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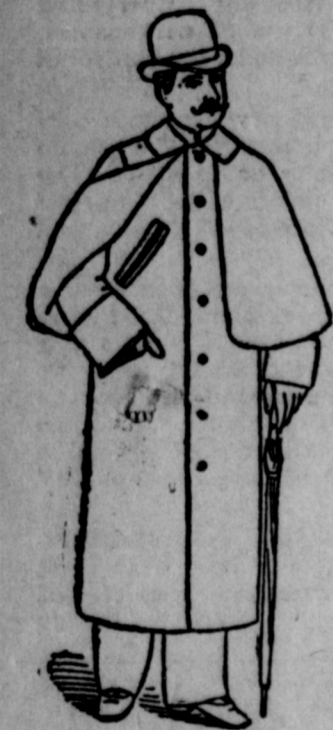
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The company that fails to build up a good surplus cannot give satisfaction to their policy-holders. Now in this particular the North American Life stands in the very front rank of Home Companies. The net surplus of the North American Life is \$520,644.83.

No.	Total liabilities including reserve & Capital Stock.	Surplus of assets over liabilities & Capital Stock.	Percentage of Net Surplus to Liabilities.
1	\$18,229,101.46	\$1,818,715.87	9.98
2	6,461,139.78	363,977.05	5.63
3	319,565.38	24,592.29	7.70
4	277,076.58	5,546.01	2.00
5	848,399.29	17,884.20	2.11
6	544,570.33	9,748.19	1.79
7	633,817.55	43,244.16	6.82
8	750,750.16	19,288.52	2.57
9	1,490,789.53	32,682.08	2.15
10	2,065,799.53	520,644.83*	19.53
11	3,369,191.03	235,941.42	6.64
12	7,092,873.75	629,038.06	8.27
13	625,953.21	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.

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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 27,212.30
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 an increase of insurance in force of \$1,452,441

with insurance of \$7,265,469 under 4,593 policies on lives of total abstainers classed by themselves, with a new business applied for of \$2,936,836 with a total insurance in force of \$4,336,800 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.

FROM "TABLE MOUNTAIN."

Several Interesting Letters From Boys at the Front.

Bob Smith Describes How he Downed the Champion Wrestler—Allie Hayden Gives a Fish Story, and Harry Dysart's Opinion of the Boers.

Letters are arriving continually from the front, written by members of the Woodstock quota to their friends and relatives. The following is from Robert Smith to Percy Corbett and Garnet Baird of this town.

CAPE TOWN, March 4th, 1900,

Dear Boys,—I thought that I would write to you today, as we may not be here long. One of our battery went today to Kimberley and we don't know when we may have to go. About an hour before they had to go General Cronje and ten thousand men had to give up to the Canadian boys and this morning one hundred of us had to go to town and bring up four thousand more Boer prisoners. We had rifles with fixed bayonets. They looked at us when they saw the bayonets glittering in the sunrise for it was early in the morning. We also had ten bullets each. One Boer tried to escape and was shot like a dog. There have been four shot since I came here but I would like to see a lot more shot yet. The other night my chum and myself were out to the Soldiers' Home and coming back it was after time a little, and the guard stopped us and called for us to advance. It was dark and we could not see him but he could hear us so we walked towards him and the first thing I knew the bayonet struck me in the breast. I gave a blat and he laughed and asked me who I was. I told him and he said "go on then." but I thought I was gone for sure.

Well, boys, I cannot think of anything to write. Wish you were here awhile, you would have a good time eating grapes, they are very plentiful and only 4 cents a pound. Here you could see a Table mountain and go upon it. It is over eleven thousand feet high and is pretty to look at. We have over two thousand horses here and ten thousand men and 100 cannons. I had my tea the other evening with a fellow that had eleven bullets through him and he is able to sit up and eat, think of that boys. It is not all fun out here. Now boys that is enough this time so good bye.

ROBERT SMITH.
Another letter from Gunner Smith is dated March 5th and extracts are as follows. "Well, boys, I am at the Soldiers' Home now having a good time. When you go to Lakeville you can see my picture and the fellow that I had the wrestle with. He is from Montreal and is the champion of that city, but I threw him five times out of six and got the prize which was \$5.00 He is the best man I ever wrestled with. He weighs about 184 pounds. It was the hardest time I ever had and lasted 18 minutes. It was so hard that he threw up blood and was sick all night after it, and I was not much better, but they carried me sky high after I threw him and now everything is Bob Smith. His name is Watters. He is a prize fighter. He said to me after it was over, that I was the best man he ever met to wrestle and the only one that ever threw him. How is that for a boy from Lakeville?"

A letter received some time ago from Lieut. Good to his cousin Randolph Good stated that four horses taken with the Woodstock quota died. They were purchased respectively from Harmon Carvell, Lakeville, John Graham, Woodstock, Arch. Plummer, Upper Woodstock, W. H. Gibson, Benton.

Robert Hughes writes a letter to his mother, a copy of which has kindly been given to THE DISPATCH.

GREEN POINT, Cape Town, March 4th

DEAR MOTHER,—I write to you again today. I have had no letters from home yet. Of course you heard of Ladysmith being relieved. They brought down 500 Boers today, and a hard looking crowd of men they are. Well one of the Batteries went up to the front today. We will soon go home. I suppose we will do garrison work for a while. We are having a very fair time now and the boys are all in good health. They think we will all be home in July. We were all off yesterday and we went to town. The people do all they can for us when they find out that we are from down East. You need not worry for I am all right. It is awful hot here now, just like fall weather at home. The sand blows like snow, but it is so dirty it gets into everything. Tell all the people I am well and hope to be with them soon again.
Good bye.
From Bob.

Gunner Allie Hayden writes to his mother under date Cape Town, March 4th:—Some of D. Battery are going away this afternoon, the centre and left sections, that means 4 guns. They go up in a train that came in this morning with prisoners. Some of the boys from Woodstock escorted them to the boat. I was not there because I was on guard and could not get away. Dysart said they were boys and old men. They don't wear any soldier clothes, they are just like farmers. They brought them down in box cars, they were packed like sheep and the boys said they smelt worse than hogs. The cars on this road are small alongside ours. The road is narrow gauge and everything is odd. Cronje and his officers came a day ago, in a special train. We expect to go soon after the other battery gets away. It is the same old thing here, lots of sand and lots of parades more than we like. The weather is very warm. It rained some this morning and the drops were as big as a fifty cent piece, but it is all dry now. It dries up in about an hour. All the boys are well and doing well. Harold sends his best regards. Bob Hughes and I am both writing home. We don't have any time through the week, they keep us busy. We packed everything the other morning and we thought we were going and we marched out for an hour and then came back and had to put up the tent again and everything. I guess they were trying us to see how quick we could do it. We got some money the other day, but they owe us Woodstock boys twenty dollars, we never got pay December and January. We may get it and we may not. We are near the water here. I was down the other night and I caught a lot of sea trout, when the tide was out. I did not have any hook, I caught them with my hands, the water was alive with them."

Gunner Hayden encloses a photograph of the S. S. Sardinian which took the boys out, as it lay at the dock in Cape Town.

A LOVELY ASSORTMENT Of Hats and Bonnets for Easter.

It is an old custom that you must wear something new on Easter Day, and so the wife is apt to gently hint to her husband that a new hat will fill the bill. He knows that if she gets the hat, he is bound to get the bill, in due season. Tomorrow and Friday will be the Easter opening of Mrs. Wm. Loane, the experienced and well known milliner of Main street. She has a really most attractive assortment, and although the ordinary newspaper man cannot begin to gauge the mysteries of ladies' head wear, he knows when he sees a pretty blending of colors, and a pretty shape. Among the hats which particularly struck THE DISPATCH was mentioned a very lovely affair in Pastel Blue, a very large heliotrope hat, and one in pink of a similar design as the heliotrope. Goodly to behold is a large black hat, underfaced with pink roses. Another striking bit of art is a black and straw color with blue trimmings. Ladies who attend the opening are bound to be attracted by a large pink and black turban with an immense pink rosette, while there is an equally pretty thing in white tucked chiffon surmounted with a crown of roses. A heliotrope and straw turban with a mammoth chiffon rosette is a thing of beauty. Of bonnets was noticed a pretty fancy bonnet, black and white trimmed with silver lace. Indeed, it would be impossible to describe all the pretty things. Mrs. Loane carries hats of all descriptions and varieties, and ribbons of all kinds, up to date feathers, and the most lovely of flowers. In these latter there are foliages, roses, violets, hat trimmings of the latest design and fashion, a stock including mouselen de soce, la tosia net and milliner's trimming. Nor must it be forgotten that all sorts of fancy braids can be seen here. When the ladies once start to examine all these pretty things, it will be hard work getting them away.

Good Outlook for Cheese.

A recent issue of the Montreal Witness says:—The past week has also given some indications of what we may expect during the present dairy season. The outlook for butter is not very bright. Prices in England have declined until best creamery is worth only about 20 to 22 cents there. After the next two weeks the make in Canada, if at the same rate as last year, will be much in excess of the local consumption, and then prices will have to go to an export level, which will be very much lower than last year unless Europe is visited with another drought. Fortunately, however, most factories in the country can change in a day from butter to cheese making, and in cheese the outlook is better. The season starts in with a large shortage compared with previous years and consequently high prices. It is anticipated that the first regular make for the present season will move at between ten and eleven cents, which is a remarkable good price for fodder cheese, and is equivalent to 21 to 23 cents for butter.

THERE was quite a serious fire on Friday night last, the residence of Samuel Steeves on Charles street being destroyed, the walls only being left standing. A good deal of the furniture was saved. There was \$550 insurance. The firemen did extra good work. J. S. Leighton Jr. and Albert G. Fields were slightly injured by a falling flue, and narrowly escaped a serious hurt.

COUNCIL HAS MOVED

In the Matter of the Raymond Library Offer,

And Appoints a Committee to Make Further Enquiries—Advantages of a Library and Public Reading Room.

At the meeting of the town council on Friday evening, Coun. Lindsay raised the question of Mr. George Raymond's offer to give 1000 volumes to a public library, as soon as one is started in town. This offer, it will be remembered was made to H. Paxton Baird when he was in Boston recently. Coun. Lindsay thought the offer was so generous that it should at least be noticed by the council. The councillors generally agreed with the proposition, but as there was no official offer made to them, they wisely decided to name a committee to make further enquiries into the matter. The committee named for this purpose are Couns. Dibblee, Gallagher, and Lindsay. They will, of course, find out something more definite respecting Mr. Raymond's proposition. Speaking on this subject, it may well be taken for granted that the donor will give valuable and useful books. The selection quite probably will be left to Woodstock people. 1000 volumes means no mean library, in itself. And, what is quite sure to recommend it, is that the gift is free. Of course we will find objections raised, but it is really difficult to see what force they can have. There is no extra taxation in the matter. No conditions, excepting that the library be started, are made. It is to all intents and purposes the gift of a handsome nucleus for a public library. The suggestion made by this paper that the county council be asked to allow the use of the room over the Record office for such a library has been received favourably by several citizens, and no doubt the committee will have something to say worth hearing at next council meeting. The objection by one councillor that we should not enquire into the offer, as it was like going "begging" is too thin skinned. There is no begging about it. A gentleman, a native of the county, and a friend to the town, tells a well-known business man that he will give 1000 volumes to a public library when started. The council names a committee to put themselves in touch with the gentleman who makes this offer. The offer is made through Mr. Baird to the town, and the councillors as the town representatives acknowledge the offer.

With a public library would go a public reading room. If our young boys are to be kept off the streets at night some place of amusement must be provided for them. If we had a reading room with the illustrated papers and magazines, these stirring war times, would not the citizens rise up and call the promoters of a library blessed? The St. John papers all announced this generous offer to Woodstock, with big headline headings, showing what an importance it had in their eyes.

A public library is really now within our reach, at last.

Hotel Arrivals.

At the Aberdeen,—Edward Morgan, Geo. W. Foot, J. H. Noble, Fred A. Estey, W. A. Burden, W. J. Boyd, Fredericton; A. T. Murchie, S. Arscott, Benton; D. M. Foster, H. Chase, W. E. McKinney, G. McMullin, H. M. Mayor, Hartland; R. Atkins, Presque Isle; A. O'Donnell; Debec; F. J. Kelly, McAdam; C. H. Perkins, Bangor; John Carpenter, Bloomfield; D. Craine, Upper Kent; I. P. Gilman, Pokiook; F. R. Shaw, Victoria; C. H. McClaskey, A. A. McClaskey, J. H. Scribner, C. B. Allen, St. John; J. Holt, John Cororan, St. Stephen; Albert Broad, R. Hutchinson, Bath; W. Watson, E. Ganther, Toronto; H. L. Silver, Montreal; W. Robinson, Vanceboro; Frank Carpenter, Houlton; G. A. Gray, Boston; James C. Lakin, Waterville Me.; John G. Greer, Galt Ont.; S. S. Nasson, Caribou.

At the Carlisle,—W. Applegrath, A. M. Wright, F. W. Arnold, R. S. Boderick, Chas. O. Henderson, Toronto; N. R. Cathers, J. Gillis Keator, J. Twining Hart, Edward Allen, T. Cushing, H. H. McDonald, A. G. Boyne, Mrs. J. W. Currie, O. C. Currie, W. E. Masson, W. E. Golding, G. W. Clemmets, Geo. P. Trites, J. N. Golding jr., Fred Tennant, A. J. Heath, C. Gatcomb, J. Reid, Harold Perley, Hon. J. G. Forbes, J. King Kelley, F. L. Bowman, Frank Greany, Jas. Ross, H. H. Pickett, St. John; Steve H. Hanson, Geo. Q. Nickerson, Calvin L. Fox, Houlton; Geo. E. Smith, Kingston; H. B. Potter, R. T. Taylor, W. A. Hossie, R. J. E. Scott, Walter Rudford, J. H. Cross, J. Sandband, T. J. Feud, Alec D. Murray, J. Norris, Montreal; E. W. Seeley, Moncton; C. K. P. Imer, L. W. Johnston, Fredericton; C. M. Arwood, Rock Island; E. F. Wilson, Truro; N. S.; E. R. Teed, A. J. Teed, St. Stephen; G. O. R. Mavor, Kintore; G. M. Hatch, Waterville; Fred Shipmen, Mgr. Lyceum Cox, J. A. Perley, Andover; Ralph Condon, Miss Hunter, Smyrna Mills; F. B. Mesgher, Centreville; P. Graham, Hartland; Geo. W. Gibson, Woodstock.

AN EASTER dance will be held in the Roller Rink on Monday evening next. The orchestra will render music. Gentlemen admission 25 cents, dance 25 cents, ladies free.

Try one of Teed's Celebrated 94 CIGARS.