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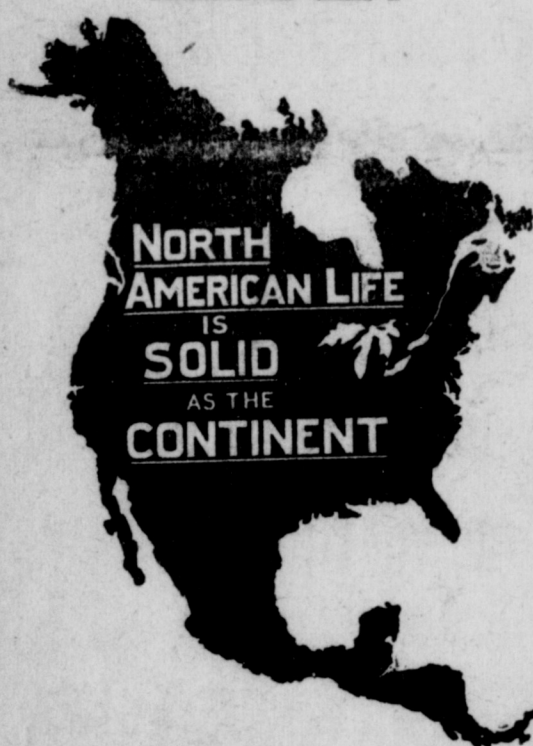
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE
**North American Life Assurance
COMPANY.**
For the year ended December 30th, 1899.
Head office: 112-118 King St. West,
TORONTO.

LIFE:



Dec 31, 1898.	To net ledger assets,	\$2,977,451.64
RECEIPTS.		
Dec 30, 1899.	To cash for premiums,	744,865.00
	To cash income on investm'ts,	148,656.81
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Dec 30, 1899.	By payments for death claims	\$3,870,974.03
	profits, etc.,	\$303,081.50
	By all other payments,	231,182.32
	Balance net ledger assets,	\$3,336,710.00
ASSETS.		
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	137,298.24
	collection.	35,074.75
	By interest and rents due and accrued.	56,304.16
	By market value of debentures and stocks	\$3,565,477.36
	over cost.	
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.

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with a policy in a first class Accident Insurance Company.

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**SEE THE RECORD FOR '99.
THE TEMPERANCE AND GENERAL
LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.**

without a dollar of interest overdue, an unbroken record for 6 years.	with insurance of \$7,235,469 under 6,593 policies on lives of total abstainers classed by themselves.
without a dollar's worth of real estate ever having been owned by the company.	with a new business applied for of \$2,935,896 with a total insurance in force of 9,436,800
without ever having foreclosed a mortgage.	with a death rate in our fourteen year of only \$5.00 for each \$1,000 of average risk carried during the year.
with much stronger reserves than the law requires with a much larger new business than in any previous year.	with a record for care and economy unexcelled.
with the lowest death rate on record for so long a period in our Temperance Section of any company anywhere.	with experience to show that abstainers are better risks than non-abstainers.
with a premium income for '99 of \$215,755.57	with a recognized standing as the total abstainers company in Canada.
with an interest income of 27,212.20	Such has been our record. It is a record of steady, solid progress, and we are proud of it.
with an increase in total income of 30,268.10	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.
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 \$1,432,441	

T. A. LINDSAY, Special Agent, Woodstock, N. B.
E. R. MACHUM, Mgr. Maritime Provinces, St. John, N. B.

TO REDUCE TAXATION.

Petition to Town Council from Many and Big Ratepayer,

Asking that Assessment be Reduced, Owing to Decline in Town Population and Business—Dumping Grounds which Menace the Public Health.

A special meeting of the town council was held on Monday evening. There was a full board.

The Mayor stated that the meeting was called at the request of a number of citizens who presented a petition asking for a reduction in the assessment, and at their request this meeting was called. Proceeding His Worship took up another most important question. It was the sanitary condition of the town. When the Board of Health made a recommendation it was the duty of the council to see their suggestions carried out. He thought the dumping ground at the foot of Queen street was a disgrace to the town as well as a menace to health. He could not find words in which to express his disapproval of making this a dumping ground. The garbage there stored was simply such as to make a disgusting scene.

Coun. Graham—Can a man be prevented from dumping refuse on his own land.

The Mayor—I think he can.

Coun. Dibblee—I agree with you Mr. Mayor and think that you should have taken steps at once to prevent such rubbish as you describe being placed on the end of Queen street.

Dr. Hand, chairman of the Board of Health, was present. He referred to the disreputable condition of the bank of the river. Last year the Board of Health did something to prevent the nuisance. When a dumping ground was made of matter endangering the public health, the law forbid the continuance of such a nuisance. It is the intention of the Board of Health to take steps to prevent, if necessary, private citizens from placing anything in their yards which is a menace to public health. At the foot of Queen street it was now, simply a compost heap. As long as he was chairman of the board, it was his intention to do his best towards making this a clean healthy town. The bank over the creek was also far from a healthy or a sightly spot. The Board of Health decided at a meeting this day to ask the council to put up placards forbidding the town from making a dumping ground of the bank of the river, or the bank across the creek. At present these spots were neither conducive to public health nor a credit to the town.

Dr. Hand's remarks met with the full approval of the board, and on motion the council decided to instruct the officials to see that the directions of the Board of Health were carried out.

Coun. Carr spoke of a motion of his some years ago that a place on the bank of the Meduxakik should be used for a dumping ground.

H. N. Atherton, James Woolverton and G. A. White were appointed pound keepers, etc., etc., etc., and Atherton's and Woolverton's barns are to be pounds, etc. Coun. Dibblee read the following resolution:

To His Worship the Mayor and members of the Town Council,

GENTLEMEN,—We, the undersigned rate payers of the Town of Woodstock beg leave to memorialize your honourable body to request that you will reconsider your decision of adding the sum of \$5,700 to the estimates for the current year to pay the deficit of 1899, for the following reasons: First, There is a considerable decrease of the population of the town in consequence of the lumber mills not having operated to any great extent, and of many of the employees of the C. P. R. having been transferred to other places, which will cause a material reduction from this source. Second, The decrease in rentals of property will make it almost impossible for the ratepayers who derive their income from this source to pay as much as they did last year. For the above reasons as well as others we would suggest that before adding any increase to the assessment for the present year that you reduce the estimated expenditure of every department to the lowest possible amount; by which means, with the prompt collection of unpaid taxes it will enable you to meet all the town requirements.

Dated at Woodstock, N. B., this 17th day of April A. D. 1900.

Signed.—Lewis P. Fisher, Alex. Dunbar & Sons, Small & Fisher Co., (Ltd), J. N. W. Winslow, A. B. Connell, B. B. Manzer, Hugh Hay & Sons, R. B. Jones, John McLauchlan, G. F. Smith, McManus Bros., John Connor, C. L. Smith, Wm. Dibblee, Garden Bros., Saunders Bros., W. B. Belyea, Jas. Hamilton, H. E. Burt, G. W. Vanwart, J. C. Milmore, W. B. Nicholson, F. H. Good, John Regar, E. J. Clarke, P. Bradley, C. A. McKeen, J. D. Dickinson & Sons, H. V. Dalling, D. A. Grant, Bailey Bros., H. V. Mooers, B. H. Smith & Sons, Thos.

Todd, The Baird Co., (Ltd.), H. Paxton Baird, Jas. Watts, D. W. Kyle, H. A. Connell, G. W. Slipp, E. M. Lindow, W. H. Everett, Boyer Bros., Cox & Gibson, Chas. D. Dickinson, U. R. Hanson, B. H. Smith, Fred Moore, C. M. Moore, John Loane, Balmain Bros., P. McCanna, J. Albert Hayden.

Coun. Dibblee continued—The signers of this memorial paid about 2-3 of the taxes. Some people, however, considered it was doubtful if we have the power after we have ordered an assessment, to make a change.

As far as he was concerned he was anxious to have the taxes as low as possible. At the same time there were certain requirements of the town to be carried out. There was something like \$4,000 of uncollected taxes, and while he did not think we could collect all that, a considerable sum might be derived from that source. He had talked with the agent of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and the bank was willing to carry on one half of the deficit, if the remaining half was paid this year, and to reduce the interest to 5 1/2 per cent. In 1893 the assessment of the town was \$17,337. It would be seen that it had risen very much. There was no doubt that our population was not as large as it was a few years ago.

Coun. Graham thought the petition had the right ring to it.

The petition was laid on the table for further consideration.

The solicitor being asked for his opinion stated that he did not think the council had the right to change the assessment the warrant having once issued. On other occasions the warrant had not been issued, when it had been decided to reduce the assessment.

Coun. Dibblee thought the solicitor's opinion added further seriousness to the question.

The mayor said he was not here when the warrant was made out. If he had been he would have agreed with it. There was nothing made out in that assessment which in his opinion was not necessary. At the same time it was right that the petition of the citizens should be considered. He might say that he thoroughly agreed with the solicitor as to the legal aspect of the question. He felt like stepping carefully, for he knew from past experience that he was at any time liable to be served with a writ of prohibition.

Coun. Lindsay—Yes, your worship and the same ones are at it.

On motion of Coun. Dibblee it was decided that the council when it adjourn, adjourn till next Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock to consider the prayer of the petition and the rights of the council.

Mrs. Hugh Davis, owner of the grist mill presented a petition asking for ten years exemption from taxation as she was obliged to build a dam in place of the one which was carried away last year. The petition was referred to the finance committee, who will report at Friday's meeting.

On motion of Coun. Graham the marshal was instructed to carry out the law regarding obstructions on the sidewalk. His attention was also called to the very bad language and general misbehavior of loafers on the river bridge on Sundays.

Coun. Carr said that a short while ago a man was arrested for using bad language and the result was that the officer received a reprimand.

Coun. Graham thought the marshal would not arrest anybody on such a charge as he had done so before and had proved his case, and yet was only reprimanded.

Coun. Jones said that the marshal certainly did not think he had the sympathy of the police magistrate. He moved that a committee of the council wait upon the magistrate.

Coun. Dibblee did not think the resolution was well worded. He hoped he would not be considered as unduly in favour of the magistrate because he was some distant relation. He must say he thought the magistrate tried to act fairly.

The mayor did not think the magistrate should be attacked behind his back. He thought he was disposed to be fair in his decisions.

Coun. Gallagher thought it was unfortunate that the magistrate and the marshal did not agree together. He thought that if the committee waited on these two parties a good deal of the trouble might be remedied.

Stunning Millinery.

The Misses Gallagher's store April 12th and 13th, fully represented a New York millinery parlor. The windows were plain but pretty, one being trimmed in white satin ribbon which was adorned with numerous bunches of purple violets and white doves. The other showed all the leading pastel colorings in ribbons, silks, gauzes, foliage, buckles and fringe. The interior display was bewildering in its profusion of beautiful creations, and declared by hundreds of ladies who attended to be the metropolitan style; as for their pattern hats and bonnets they were too numerous to describe, therefore will simply mention the different shapes, colours and trimmings. The most stylish shap were the Corona, Milton, Beleva, Shepherdess, Classique, Nasmyth, Schiano, also the only original Hobbs hat shown in town. The new colourings consisted of Aquarelle, Pastel, Fraqne, Minature, Gatache Cromo, Ruben's Muride, also the Khaki shade the English ladies are donning so much. Among the stylish trimmings was noticeable flower pompons, sequin wings, fibre wings, musline tissues, fancy crapes, musline de soie, crape de chene, chiffon breasts, jip and taffeta silks, fruit and roses, and everything imaginable to suit the most fastidious taste.

JUDGE AND JURY.

Second Trial of an Action For False Imprisonment.

Breach of Promise Case Referred to Arbitrators—Title of Land Question—Stirring Letter from "Hayseed" Who Rallies the Woodstock Town Council.

Circuit Court opened yesterday Chief Justice Tuck presiding. There are no criminal cases.

The case of Minnie B. Adney vs. School Trustees of Upper Woodstock, was first taken up. It will be remembered that in the fall assizes of 1898, the plaintiff, then Miss Sharp, brought an action against the trustees. The jury found a verdict of \$1.00 in her favour. The case was carried for appeal to the Supreme Court, and the verdict set aside as perverse. Plaintiff was granted a new trial. The action is for false imprisonment. The arrest for alleged unpaid taxes was made in 1897. Wendell P. Jones and C. W. Skinner, Q. C., St. John, for plaintiff, Hartley & Carvell and L. A. Currey, Q. C., St. John, for defendants.

There is a breach of promise of marriage case. The parties to the case are from Hartland. Mellissa Boone sues Allan Bradley for \$5000 damages. She avers that the defendant agreed to marry her on a certain day now past, and that although she was ready and willing to marry the defendant, the defendant neglected and refused to marry her. Fisher & Connell for the plaintiff, Hartley & Carvell for defendant.

The following are the grand jury:—John Carpenter, Jos. Cheney, Oliver Speer, Alex. Lindsay (Wakefield), Jerry Bragdon, Will Simonson, Wm. Plummer, Thos. Vail, Jas. Loomer, Jas. Speer, Charles Bull, Hamilton Seely, Coles Dugan, Charles Plummer, Jas. Watson, Solomon Perley, George Smith, C. R. Watson, Judson Burpee, W. H. deVeber, Gideon Phillips, W. S. Saunders and two others.

Messrs. C. N. Skinner, and L. A. Currey arrived Monday night. Chief Justice Tuck did not arrive until Tuesday noon consequently court was not opened until 2 p. m. yesterday.

It was announced yesterday that the breach of promise case had been referred to arbitration.

There is another case, Charles Noddin sues John Scott on an action of trespass. Both live in Wakefield. Wendell P. Jones for plaintiff, Allison B. Connell for defendant.

THOSE SCOTT ACT FINES.

"Hayseed" has some hard raps at the town Worthies.

MR. EDITOR.—It must be gratifying to the readers of your valuable paper to notice the progressive strides made by your town council, not satisfied with ordinary house cleaning they want to indulge in a lot of new furniture. By an order of that board, the Scott Act Inspector and Police Magistrate have been ordered to pay over to that august body all fines collected in the town, also back fines for an indefinite period. No doubt they consider this a very moderate demand, but an impartial observer would doubt that in the interests of the town it is very well timed. For a number of years the expenses of the Scott Act have run the county some thousands of dollars in debt, they did not then ask for any share. Oh, no, let the county pay the deficiency. But as the county begins to get back some of the money they paid out then your council says, this is ours, we must have all the fines collected in town forgetting that the largest part of the money paid for ardent spirits in Woodstock comes from the country. They have also forgotten to rescind the resolution passed by that council some years ago giving the county council full authority to collect all fines and pay all expenses in connection therewith.

Last fall through their ignorance of Municipal election law they were unable to elect councillors to represent them at the county board. Were it not for the generosity of the councillors from the country parishes they would now be without a voice at that board. If they have any sense of justice or fair play they must own, that their representatives at the county board assisted to hire an Inspector and by this and their other acts to assume all the responsibilities of the enforcement of the Scott Act in both town and county. Had the town been without a voice at the County board and had been forced on them without their consent then action might have been justified. As it now looks they wish to reap where they have not sown. Or, it may only be a bluff of your board to get rid of their indebtedness to the county.

HAYSEED.

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