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For the year ended December 30th, 1899.
Head office: 112 118 King St. West,
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Dec 31, 1898.	To net ledger assets,	\$2,977,451.64
Dec 30, 1899.	To cash for premiums,	744,865.00
	To cash income on investments,	148,656.81
	DISBURSEMENTS,	\$3,870,974.03
Dec 30, 1899.	By payments for death claims	\$303,081.50
	profits, etc.	231,182.32
	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
	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	\$5.00
	By market value of debentures and stocks over cost.	56,394.16
	LIABILITIES.	\$3,565,477.36
	December 30, 1899.	
	To guarantee fund	\$ 60,000.00
	To assurance and annuity reserve fund	2,929,532.00
	Death losses awaiting proofs	51,907.35
	Net Surplus,	\$3,041,059.35
	Net Surplus,	\$524,418.01

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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 30,268.10
with an increase in assets of 127,291.44
with total assets amounting to 794,565.66
with an increase of 1,263 policies and 1,117 lives.
with a decrease 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.
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A SPIRITED SESSION.

Newspaper Censorship is Established in Woodstock.

Objection Raised to One Man Committee work.—The Mayor and Coun. Lindsay.—Building Inspector's Salary.—Collection of Back Taxes, and Other Things.

The town council meetings are becoming amusing, and it is hardly worth while to pay out hard cash to see funny shows from outside when we have free attractions at home. On Friday evening the performance commenced at sharp 7.30.

Coun. Lindsay—Since the board met last we have had a publication of the THE DISPATCH, placed before the public. I rise to a question of privilege. I wish to call the attention of the council to the lurid headlines in THE DISPATCH report of the last council meeting. "The P. M. under Fire, Coun. Lindsay attacks with Graham and Carr as supports." I have no objections to THE DISPATCH making remarks about myself, but when the reporter makes a report that carries on the face of it, that I made an attack on an officer of the town, I think it hardly right to allow it to pass. THE DISPATCH does not say that I asked for a report of the police magistrate's, and that report not being laid on the table, I asked the question which THE DISPATCH reports. THE DISPATCH should have said when I asked for the report there was no report forthcoming. The report in the paper makes it appear that I made an attack on the police magistrate, which I deny. I have no personal feeling in the matter, but the law says he shall make a monthly report. I asked if he had done so, and if not why he had not done so. The reporter gives a chance for an inference to be drawn, different from what was intended. Again with regard to appointing the committee, he does not say that Couns. Carr and Graham declined to serve because they are on the Police committee and another councillor because he was a forty-second cousin of the magistrate, and then I asked if they were all afraid of the police magistrate. The construction to be taken from the DISPATCH report is that I am personally attacking the police magistrate. I deny any such insinuation.

The Mayor—Did I understand you to say that the police magistrate is an officer of this council?

Coun. Lindsay—An officer of the town.

The Mayor—What makes him so?

Coun. Lindsay—By being police magistrate of the town.

The Mayor—Do you think so?

Coun. Lindsay—I always bow to the decision of the chair. I do think so.

The Mayor—I have an entirely different view.

Coun. Lindsay—I bow to the chair.

The Solicitor—I think he is an officer of the town, not of the town council.

Coun. Lindsay—I did not say, he was an officer of the town council. I say the DISPATCH was not doing the fair thing by reporting the affair as it did.

The Mayor—What I contend is that the police magistrate is not an officer of the town council. In fairness to the representative of the DISPATCH, who is present, and to my mind reports very fairly, though sometimes since we say things in the heat of debate, we may find fault in the way they are reported, I think he ought to be heard.

Coun. Lindsay—I object to that. Of course if the board says so I have nothing further to say.

Coun. Dibblee—I never like to see a man attacked behind his back.

Coun. Lindsay—I was not attacking any man behind his back.

Coun. Dibblee—The gentleman is in the room tonight, and I think he ought to be heard. I think he is capable of taking care of himself. Of course if any member objects to my motion that he be heard, I will not ask that it be put.

The Mayor—(to Coun. Lindsay) Do you still object to the representative of the DISPATCH being heard.

Coun. Lindsay—I object, your worship.

Coun. Dibblee drew attention to a dangerous hole in the sidewalk on Queen street in front of Garden Bros. If an accident occurred there, the town would be in for damages.

Coun. Graham—Mr. Garden made this hole in digging his cellar. However, a little gravel will cover it, and it will be done.

Coun. Carr—I want to know what the chairman of the road committee intends to do this summer. He is gravelling Institute Hill, while there are other places in the town that need care badly.

Coun. Graham—There is a very bad hole where they are gravelling now.

Coun. Carr—I would like to know something about the expenditure of the money we have to lay out on the street. I objected to the long sidewalk we built across the bridge last year. It seems that one man is doing the work of the street committee.

Coun. Graham—Just as one man is doing all the work in the fire alarm business.

Coun. Graham said that an arrangement had been made with Fred Moore to put a force with the road machine on the streets on Monday. Although \$1500 was appropriated for the streets, the committee expected this year to do with an expenditure of five or six hundred dollars.

The report of the town treasurer was submitted:—

Mr. Hartley explained that his report and that of the police magistrate had been left in his office, before the meeting of Monday, but as he did not go to the office before going to the council, he did not have them to submit. The expenses during the month past were \$2249.95, receipts \$190.98.

Coun. Lindsay—The big expenditure is somewhat accounted for by \$800 coupon interest which came in unexpectedly. The bank balance May 7th was \$8,705.07.

Coun. Dibblee—With reference to these coupons I think past town treasurers should have kept account of these coupons, so that we would be able to say just how many coupons were out. The people had been taxed last year for the coupons falling due. The difficulty has been that councils have not had information as to when these coupons fall due.

Coun. Lindsay—With regard to these coupons when the town debt was consolidated, a large amount of the bonds were bought by Mr. Sears of St. John. When he died these bonds went to his wife, and as she had no occasion to use the money the coupons accumulated. When the estate came into the hands of trustees, they sent them to the Bank of New Brunswick for payment.

The Mayor said that he agreed with Coun. Dibblee. He felt himself that perhaps he had been negligent the past year in not looking into this matter, and if he was negligent, his predecessors were not free from blame. Last year there was appropriated for interest \$5172, whereas on this account \$5246 was paid out, so that a lot of coupons must have come in.

The Clerk—For every coupon that comes in there is a voucher for the payment of it. The interest account in the past has been run like every other account. It will be quite a job to find out just how many of these coupons are outstanding.

The Mayor—Is the police magistrate's report here?

The Clerk—It is right here. Fines paid \$6, unpaid \$2, costs taken out by the magistrate \$1.25.

The Mayor—I understood the clerk to say that he thought the magistrate should not deduct his own costs.

The Clerk—I did not say he ought not to do so, but that it would be more convenient and easier for the treasurer, if the full amount were paid in, and then the costs paid by the treasurer to the magistrate.

Coun. Lindsay—I move the report be filed. Carried.

Coun. Lindsay reported that the scales had been sold to Geo. E. Smith for \$140.

The Mayor—The special committee has not reported on the conduct of the police magistrate.

Coun. Gallagher—We will have to report progress tonight. As one of that committee I have been away two days of this week.

Coun. Lindsay—There was a committee named on the Raymond offer of books for a library. I think the Raymond Syndicate has been advertised long enough. He has a bigger rope to his offer, than a gentleman of the town had to an offer that he made some years ago. He does not want any books put in an attic or a garret. It was an ad. for the Raymond syndicate and I think this council should take no further notice of it.

Coun. Dibblee—I am informed that the secretary of the Board of Trade had a letter from Mr. Raymond, which rather disposes of the offer. However at next meeting we will have a report.

Coun. Lindsay said that H. N. Payson offered the town a dumping ground for everything except night soil in front of the residence owned by the late Saml. Watts.

The Mayor asked if it was true that the council was paying 10% to have uncollected taxes gathered in. A gentleman had asked him if this were so.

Coun. Graham—I think I can answer that you know all about it. These taxes Mr. Holyoke undertook to collect run back to six

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OUR BOYS ON THE VELDT.

How the Ant Ran Away With the Soldier's Grub.

Difficulties and Unpleasantness of a long March, when Water and Food is Scarce. Sand is the Place of Sugar.—Still the Boys are all well.

The following letter was written from Harry Dysart to Fred Hayden of Woodstock. He speaks highly of the treatment of the boys by Lieut. Good, but does not express the highest opinion of the other officers—Upper Canada fellows, who he says don't know much, and are not too considerate of the men.

CARNARVON, April 8th.

DEAR FRED.—I suppose you think it is about time I was saying something but we have been away up in the wilderness and have not had much time to write. Well Fred, we have been having some pretty hard times of late. I will try and tell you something about it. We left Cape Town four weeks ago today and arrived at Victoria Roads about four o'clock Monday morning, unloaded our stuff off the train and started on a long route march across a sandy desert, where you never see a blade of grass or a tree, and the burning sun beating down on you all day. It tries the greese out of you. Sometimes we would start at five in the morning and not get any breakfast until ten and then it would be one hard tack and a cup of coffee, without milk or sugar, and the biscuit are so hard you have to soak them for a half an hour before you can eat them, and when you dip your coffee out of the pot there will come a cloud of sand and fill it, that does for sugar. Well in five days we arrived at Carnarvon about ninety miles from the railroad and heard that the rebels whom we were after were at Kenhardt about one hundred miles further up so after a days rest we started on again through a wild rocky country, where you never see a drop of water for a week at a time, only what we bring with us. You will see lots of rivers marked on the map but they are all dry now. There is only water in them in the rainy season. There is a lot of sickness here and it is all on account of the water, we have to boil it before we drink it. It is an awful hard country on horses. We lose two and three every day. Well, when we got to Kenhardt the rebels rendered so we started back again for the railroad and tonight we are camped at Carnarvon. I think we will go from here to DeArr. We have heard no news about the war up country for four weeks, so I can't tell you any thing about it, you hear it before we do. I tell you Fred we are a tough looking lot of boys now, I think I weigh about one hundred and twenty lbs. We were sitting on the ground eating our dinner today and Bob Hughes dropped a piece of bread and an ant ran away with it, and Bob after it. I tell you we have to save every thing in the food line. We have not been paid since we left Cape Town and I don't know whether I will be able to mail this or not. We had a military funeral Wednesday. One of the D. Battery men got drowned in a Lake and a New Zealander died in the Hospital with Dysentery. Well Fred I must close as it is getting dark so good night remember me to all the boys and girls.

HARRY DYSART.

That Upper Woodstock Post Office.

Oh for justice; oh for a change in our officials of the Postal Dept. The writer sighs, and not without cause for the letter he has struggled hard to write and have to the post office in time is too late and must lay over till another day. These difficulties with which we have to so sweetly contend, are caused by the officials who are generally blundering around making plans for bettering the office, which plans when in effect make matters worse than they were before.

About six years ago our post office at Upper Woodstock began to show signs of advancement. Our new postmaster hustled things and brought the office ahead, consequently the revenue increased. Everything went along smoothly and a Money Order Office was at length established. Until the first of May 1900 the people of Upper Woodstock received and put mail upon the down express which arrives here in the neighborhood of 5 o'clock. Thus if a person received a letter by the daily mail, 1.30 p. m., he had plenty of time to answer and send away the letter the same day. But under the skillful laid plans of the officials the 5 o'clock mail service was done away with and in consequence most of our sufferings arise. We also had the right of sending a mail bag containing mail from up river to Woodstock by the stage at 10 o'clock a. m., but this was done away with and our up river mails arrive in Woodstock at 2.30 p. m., just two and a half hours late for the up express. Thus our up river mail is always a day behind.

These are our grievances. The jail may be moved away, the foundry taken to town, but we rebel against our little post office being robbed of its revenues, and our post master's salary cut down. The post office is well kept and we defy any inspector or official from the postal department who is in his right senses to find any fault with it. Upper Woodstock has always made a firm stand for the Liberal party, and will now no official stand by us? Do they in their comfortable large paying O. H. M. S. office forget the poor Hardscrabblers who by their votes and influence helped to put them where they are? We shall all live to see.

FAIR PLAY.