200.00
Police	875.00
Team	540.00
Salaries	300.00
Printing	150.00
Town Hall	75.00
Public Health	150.00
Assessors and Property Book	200.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
To cover Deduction on Taxes by Discount	500.00
Deficit at Bank	5700.00
Total	\$31657.20

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Waterworks	\$6200.00
Sewers	400.00
Licenses and Fines	300.00
Engine House	60.00
Scales	75.00
Poor Farm	200.00
Town Hall	50.00
Total	\$7285.00

Last year the gross amount ordered assessed was \$28,897.15. The estimated receipts were \$8025, leaving \$20,872.15 to be raised by the assessors. Add to this amount ordered by

assessors, and last year's total was \$21502.87.

The items were as follows:

Insurance on Debentures	\$ 5172.50
Interest to Bank	250.00
Water Works Expenses	3000.00
Electric Light Expenses	1350.00
Schools	5500.00
Streets	1000.00
Poor	1300.00
Fire	2300.00
For County Purposes	2244.70
Police	850.00
Team	540.00
Salaries	300.00
Printing	150.00
Town Hall	75.00
Public Health	150.00
Assessors and Property Book	200.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
To cover deduction on Taxes paid at dis.	500.00
Sewers	1450.00
Hose	200.00
Deficit due Bank	2189.95
Total	\$28897.15

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Water Rates	\$ 6000.00
Sewers	600.00
Licenses and Fines	400.00
Engine House No. 2	60.00
Scales	75.00
Poor Farm	400.00
Town Hall	90.00
Total	\$8025.00

The marshal was instructed to stop all persons driving on the sidewalks and to notify them that a second offence would lead to an information being laid in the police court.

Coun. Carr spoke of the extortion taken from townspeople by parties from the county selling wood. He believed in a stringent enforcement of the by law requiring every load to be measured. The council agreed in this view, and it is likely that next year every load of wood will be measured, and that a man will know for what he is paying.

### Believes in Stall-Feeding.

William E. True of Jacksonville says that the new methods of farming as preached by the New Brunswick Farmers Institute lecturers, are all right. He says that last summer he had 12 head of cattle all of which he kept in his barn all summer, letting them out twice a day for water. He has 110 acres of land under cultivation. It would have taken 24 acres of land to pasture his 12 cows 2 acres to a cow, and on that they could have got feed for only two months and a half, from June 1st, to August 15th. He reckons that on one acre for a cow he could raise enough grain to feed a cow for 4 months, and on the other acre enough green feed to keep the cow for a like period. This method of feeding involves more work in some ways and less in others, than the old system of pasturing. He does not have to drive cows to and from pasture and he has no fences to keep up. He not only gets more value from the land he would otherwise use as pasture, but he has more manure and of a richer quality for top dressing. Mr. True says that for some years he has not pastured his cattle. The stable manure is repaid into a cement floored cellar and not a bit of it is lost. He does a large dairying business and finds that it pays him well.

### Measles And the Schools.

The numerous placards on houses around town, with the announcement "measles," indicate that this unpleasant disease is prevalent. To find out how prevalent it has been one should consult with the teachers in the schools. THE DISPATCH made the rounds on Monday and gathered this information. In the Broadway school house, the first outbreak was in Miss Peters' room. She has generally an average attendance of 50. After the outbreak there were only 17 in attendance during one week. On Monday the attendance was 40, showing that things are on the mend. Miss Carman also reports a decided improvement. Up to the time the measles broke out, she had an average attendance of 48. This average dwindled down to 14 and 15, when the disease was in full blast, but on Monday she had 40 pupils in their seats. Miss Mulherrin has 60 pupils enrolled, and during the height of the epidemic, the attendance was as low as 18. On Monday there were 45 pupils present.

Mr. Good's school did not suffer as much as the lower grades. He has 41 scholars, and at one time twelve of them were under the weather from measles. On Monday 30 of his pupils were in attendance.

While the scholars have passed through the worst of it at the Broadway school, the same cannot be said of those attending in the College building. Mrs. Cupples teaches a school with an enrollment of 45. On Monday there were 12 children present. In Miss Milmore's school the attendance out of an enrollment of 48 was also 12. Miss Clark has 33 scholars, and only 9 were present on Monday. Miss Comben reported an attendance of 12 out of an enrollment of 43. Miss McLeod 22 out of 42. Miss Fisher 16 out of an enrollment of 46. Miss Smith had 11 pupils, while her roll runs up to 51. Miss Appleby with a roll of 53, had 18. Miss Neales' school made a better showing, her pupils being older, and the school owing to the illness of the teacher having been closed for two weeks. There were 23 present on Monday, out of 29 on the roll. Mr. Harrison had an attendance of 18 out of 26. To recapitulate as the financial men have it. In the Broadway school there are some 209 pupils on the rolls, and the attendance on Monday was 155. Although the epidemic is decreasing on that side of the bridge, upwards of 50 pupils are unable to attend school because of the measles. In the College building where the measles may be said to be at their worst just now, the number of scholars on the roll is 416. The attendance on Monday was 153.

THAT HACKING COUGH is a warning not to be lightly treated. Pny-Pectoral cures with absolute certainty all recent coughs and colds. Take it in time. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry Davis, Pain-Killer.

## VERY SAD COINCIDENCE.

Recalling the Drowning of a Woodstock Man 4 Years Ago.

**The Father of His Unfortunate Companion Meets Death in Almost the Exact Spot, and Sleigh Recovered in the Same Eddy Where Sperry Shea's Sleigh was Found.**

That truth is stranger than fiction is often brought to our minds. If this story were told in a novel it would be considered overdrawn. Mr. A. P. Connelly, traveller for the Baird Co. gives THE DISPATCH the particulars of a sad accident on the St. John river about a mile and a half below Clair station. Readers of THE DISPATCH will remember that four years ago Sperry Shea was drowned in the St. John river near Clair station. He was accompanied by a little girl named Sossie who met the same fate. The horse and sleigh and occupants went through the ice. Last week the father of this little girl, a French Canadian farmer named Sossie about thirty-five years of age, was drowned by his team going through the ice in almost the same place that Sperry Shea and his daughter lost their lives. Sossie went over to the American side, and did not return when expected. Search was made for him for three days, when a hole in the ice evidently made by a team breaking through was found. It was just a few rods from the identical spot where Shea went through four years ago, a short distance below where the Fish river enters the St. John. Last Thursday the horse and sleigh were found in the same eddy where the horse and sleigh Mr. Shea had been found. Sossie's body had not been found at last advices. Deceased leaves a family of nine children.

### A NEWSY LETTER

From Gunner Allie Hayden of "E" Field Battery, Now in Africa.

The following letter is from Gunner Allie Hayden to his mother, and was kindly given to the DISPATCH for publication:

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 20th.  
I have not any war news to tell you, for you get it Canada before we do. We expect to leave for Kimberley tomorrow, if we don't get orders to stay. We were to leave yesterday, but we got orders not to go, and we may get the same this time. Perhaps we won't leave at all. There have been men here since the war started who have not moved yet. There are five vessels in the harbour, now waiting to get unloaded, and there are ships waiting to take troops home that have been here four months. We have had lovely weather since we came, no rain until yesterday, when it rained a little. There is lots of sand and it blows most every day. It is very hard on the eyes. We are up in the morning and do half a day's work before the time you get up. Our time is four and a half times faster than yours. I don't like the money here. A penny don't seem much, but you can spend it faster than our money, and not get as much value. The only thing you can get cheap is grapes. I have not got any word since I came away and perhaps I won't. The rail here is not very regular. If you see Mrs. Steve Vanwart tell her I saw a fellow from Malta who knows Guy, and he says he is not coming to the front. He says he is well. The people here think the war is about over, and we all expect to be home by summer. There are some queer people here, some that were driven out of their homes by the Boers and lost everything but their lives. There are lots of ships now in the harbour and they keep coming and going all the time. We have a Boer horse now, one that they captured. He is a tough looking thing. They have lots of prisoners here now and they keep coming in with them all the time, and then they send them to St. Helena. Harold Gray is well, and Frank Brewer and all the boys. This is a nice place only for the dust, and it is terrible. Our horses are all well and we will get some new ones when the new boat gets in, and they will land today. I think the last boat will be here next month, if nothing happens, but the war will be about finished and they will be no use. The battery has just come in. They are exercising the horses and they take well to the drill. You don't see any double teams hooked up here, all just like our dump carts only they are painted a little. They don't feed very good on active service so far, but we are all right. We can buy some grub. I would like to bring home some Kimberley diamonds. They are lots of them, that is what a native just told me.

### A Generous Offer.

The offer of Mr. Raymond of Boston, conveyed through Mr. H. Paxton Baird, to give 1000 volumes to a public library in Woodstock, as soon as any person or persons will start such an institution, is most generous, and is worthy the consideration of our citizens. Almost any town would jump at such an offer. The town council holds a goodly sum of money, now, in trust, for a library. Could not arrangements be made with Woodstock, as soon as any person or persons will start such an institution, is most generous, and is worthy the consideration of our citizens. Almost any town would jump at such an offer. The town council holds a goodly sum of money, now, in trust, for a library. Could not arrangements be made with Woodstock, as soon as any person or persons will start such an institution, is most generous, and is worthy the consideration of our citizens. Almost any town would jump at such an offer. The town council holds a goodly sum of money, now, in trust, for a library. 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