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PRICE TWO CENTS

THE REASON WHY?

We have just finished stock taking, and have learned that during the year 1900 we have handled as many goods as we have any other year. This probably seems incredible when we consider that there have been many drawbacks; and the question arises, why should we be so highly favored when so many are complaining as to a falling off in trade and a shortage in cash receipts.

There is a valid reason for everything whether we are able to find it or not, and the reason for the constant and ever increasing trade is easily explained. We buy in the cheapest market. We sell on a small profit, and we buy what suits our customers, and we give them value for their money, whether it is a Dress for a lady, a Suit for a gentleman, a Hat or Cap for a young man, a Silk Waist for a young lady, or in fact anything or everything you need to dress yourself, wife, daughter, son or neighbor. We strive to give you just what you want when you want it at a price it doesn't pay you to send away for when you examine our goods. Then why should you not trade with

SAUNDERS BROS.

AT YOUR OWN PRICE!

ONE SINGLE PUNG,
ONE TWO-SEATED PUNG,
ONE SLEIGH,
TWO LADIES'
ASTRACHAN JACKETS,
ONE WOMBAT COAT.

Above are some odds and ends of our winter stock. They will be practically **given away** to whoever applies first. Speak quick!

BALMAIN BROS.

Cornell Street, Woodstock.
February 20, 1901.

THE BUSINESS RECEIVED BY THE TEMPERANCE AND GENERAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

During the First Three Months of the New Century has been **LARGER** than during the corresponding period of **ANY** Previous Year.

T. A. LINDSAY, The E. R. MACHUM, CO. Lt'd
Special Agent, Woodstock, N.B. Mgrs. Maritime Provinces, St. John, N. B.

FOR SALE OR TO LET.

The house on Chaple St. lately occupied by the late J. H. WILBUR Sr. For terms and particulars apply to J. H. WILBUR, Aberdeen Hotel.

TO LET.

A comfortable tenement on Broadway lately occupied by George Lynch and the small Jewett house on Water street. Both in excellent repair. Apply to FRANK ATHERTON, King St.

FOR SALE OR TO LET.

A house at Upper Woodstock. Terms very reasonable. For further particulars apply to G. D. GRAY, March 26th, 1901.

FARM FOR SALE.

The farm formerly known as the DeLong farm in Lower Woodstock is offered for sale on easy terms. Apply to DR. A. H. HENDERSON, 1635 Columbia Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

George Allen Gets There Just the Same. William Dorey of Woodstock received the letter printed below from George Allen, who it will be remembered, enlisted with the Woodstock boys for South Africa, but was discharged before the quota got off. He got there just the same and apparently is seeing plenty of active service.

SPRINGFOENTEIN, O. Range, R. C.,
2-20, 1901.

MY DEAR FRIEND WILLIAM,—For a long time I have intended to write you the letter I promised to write you when I left Woodstock. Although I didn't leave Woodstock with the Woodstock Battery I got here just the same, and I feel sure I have seen as much fighting as any Canadian regiment that has been out here. I am in the King's-Own-Scottish-Borderers a regiment of the line i. e. regulars. Our regiment has been in about every part of the Transvaal and Orange Free State and we have been attached to Gen. Sam Hamilton's Brigade, marched from Pretoria to Machadorp with him the entire length of the Transvaal. Since Lord Roberts has gone home Kitchener has started an entirely new mode of attack and is making all foot regiments mounted men, so I have been this last couple of months with General Knox's column chasing the bold DeWet. I tell you he has made it hot for us on one or two occasions, especially on the 28th of last month he distinguished himself by fighting all day. We had very few casualties considering the terrible rifle fire that the Boers kept up all day until dark. We had 23 wounded and 2 killed. Our battery shelled them all day with lyditte which seemed to have had a murderous effect on them. We found 3 or 4 wounded in the koppy's near at hand and the battery buried nine. We did not see half of the dead because they bury them just as quick as possible.

I suppose you know the reason why I did not get out here with the Woodstock Battery. No doubt I gave them sufficient reason to complain and give me my discharge and I think Captain Good is all right so far as he is concerned himself. But I was just following the example of the rest of the battery and I think I am just as good a soldier as any of them and I am sure I'll have as many if not more bars to my medal.

I will not write any more this time and I am sorry I didn't write before but I couldn't find time and in fact I was almost ashamed to write I have put it off so long. I am in the hospital here now at Springfoentein. I have had the jaundice but I am all right now and am going out tomorrow to join my regiment. I hope you are enjoying good health. If you was out here now you could coin money at bridge work; the Boers have blown up all the railroad bridges and it is hard to get skilled labour at any price.

P. S.—When you write give me all the news in particular.

From your friend,
PRIVATE GEO. ALLEN, 7th M. I.
K.O.S.B. No. 3 Co., South Africa.

ROBERT KENNEDY

is Given a Reception by Hose Co. No. 1.

On Friday night at the town hall the members of Hose Company No. 1 gave a reception to Robert Kennedy, who for fifteen years has been the driver for the company. Mr. Kennedy's resignation, which had been handed to the town council some weeks ago, went into effect on Monday and the men with whom he had been so long associated took occasion to express their good will toward him. He was presented with a silver tea service of five pieces on which were engraved "Presented by Woodstock Hose Co. No. 1 to Driver Robert Kennedy 1886-1901." The presentation was made by Chief Tattersall, who read the following address:—

ROBERT KENNEDY ESQ:—
Dear Sir,—We, the officers and members of Hose Co. No. 1 having learned with deep regret of your departure from among us desire to show you how much your fifteen years of faithful service in the fire department of this town have been appreciated by your fellow fireman and we also desire to say that we exceedingly regret your departure we hope that your future pathway through life whatever occupation you may choose will be crowned with a great and abiding success.

Please accept from us this token of our friendship and appreciation and we pray that you and your estimable wife and family may live long to enjoy peace, prosperity and happiness.

Woodstock, N. B., March 29, 1901.
The address bore the names of all the firemen.

Among these present were ex-Mayor W. W. Hay and ex-Chief of the department Col. F. H. J. Dibblee.

Alex Van Wart entered on his duties as successor to Mr. Kennedy on Monday.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

TOWN COUNCIL.

The Old Kick, Kick, Kick Over the Assessment and the Question of Valuation.—Unpaid Taxes Must be Paid at Once, But the Finance Committee May Compromise with Kickers.

At the regular monthly meeting of the town council on Monday night the Mayor and all the councillors were present.

According to the report of the police magistrate, during the past month, fines to the extent of \$210.00 were paid and fines to the extent of \$50.00 were imposed but not paid.

It was announced that a horse for Hose Co. No. 1 had been bought from Frank Slipp, Jacksonville, for \$160.00 and a waggon and harness from Robert Kennedy, for \$40.00.

Coun. Lindsay called the attention of the board to the fact that Coun. A. E. Jones had complained that a sum of money was owing to the town on account of produce sold from the town farm. He wanted to know whether or not the money had been paid.

Coun. A. E. Jones said he had every reason to believe the money would be paid at once.

Coun. R. B. Jones, for the finance committee reported that J. N. W. Winslow had collected \$884.38 of back taxes, had paid \$865.28 to the town treasurer and now held to the credit of the town the sum of \$18.80. Coun. R. B. Jones produced a list of fifty or sixty names of men who owed about \$3000.00 in taxes on the assessment of 1900 and he was convinced there was in all over \$5000.00 due on the assessment of that year, in amounts ranging from \$5.50 to \$15.00. Some of these delinquent tax payers had grievances. They claimed that they were over taxed, that in the past the finance committee had considered this fact, and accepted a reduced amount in settlement of their taxes, but the amount against them on the assessment book had not been changed and the assessors of last year had rated them as they had been unjustly rated in previous years. Other men, said Coun. R. B. Jones, with money in the savings bank, were not paying their taxes. Some of the most prominent men in town were behind. He knew even men to sit at the council board with their taxes unpaid, though it was not lawful for them to be there. He thought the council should clean its own skirts and then go ahead and vigorously collect the taxes. Some of the delinquents merely laughed at the marshal when he asked them to pay. He thought something desperate should be done. He moved that the marshal be instructed to collect arrearages, using the most stringent means, consulting the town attorney when necessary.

Coun. Balmain thought the town was face to face with a serious state of affairs when some of our best men would not pay their taxes. The men who did not pay were practically being furnished by those who did pay with capital to run their private business. He thought such a serious condition could not be grappled with too quickly. He seconded the resolution.

Coun. A. E. Jones thought that some of the delinquents who had been assessed too much wanted to meet the council. They did not want to make an affidavit and expose their poverty or wealth in order to get their taxes reduced, other men were not over-taxed, and paid their taxes. They did not have to make an affidavit. Only the men who were overtaxed were compelled to disclose and he thought it was unfair.

Coun. Dibblee thought there were, no doubt, men who had money in the Savings Bank and who had not paid their taxes, but he thought to press all the delinquents just now would not be a good thing to do. Some manufacturers who could pay in the summer could not pay today, and it would not do to take their goods in lieu of taxes. These taxes should have been collected last summer but now he thought it would be best to wait till the coming summer, when money would be easier to get than it is at this time of year.

Coun. R. B. Jones thought there was not a man on the list who couldn't raise enough to pay his taxes. Later in the season when these men get money they won't pay their taxes first. There are some men who won't pay until they are actually forced to.

Coun. Lindsay was not in favour of this motion to go ahead and collect at any hazard, he thought the matter of settling with the delinquents should be left to the finance committee.

Coun. Carr thought the time to use stringent means had arrived. If men were overtaxed they had redress, but they must pay their taxes and then apply for a rebate. The men who paid were not only paying their own taxes but also were they paying 6% to the bank to cover the amounts owed by the delinquents. He said he did not favour giving a 5% discount to men who paid before a certain date, but would favour adding 7%

to the taxes of all who did not pay before the date set.

The resolution was carried. Coun. Dibblee said that, no the resolution was carried, no reductions would be made for delinquents without an affidavit.

Coun. R. B. Jones thought the finance committee should have power to compromise with men who had been over taxed.

Coun. A. E. Jones thought this was fair.

Coun. Dibblee then demanded that all men be treated alike, "Though I was overtaxed, I paid my taxes and I want the same opportunity to get a rebate as the man who has held back to this late date and has not paid."

Coun. Lindsay referred to the Act which provides for over taxation, an appeal to the assessors, and then, if no redress is given by them, an appeal to the council. He thought it was nonsense to say that all these men who had not paid held back because their taxes were too high.

Coun. Balmain thought the responsibility of settling with dissatisfied men should not be placed on the finance committee, but should be left with the assessors who were paid for the work. He thought our method of assessment was very faulty. In other places all property was estimated at its full valuation and when a man is overtaxed he is willing to make an affidavit. Here, where property is estimated at one quarter less than its value, if a man is overtaxed his affidavit must show that on real values he is not paying more than he apparently should. He advocated the policy of entering all property at its full value. The objection to this had always been that such a course would entail a larger payment to the County but he thought there was nothing in this.

A letter was read from J. N. W. Winslow setting out what he thought was a fair valuation of his property, and offering to pay taxes at once on such a valuation. One piece of property was valued at more than he had paid for it. Coun. Dibblee thought that was not an exceptional thing as a piece of property for which he paid \$275, was valued at \$600, and it was no better today than when he bought it.

The finance committee with the town clerk, town treasurer and marshal will meet the assessors on Thursday night to work on the assessment.

A Visit to the North.

Pastor W. B. Wiggins and wife of this town spent a week lately at Royalton and vicinity assisting Rev. S. Greenlaw in some special services. The meetings were very well attended and much interest manifested. Several exhibited a desire to lead a better life. While there they also visited the Aroostook Quarterly Meeting of Free Baptists in session at Blaine Me., and met a number of former Carleton County people, among them Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Clark, formerly of this town, who are prospering. Mr. Clark as sleigh, carriage and house painter has all he can do, and Mrs. Clark acts as pastor of the church at Mars Hill. They also paid a visit to Bridgewater Centre, Me., and enjoyed the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stickney formerly of Woodstock, who seem to be getting along nicely in their new home. Pastor Wiggins reports the snow quite deep but so soft as to render travelling almost impossible, but forecasting an early spring as there is hardly any frost in the ground.

WAS IT BAD RUN

Or Brutal Treatment That Killed Peter Sparks?

There was a warm time at the house of Albert DeMerchant, in Canaan, Carleton County on Thursday night of last week. One Peter Sparks, a harmless old man about sixty years old took part in the festivities, which consisted chiefly of fighting and drinking whiskey. Sparks was taken home early the next morning, badly battered up, where he died shortly after. It is not possible at the present moment to get very much correct information about the affair, but the feeling about the vicinity is that the facts in connection with the carousal should be thoroughly aired.

School Examination.

At the recent examination of pupils in grade VIII, college building, the following pupils gained averages as are here given:— Jean Garden, 77.4; Aggie Dent, 72; Bessie Jones, 72; Edith Seeley, 69.4; Guy McLaughlan 67; Roy McLaughlan, 65.6; Arthur Fisher, 57; Chester Seeley, 55.5; Frank Woolverton, 54.2; Marian Hayden, 52.4; Gordon Munro, 51.4.

DON'T FAIL to come to the Salvation Army hall on Good Friday. Special meetings to be conducted by Adj. Wiggins from Fredoriton. At 3 p. m. a very interesting programme. Enrollment of recruits, music, vocal and instrumental, recitations, etc., etc. At 8 p. m. a wonderful salvation blizzard. This meeting will be the farewell of Adj. Wiggins who is leaving the district. Everybody come.