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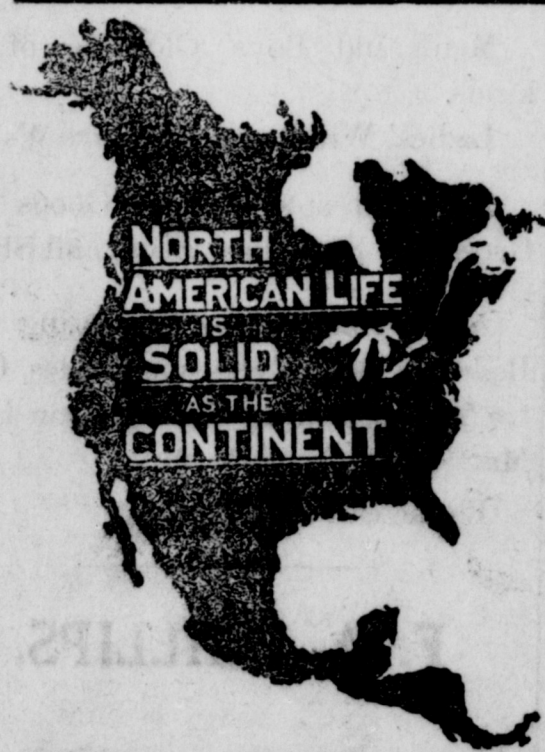
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Increase	1,080,198.00
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New business written	\$6,082,336.00
Increase over 1901	1,058,935.00
Income	1,240,890.00
Increase over 1901	177,249.00
Assets as at December 31, 1902	4,406,329.00
Increase over 1901	633,852.00
Insurance in force	30,152,883.00
Increase over 1901	3,013,952.00

Interest Income Alone Exceeded Death Claims by Nearly \$26,000.00.

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NOTICE.

Notice is given that the Consolidated Telephone Co., of Bath, N. B., will make application for incorporation at the present session of the New Brunswick Legislature.

M. E. COMMINS, Sec'y.

Town Council.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board on Monday evening the only absentee was Coun. Burt, who was unable to be present on account of illness.

The debit balance at the Bank of Nova Scotia was reported as being \$9135.01.

The report of the town treasurer showed collections of taxes on last year's assessment during quarter of \$680.00. His Worship the Mayor expressed surprise at the small amount. Coun. Garden stated that the officials were doing the best they could without going to the extreme limit of the law. He thought a special effort should be made to strengthen the hands of the collectors. The Mayor considered such a step a duty the council owed the town.

Coun. Dibblee suggested that the council go over the assessment to see if something could not be done. He regarded it as simply a matter of business. The taxes should be collected in order to reduce the bank debit account. The interest on the balance due bank was being borne by those who pay.

Coun. Jones thought the finance committee should make a move at once.

Coun. Sheasgreen was of the opinion that the chairman of the finance committee should call a meeting of the council to take decisive action. On Coun. Gardens motion, seconded by Coun. Sheasgreen, the council voted to meet again this (Wednesday) evening to look up the list.

The report of H. D. Stevens, auditor, showed the town treasurer's account well and satisfactorily kept. On motion the report was received and ordered published in the town papers.

On motion of Coun. Garden, seconded by Coun. Jones the printing committee was authorized to ask for tenders for printing the town accounts.

Dr. Kirkpatrick, secretary of the Band was, on motion of Coun. Jones, heard on behalf of that organization. He said that last August a band was organized which now had a membership of about twenty. At its head is Mr. R. S. Dixon, whose services are very satisfactory. In order to keep the band on its feet, \$380.00 have been paid out for instruments and other necessary matters. In all the history of the town such a band has never before been available, and in order to keep up the organization he thought it necessary that a grant be given out of the town treasury. During the summer they intend giving two open air concerts each week. To help them in so doing, they asked for one hundred dollars. If granted they would endeavor to prove it money well spent.

Coun. Jones made a motion that the qualification bill of which he had given notice some time ago be presented to the legislature. The clerk said the bill had already gone forward.

The action of the clerk in so doing was warmly commended by Coun. Dibblee.

With reference to the remarks of Doctor Kirkpatrick, Coun. Dibblee said although the finances of the town are to a certain extent limited, the citizens generally would uphold the council in making a grant. Seconded by Coun. Sheasgreen he moved that the matter be referred to the finance committee to report back at the next meeting of council.

Coun. Garden was heartily in accord with the proposition, and stated his belief that the amount asked would be granted.

Coun. McManus as a member of the committee was of similar opinion.

The generosity of the band was spoken of by Coun. Jones, who was strongly in favor of encouraging the boys in their endeavor to give the citizens a series of concerts.

Coun. Sheasgreen spoke of the vacancy in the position of driver of Hose Company No. 1, occasioned by the resignation of Driver McClary. On motion of Coun. Sheasgreen, John H. Bagley was appointed to the position, to take effect April first.

The plans and specifications of the repairs to the town hall were submitted by Coun. Sheasgreen for inspection by the board.

The Industry at Upper Woodstock.

Mr. Craddock has his woodworking building, his engine house and dry house at Upper Woodstock completed and some of his machinery installed and running. He has a good deal of lumber on the ground and is getting a large quantity of material ready for the dry house. He cannot turn out any finished product till after the arrival of some new machinery for which he is waiting patiently. The factory will be a busy place as soon as it gets in running order. A simple thing like a broom handle will be put through no less than seven different machines from the log to the shipping room, and other articles of manufacture will receive even a greater amount of attention from machinery. Work will be begun on the warehouse as soon as the lumber can be got on the ground. As soon as the frost is out of the ground the railroad siding will be laid.

Hospital Fund.

The following sums have been received by the treasurer of the Carleton County Hospital.

Dr. Rankine	\$100.00
Geo. W. Gibson	15.00
William McDonald, 2 years subscription	10.00
H. V. Dalling	5.00
A. D. Holyoke	5.00
Clifford Dalling	1.00

Wife Murderer Caught in Victoria County.

On Monday morning Provincial Constable Albion R. Foster with the United States officers located Charles F. Melvine, wife murderer, in one of the back districts of Victoria County, in an out of the way little house occupied by an old man alone. When he was found he was armed with a rifle and two revolvers one of which he attempted to use, but the levelled Winchesters of the United States officers, and the command to surrender by Sheriff Foster effected a change in his views and he threw up his hands. He was brought down to Florenceville and of his own accord agreed to go over to the State of Maine for trial. He was driven from Florenceville to Bridgewater. He seems to be not a very bright fellow, rather stupid. He is a son of Frederick Melvine and was born on the Tobique River.

Melvine was wanted for killing his wife at Mars Hill on Thursday last, by shooting her with a revolver. At the coroners jury which found Melvine guilty of the murder the principle witnesses were George Brown, at whose home the tragedy occurred, and his two children, who saw the alleged shooting. As far as known, Melvine was not intoxicated. He was known, however, to be jealous of his wife.

Doctors Kincaid and McCrea testified that the bullet entered the woman's body between the 10th and 11th ribs, and passed through the intestines and liver, but they were unable to find the bullet at the examination before death. At the post mortem examination, they found the bullet lodged in the liver. A section, with the bullet embedded, was removed and preserved. They pronounced death due to the bullet wound. The verdict was reached immediately after hearing the small amount of testimony introduced.

Part of the contents of the ante mortem statement made by Mrs. Melvine to County Attorney Powers, of Fort Fairfield, have become known. In it she accuses her husband with premeditated murder. According to the statement, she was alone with Mr. Brown's two daughters, aged 15 and 10 years, about seven o'clock Thursday night, when her husband, who had been living at Easton, about 10 miles away, for some time, entered the house. He had been there a half hour, during which they did not quarrel or have any hard words, and Melvine had not been drinking. Mrs. Melvine was sitting by the stove and Melvine standing by her side, when he said: "I will give you something you will keep for a while," and fired a revolver shot into her side, it is charged.

Melvine then ran from the house and probably crossed the state line, about a half mile away, into Carleton County, New Brunswick, where he was born.

The two girls could render no assistance to the agonized woman, who lay with her wound from 8 o'clock Thursday night to 11 o'clock Friday forenoon, when two physicians arrived. She died 24 hours later.

He has carried a revolver for a year and a half, for which he gave no reason. Their only child died suddenly last summer, and it is alleged a blow inflicted by the father caused its death. Melvine was jealous of his wife, and it is understood he wished her to leave Mr. Brown's employ and locate in another town.

Don't Forget The Date, April 29th.

This will be the evening when the greatest voice ever heard in the provinces will be listened to by as many of our citizens as can obtain admission to the opera house. Madame Mary Louise Clary opens her Canadian tour in St. John and ours will be the next town in the itinerary. The management realizes now more than ever the great interest that is being awakened over the prospect of hearing the worlds greatest contralto voice, and the public will be pleased to learn that Clary is going to sing selections which the patrons of the concerts can enjoy whether they are musically educated or not.

In her concert in Woodstock the famous singer will not give any selections other than English, and many will be familiar and for that reason better enjoyed. Included in her programme will be the Lost Cord which is known and loved by everybody, but those who have not heard it rendered by Madame Clary have not enjoyed the selections to the fullest possible extent.

HELP WANTED.

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GRAND

Clearance Sale

AT LAKEVILLE,

Commencing Wednesday,
APRIL 15TH.

The undersigned having decided to go out of business on account of ill health of one of the partners, will sell their entire stock consisting of Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes and Crockeryware, at a bargain, and unless so disposed of before the 15th inst., will retail everything at cost until the entire stock is disposed of.

CARVELL BROS.

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Woodstock Civilian Rifle Association.

On Saturday evening a large number of young men met in the office of Dr. E. S. Kirkpatrick and organized the Woodstock Civilian Rifle Association. The roll was signed by about 60 men who have taken the oath of allegiance and are duly enrolled in the reserve militia.

The government will provide them with fifteen rifles and with 100 rounds of ammunition per man. The members will have to perform target practice at least two days in October and give a satisfactory return as to the use of ammunition supplied.

The association can buy from the government the new gallery ammunition, to be used at a range of 25 yards, at \$1.00 per thousand rounds, and they expect to use a good deal of this for practice work, each man at the time that best suits him. Frank A. Good was elected treasurer. The captain has not yet been chosen; but will probably be Capt. J. J. Bull who has a good musketry certificate.

The new association will not in any way conflict with the old Carleton County Rifle Association, which is in a stalwart condition, with an active membership of 35 good shots.

The Legislature.

In the provincial legislature last week Hon. Mr. LaBillois, in reply to Mr. Smith, said the toll collected by the directors of the Hartland Bridge Company for the past fiscal year was \$1,860.30. The amounts paid by the directors of the Hartland Bridge Company in salaries during the past fiscal year were: James Pearson, \$456.25; S. S. Miller, \$200; H. Tracey, \$1; R. Cameron, 50 cents; A. Pearson, \$2; Joseph Pearson, \$1.50; R. Foster, \$2; total, \$663.25. The government has not authorized the directors to make the bridge free to funerals nor on Sunday, nor has any reduction in tolls been authorized, except during winter months when tolls are reduced one-half.

The government, however, some time ago, intimated to the company its desire that funeral processions should be allowed to pass over free and that a reduction in tolls should be made, and a by-law passed by the bridge company on the 7th inst., providing that funeral processions be allowed to cross and return free, and that persons on foot be allowed to cross free on Sundays, also that the tolls be reduced one-third throughout, has been received and will probably be approved by the governor-in-council.

Successful Concert.

A parlour concert was held last Tuesday evening March 31st, at the residence of E. L. Hagerman, by a few of Miss Mulherrin's scholars, for the purpose of raising funds to help get a flag for the school. The programme was as follows:—

Chorus, Red, White and Blue, by Grace Hagerman, Minnie Steves, Rheta Ellsworth, Elva Vanwart, Kathleen McLean, Helen Hagerman, Douglas Winslow and Jack McLean; recitation, "Two Little Kittens" by Helen Hagerman; Tableaux, "Grandma's Snuff Box," by Elva Vanwart; organ solo, by Rheta Ellsworth; recitation, "She woke that morn in Heaven" by Kathleen McLean; dialogue "Bad Company," Grace, Minnie, Kathleen, Jack and Douglas; solo, "Bye-Bye Land," Helen Hagerman; recitation, "The Wife Hunting Deacon," by Grace Hagerman; solo, "Just Kiss Yourself Good-bye," by Jack McLean; recitation, "Katie's Wants," by Elva Vanwart; organ solo, by Douglas Winslow; duet, by Helen and Jack, "Tom Kettle," tableaux, "The Belle of Woodstock," recitation, "A Boy's Pocket," Douglas Winslow; duet, "Homestead on the Hill," by Rheta Ellsworth and Jack McLean; recitation, "Little Miss Dorothy," Elva Vanwart; dialogue, "Grandma and Grandpa," Douglas and Rheta; duet, "Sunshine Bearer," Grace Hagerman and Minnie Steves; organ solo, Grace Hagerman; tableaux, "Dancing Lesson," Helen and Elva; duet, "Tale of The Bumble Bee," Grace Hagerman and Kathleen McLean; tableaux, "Good night," by Helen Hagerman; chorus, "God Save the King." The receipts of the evening were \$4.73.

Death of Mrs. Chalmers.

Mrs. Matilda Chalmers, widow of the late William Chalmers, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Bailey on Sunday morning, surrounded by her entire family, consisting of four sons and two daughters who deeply feel their bereavement.

Mrs. Chalmers was for many years in business in Woodstock. Of late years she has resided in Cambridge, Mass., and was on a visit to her daughter's here at the time of her death. When a resident here she was a member of the Methodist church and took an active interest in all church matters. Devotional services was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. G. A. Ross. A quartette from the choir of the Methodist church rendered several appropriate selections, after which the remains were conveyed to the Methodist Cemetery for interment followed by a large number of citizens. The four sons of the deceased served as pall bearers. There were many floral offerings from relatives and friends.

Death of Charles Bailey.

Charles Bailey an old and respected resident of Woodstock died on Monday, March 30th, at the age of 76 years. Mr. Bailey had been confined to his house for three years. He leaves a widow, one daughter, and one brother. The widow was Miss Jennie Chalmers, whose mother died on Sunday morning.

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