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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE North American Life Assurance COMPANY.

Dec 31, 1898.	To net ledger assets, RECEIPTS.	\$2,977,451.64
Dec 30, 1899.	To cash for premiums, To cash income on investments.	744,865.00 148,656.81
Dec 30, 1899.	DISBURSEMENTS.	\$3,870,974.03
	By payments for death claims profits, etc.	\$303,081.50
	By all other payments.	231,182.32
	Balance net ledger assets, ASSETS.	\$3,336,710.00
	December 30, 1899.	
	By mortgage, etc.	\$1,416,932.58
	By debentures. Market value \$608,935.65.	579,939.37
	By stocks and bonds " \$587,391.50.	559,993.62
	By real estate, including company's build'g.	334,651.79
	By loans on policies, etc.	221,665.37
	By loans on stocks, nearly all on call.	194,821.42
	By cash in banks and on hand.	28,705.96
	By premiums outstanding, etc., less cost of collection.	137,298.24
	By interest and rents due and accrued.	35,074.75
	By market value of debentures and stocks over cost.	56,394.16
		\$3,565,477.36
	LIABILITIES.	
	December 30, 1899.	
	To guarantee fund.	\$ 60,000.00
	To assurance and annuity reserve fund.	2,929,552.00
	Death losses awaiting proofs.	51,507.35
		\$3,041,059.35
	Net Surplus, \$524,418.01	

The financial position of the company is unexcelled—its percentage of net surplus to liabilities exceeds that of any other home company.

New insurance issued during 1899. \$4,929,140.00
Exceeding the best previous year by nearly one million.
Insurance in force at end of 1899. \$23,045,403.00

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

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 30,568.10
with an increase in assets of 127,291.44
with total assets amounting to 794,505.66
with an increase of 1,263 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 \$2,966,836
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.

"THE P. M. UNDER FIRE."

Coun. Carr Attacks with Lindsay and Graham as Supports.

The Former Insists Upon an Investigation. Accuses the Magistrate of Charging—Petitioners Who Kick on Taxes. Want Money Laid out on a New Road.

The town council met on Monday evening. After some preliminaries: Coun. Lindsay said "Has the council any right to expect a report from the police magistrate?"

Mr. Hartley—It is the law that he shall report every month.

Coun. Graham—Shall he pay over the money collected?

Mr. Hartley—It does not say anything about that, but I presume that is the intention.

Coun. Lindsay—The police act of 1880 says the police magistrate shall pay over all fines and penalties incurred or paid under any by-law together with any fines not otherwise directed. It strikes me this means every month.

Coun. Carr—You must be careful what you say.

Coun. Lindsay—He only makes a report when it suits his own sweet will, and whenever anyone says anything a communication such as submitted at last night's meeting is sent us. If we have a right to this report the police magistrate should make it. If we have not any right we ought to stop talking about it.

The matter then dropped.

The special committee on the Davis petition reported that after making enquiries they found that the approximate cost of the dam would be \$666. They recommended as a condition for exemption that the new dam be built to reach as far as the south shore thus preventing the waste of water. The total value of the Davis mill property is \$4000. If the entire cost of building the dam be borne by Mrs. Davis she should be exempted from taxation on the mill property for five years; if other mill owners assist they all be exempted for three years.

On motion of Coun. Dibblee seconded by Coun. Gallagher the report was adopted and its recommendation ordered carried out.

A petition was presented requesting that steps be taken to open up Cedar street extending it to connect with Elm, and making it the proper width. It was signed by W. S. Saunders, B. B. Manzer and 150 others.

Coun. Lindsay—What has Saunders to do with Cedar street?

Coun. Jones—He has a couple of houses there.

Coun. Dibblee moved that the petition be referred to the street committee.

The Mayor—This petition is signed by nearly everybody in town.

Coun. Dibblee—You could get a petition signed to hang yourself.

Coun. Graham—I am opposed to this petition. All the land in that part of the town was owned by a man named Brown. He sold it road and all to one Clarke, who sold it to Hull. When the land was sold by Brown the road should have been looked after. It would cost a nice sum to run through the road now.

Coun. Lindsay—It seems that the people who ask for money to buy a road are the same people who were asking for a reduction of the assessment a few days ago. I see Saunders has signed this petition twice.

The question was referred to the street committee.

A motion was passed that all delinquent taxes be placed in the hands of the finance committee with power to take steps, and that the question of taxes for this year and of the discount on taxes paid in advance be also left in their hands.

James Drysdale presented a bill for his salary as building inspector. It was not recommended by any committee.

Coun. Graham said that he was at the council when Mr. Drysdale was appointed. Nothing at all was said at that time about the question of salary.

Coun. Carr thought the bill should at least have some consideration.

This was referred to Couns. Carr, Gallagher and Dibblee.

Coun. Carr—With regard to the police magistrate's communication, I am one of the parties charged with unfair usage of the magistrate. I do not feel it is my right that such a statement should go unheeded. I now demand an investigation. Whether by the police committee or a committee of this board an investigation I must have, I shall not stand any such nonsense.

Coun. Lindsay—I do not think there has been anything in the resolution passed at the board that the police magistrate could take offence at. He may have got a wrong idea of it from the papers. I agree with Coun. Carr that this matter ought not to pass without some notice. The police magistrate is evidently laboring under a mistaken impression of what occurred at the board. He said he was not present at the board. There was nothing to prevent his being present. The only thing I have heard said is that the police magistrate was dilatory in making his report. We know the magistrate is above the council but we must find out if he is above the law.

The Mayor—What do you want done?

Coun. Carr—To rescind the motion passed at last meeting about the police magistrate's communication and appoint a committee to investigate.

The Mayor—I do not see just what there is to investigate.

Coun. Carr—The charges made by the police magistrate of saying things behind his back. I want him to show whether I am guilty of such things.

Coun. Graham—it is just as Coun. Carr says. He accuses Coun. Carr and myself of sneers and slanders against him. I have been on this board for years and I have not used sneers against the magistrate. I have tried to get him to put in monthly reports. He should, I think, by the law, pay over what money he collected in the last four years, not more than once or twice has he rendered his account on the first Monday of the month. I shall not bother with the matter any further.

Coun. Carr's motion to rescind the previous resolution and to appoint a committee was seconded by Coun. Lindsay and carried.

Coun. Graham—I am well satisfied that this communication was first handed to the newspapers before it was read. The reporters were not all present when it was read.

Coun. Dibblee being named on the special committee asked to be excused.

Coun. Gallagher, Jones and Lindsay were finally named.

Coun. Lindsay—What is the matter with the council. Are they all afraid of the police magistrate?

The board adjourned till 7.30 on Friday evening.

C. F. K. Dibblee C. E., left for Ottawa yesterday afternoon. He will go from there on a survey from Edmonton to the Yukon.

Louis W. Cronin of Bangor, who had been visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. C. Milmore for a few days the past week, returned home Monday.

The person who took a robe off a horse standing at the Methodist church last Sunday had better return it, or he will find himself in trouble.

J. ALBERT HAYDEN left on Monday with a crew of men for the "Tobique" where he expects to be engaged for the next 10 days rafting and running his out put of cedar. His business interests in his absence will be looked after by his Book-keeper H. D. Stevens.

The Postmaster General's report shows that Woodstock is in the eleventh place in extent of business done in his department in the lower provinces, doing a business amounting to \$5,971.15. St. John, the largest, does \$56,533.48; Hartland's business amounts to \$1,228.35.

A CALL at the store of C. M. Sherwood, Woodstock, will reveal the fact that his stock of seeds is exceptionally complete this Spring. Timothy, Alsike, and Long Late Clover, Field Corn and Peas, and garden seed in bulk or package. These seeds are fresh, were grown by the most reliable seed houses of Canada, and are being sold at right prices.

MESSRS BALMAIN BROS has imported some specially fine things in carriages this year. George W. Gibson is driving one of their Pneumatic King road wagons. The body is piano box and it has bicycle wheels with pneumatic tires. Dr. Manzer has one of their gentlemen's road wagons, piano box, black, with a carmine gear. These are two beauties and do credit to the firm that sells them. Balmain Bros. have a large variety of carriages in stock which they will be glad to show to anyone calling at their ware rooms.

MR. H. DOMVILLE, son of Col. Domville, M. P., arrived home today from the Yukon. He is looking well and life in the gold region seems to agree with him. Mr. Domville left Dawson about April 1 and came a portion of the distance out on an ice bicycle. He will return very soon to look after his interests there. Mr. Domville says nobody gets suddenly rich in the Klondyke nowadays, but that all the St. John and Maritime Province boys he met are doing well and apparently are satisfied with their prospects.—St. John Globe.

REV. G. M. CAMPELLE lectured in Graham's Opera House Monday evening, taking for his subject, "Our National Possibilities and Privileges." The audience was not as large as it should have been considering the ability of the speaker and the subject taken. Several patriotic selections were rendered by the choir of the Methodist church, and two tableaux were put on: "British Empire as it is, and as it will be." The parts were taken as follows: John Bull, Dr. Manzer; Canada, Faye Camber; Australia, Frank Fisher; India, Ida Hayden; South Africa, Wm. Nicholson; Paul Kruger, Herb Smith.

WERE GOING TO THE FRONT

When Letters Dated 7th of April Written from Carnarvon.

Boys Reported to be All Well in Spite of Hard Work—They assist in Gathering in a Goodly Number of Cape Colony Rebels who are Shipped to Cape Town.

There is naturally, now, that the advance on Pretoria has begun in dead earnest, anxiety and interest as the welfare of the "boys" from this county. We may be sure that wherever they are, they are equal to the duties imposed on them. Letters were received from several of the lads yesterday. Mr. Leighton received one from his son Wheeler. It is dated Carnarvon, April 7. He says that all hands are well. They had been on a long tramp averaging twenty miles a day, and had made many of the rebels give up their arms. "D" and "E" batteries had gathered up about 300 of the rebels. They (the rebels) had been sent to Cape Town. There had been some very wet weather and the boys had to rough it, but were all in good health. It was a hard life, but he liked it himself. The Battery was under orders to leave the next day, but he did not know where they were going.

[It is the general impression that "E" Battery went from Carnarvon to Kimberley, and is likely on the way towards Mafeking.]

"The Merchant of Venice."

It is unfortunate for "The Lyceum Company" which presented the Merchant of Venice in the Opera house on Friday evening, that it should have been represented as first class. A first class presentation of the great play, the performance most certainly, was not. The best that can be said is, that it was ordinarily good. Had a company, such as we are, unfortunately, too frequently used to in this place, in its usual course, put the play on, as it was played on Friday, the actors would have deserved some commendation. As it was, the goods were not nearly up to the advertisement. The Butler Company, a year or so ago, in Romeo and Juliet, were away ahead of "The Lyceum Company." Nevertheless, Shakespeare must be outrageously murdered, if one is to get no profit or amusement out of his plays, and the Lyceum people, at least, escape the indictment of which any travelling troupe runs the risk, when they soar too high. Edward D'Oize as Shylock was at times, good and even impressive. Portia was only fairly well taken, by Effie Hext. Her pronunciation was not good, and she narrowly escaped jumbling her words, while a study of Ellen Terry should have led her to exercise self control in her supreme effort. The one character deserving altogether favourable mention was Gobbo, which William Colvin took admirably. Gratiano was weak, and neither Antonio nor Lorenzo were up to the mark. In fact had a fair amateur company been on the stage, we would have commended the effort, and held out hopes that, in time they might give an excellent presentation.

His Deserts at Last.

Justice seems to work slowly over the border, though it is generally sure. Readers of this paper remember reading of the murder of Daniel Murphy by his reprobate son, going on two years ago. The last issue of the Times, Houlton, says:—Daniel Patrick Murphy was sentenced by Chief Justice Wiswell to State prison for life, having been found guilty of the murder of his father. Thus endeth one of the most interesting murder cases ever held in an Aroostook court. One year ago he was tried and found guilty. His attorney Don. A. H. Powers took the case to the law court but the bench failed to set aside the verdict and after one year of waiting the murderer has received his sentence. His attorney fought hard for his freedom but the evidence was too strong against him. Warden Smith of the State prison arrived in town, Wednesday, and started for Thomaston with the prisoner, Thursday morning.

At a congregational meeting of St. Paul's Presbyterian on Monday evening, the matter dealt with was a call that Rev. G. D. Ireland the pastor, had received, to minister to the church at Westville, N. S. Elder Sutton occupied the chair. B. M. Macleod was secretary. The following resolution was passed:—Resolved that in the opinion of this meeting it would be against the best interests of this church for Rev. G. D. Ireland to leave and Resolved that we do all in our power to induce him to remain. The resolution was passed unanimously. Speeches were made by the chairman, Alex Henderson, Dr. Rankin, Stephen B. Appleby, John McLachlan, John Watt, B. M. Macleod and others, both ladies and gentlemen. All the speakers were warm in their praise of Mr. Ireland and the good work he has done since he has been in Woodstock. A committee was appointed to wait on him and ask him if he could be induced to remain.