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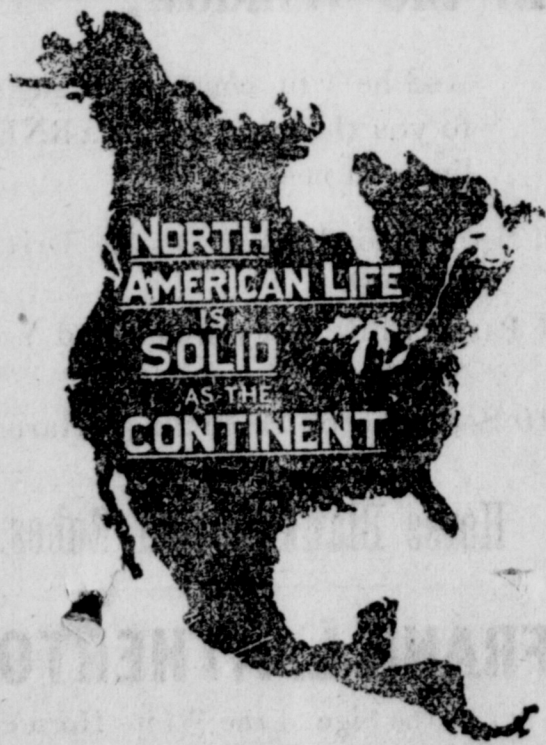
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CONTINUED PROGRESS.

During the last few years the North American has made marvellous strides in all Departments tending to its up-building, which can readily be seen by the following figures, showing a comparison:

Year.	Cash income.	Assets.	Policies in force.
1881	\$39,613	\$88,763	\$1,221,712
1888	263,691	666,919	7,927,564
1895	581,478	2,300,518	15,779,385
1902	1,270,840	5,010,813	30,927,961

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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.

The E. R. MACHUM, CO. Ltd.

T. A. LINDSAY,
Inspector, Woodstock, N. B.

Mgrs. Maritime Provinces, St. John, N. B.

Venerable Archdeacon Neales.

The many friends of the Ven. Archdeacon Neales will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from his recent illness. The members of Christ church corporation are convinced that the Archdeacon has been working too hard, and that his illness is in a measure due to his zeal for the best interest of the church and congregation. At the last meeting of the corporation, on motion of William Dibblee, seconded by David Hipwell, the following resolution was passed unanimously.

The church wardens and vestry of Christ's Church here assembled take the opportunity of expressing to their beloved rector their regret at his recent illness, from which they now rejoice to hear he is in a good measure recovering. They feel that his illness was brought on by the devoted attention the rector has always given to the affairs of the parish and the adjoining missions, and they express the hope that for the future he will be furnished with such assistance as will render his conduct of the spiritual affairs under his control less onerous than in the past.

A Private Still.

John T. Kelly, Inland Reveue Officer, of St. John, was in Woodstock last Friday on business. In the afternoon he, Inspector Colpitts and Constable James Woolverton took a journey to the Parish of Richmond, where, in a new house within a couple of miles of the boundary line, they captured a private still.

The proprietors had apparently been doing a pretty good business.

The officers confiscated the still and brought it to Woodstock. The owners were fined \$300.00 and costs.

Death of William Niles.

Mr. William Niles an aged resident of Centreville died very suddenly at his home Friday evening, December 11th. The deceased came to Centreville about seventeen years ago and for some years was employed by the late Messrs. John Simonson and Getchell in their grist mill. For some years he has been comparatively blind but enjoyed good health. He ate his supper as usual the night of his death and in less than two hours was dead. He leaves a widow, six sons and two daughters. Three of the sons and one daughter in the west were unable to get home to the funeral which took place on Sunday morning at the Baptist church, Rev. E. F. Freeman in attendance.

Midwinter Fair.

At the Amherst Midwinter Fair which closed Thursday last, A. E. Denton, Woodstock, took prizes for the following in the poultry division:—White Plymouth Rock cockerel, 2nd; White Leghorn pullet, 3rd; Rhode Island Red hen, 1st and 2nd; Rhode Island Red pullet, 2nd.

C. F. Rogers took the following prizes:—Grey Goose, Chinese or African male 1st and 3rd; female 3rd; White Goose, male, 2nd; female 2nd. On fruit for Carleton County Mr. Rogers also took 1st; the 2nd prize in this division was taken by Mrs. Justus Gill.

An Enticing Offer.

We have pleasure in announcing to our readers this week that we have entered into a clubbing arrangement with the Toronto Daily News. Less than a year ago the News came under the editorial management of Mr. J. S. Willison. The paper has been enlarged to 12 pages each day with 12 extra pages on Saturday, and its new services now compare with that of any of the older established dailies in the Dominion. A specialty is made of political news the reports being very full and non-partisan in character. All public questions receive fair and thorough editorial treatment. The circulation is rapidly spreading to all parts of Canada. It is safe to say that few papers are more widely quoted throughout the country than the News.

The price of the News (daily) is \$1.00 a year. We will send the News and THE DISPATCH for \$1.80 a year strictly in advance. Sample copies of the News can be procured at this office, or direct from the News Office, Toronto.

Dreyfus Reinstated.

A dispatch from Paris says that the Council of the War Office has considered the details of Dreyfus' reinstatement in the army, and that the lieutenant will command, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, has been chosen. It is added that a determination has been reached to deal rigorously with officers who express disapproval of Dreyfus' reinstatement.

MR. and MRS. CHARLES WHENMAN went to Centreville on Tuesday. They will spend Christmas with Mrs. Whenman's brother, James H. Toms, Knoxford.

Bad Accident at Meductic.

A serious accident occurred at Meductic on Monday afternoon, in which four men were injured and one perhaps fatally.

The four men are Thomas Frederick of Dow Settlement, who has lately been working in Maine; his brother George Frederick who is a blacksmith with the Woodstock Carriage Co.; Frank Carney of Canterbury and Louis Caly of Bull Lake. They hired a pair of horses and a pung from Gallagher Bros. on Monday afternoon and set out for Meductic. When they reached the hill leading down to the Eel River bridge, one of the worst hills in the county, they lost control of the horses, and their team went down the hill on the dead run. They got down the hill and over the bridge in safety, but in making the sharp turn beyond the bridge at such a terrible pace, the pung slowed and upset, throwing the four men with great violence against the rocky bank on their right.

The men were taken to the Meductic hotel and Drs. W. E. Saunders and Turner were summoned. Caly's injuries were the worst. His shoulder was broken and his head badly hurt. He was bleeding profusely from the ears. It is not certain that he will recover. He was unconscious for eight or nine hours but afterwards regained consciousness and is suffering greatly.

Thomas Frederick had some ribs broken and was otherwise battered up. George Frederick and Frank Carney were not seriously injured.

A Woodstock Delegation in Fredericton.

A Fredericton correspondent to the St. John Globe writing on Thursday the 17th says:—A few days ago one of our townsmen, who is engaged in the retail liquor business, received word from Woodstock that two men alleged to be brothers, who had been doing that town as Scott Act spies were about to leave for Fredericton to enter upon an engagement in the same line here. A description of the men came along with the intelligence and word was passed around among the interested fraternity. Yesterday afternoon two men answering the description of the Woodstock correspondent put in an appearance at a well-known York street liquor resort. The proprietor was on hand and at once caught on. The visitors asked for liquor and received and drank it, but when one of them pulled out a ten-dollar bill to pay for it, he was surprised to be told that they "always gave their run away" there. While the visitors were still at this place word was sent around to the other city saloons and all were on the lookout for them. An hour or two later they arrived at a Carleton street establishment and, of course, could buy nothing there. Two Queen street bars and two Regent street saloons were visited with the same result. By this time it was nearly eight o'clock, and the next experience of the strangers was when they were called into the Queen Hotel alley by a couple of Fredericton's pugilistic celebrities and almost instantly were pummeled into a condition, which, though described as somewhat akin to forgetfulness, for a time will no doubt serve as an indelible reminder of this mission to New Brunswick's capital. They were indeed sorry sights when an hour or two later having recovered themselves sufficiently to get about they presented themselves to an up-town hotel for the night's lodging.

It was expected that complaints would be made at the police office against their assailants this morning, but so far this has not been done, and it is said the strangers will be content to get out without further figuring in the life of our interesting little community.

Postmasters' Salaries Increased.

The postmaster general has directed that the minimum salary of postmasters be raised from \$10 to \$25 per year, and that the salaries of all those who are paid on a percentage of revenue be increased by 10 per cent. on the amount which they would receive under the scale hitherto in operation.

The commission paid for the transaction of money order and savings bank business has also been increased by the same percentage.

The remuneration for the transaction of postal note business has been doubled.

The allowance for the rent of offices has been put on a more equitable basis. Hitherto no compensation whatever for the room occupied in post office work has been given until the business of the office showed a revenue of \$800 a year, rent allowance now begins when the revenue of an office reaches \$100 a year.

The amount allowed for a \$100 office is \$5 per year, and increases of \$5 a year are allowed for every additional \$100 until a revenue of \$800 is reached.

Bert Brawn is sick with rheumatic fever. Miss Katherine Denison has returned from Boston to spend the holidays at home in Woodstock.

Stock Parliament.

The speaker being absent, R. H. Bruce took the chair at 8.15. Charges of bribery and followed by a lively debate by the members from Halifax, Alberta, Quebec, Westmorland, Yukon, and London. The debate on the Budget was resumed by the Hon. N. F. Thorne of London, followed by members from Quebec, Yukon and St. John. Amendment on the tariff was moved by the leader of the opposition and seconded by E. H. Phillips, Westmorland. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 8 to 7.

The debate on the Budget was carried by a vote of 10 to 5.

The House adjourned till Monday after New Year. There was a fairly good attendance. Speeches were made by Charles Betts of Northampton and Isaiah Fisher, visitors.

Women's Christian Temperance Union of Woodstock Celebrates its Eighteenth Anniversary.

The eighteenth anniversary of the establishment of the Woodstock Auxiliary of the W. C. T. U. was celebrated last Friday evening in the parlors of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Smith. There was a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen and an interesting programme was given. After the whole assembly joined in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" there was a scripture reading by the President, Mrs. C. D. Jordan. After Rev. B. Colpitts, Scott Act Inspector, had offered prayer, the president delivered an address of welcome. Fred L. Moores sang a solo, "Beulah Land." Mrs. G. W. Slipp, Corresponding Secretary, read a greeting from the Provincial President, Mrs. Lindow. Other features of the programme were, solo, "Perhaps," by Miss Jordan, accompanist, Mrs. W. P. Jones; solo, "The Faries," by Mrs. R. E. Holyoke; quartette, "Glad Message," by the Rev. G. A. Ross, F. L. Moores, Mrs. R. B. Jones and Mrs. R. E. Holyoke; solo, "Somewhere," by Mrs. Ellsworth.

Refreshments were served after which a most enjoyable social evening was spent.

THEN AND NOW.

The Lumbering Business has Undergone Changes in the Past 37 Years.

"Times have changed somewhat since I first commenced to cut logs on the river St. John," remarked a prominent lumberman to the Herald a short time ago. "I suppose you will hardly believe me when I tell you that thirty-seven years ago I paid \$30 a barrel for pork and \$12 for flour, and had to tote it clear to the head of the river. I could hire all the men I wanted in those days for \$13 and \$14 a month, and considered myself lucky if I could get \$6 a thousand for my logs. Today I can buy pork for \$18 a barrel, flour costs about \$4, and the railway will take my supplies to within a few miles of my depot camp. And this is not all. Logs today can be sold at double the price they brought when I first commenced to lumber, and if you offered a man \$14 a month now to work in the woods he would take you for a lunatic. I pay my men \$28 and \$30 a month, and while they are as good as can be had, it is doubtful if they will do as much work in a day and put up with as much hardship, as was the case in old times when the pay was less than half what it is now. Yes there has certainly been a great change in the last thirty-seven years, and it is difficult to tell what it will be like thirty years hence.—Fredericton Herald.

Woodstock Market Prices.

Butter per pound 18 to 20 cents.
Eggs per dozen 25 cents.
Buckwheat meal per cwt. \$1.75
Potatoes per barrel 90 to \$1.00.
Bees Honey per pound 15 cents.
Turkeys per pound 18 to 20 cents.
Geese per pound 8 to 10 cents.
Ducks per pound 10 cents.
Hay per ton \$6.00.
Oats per bushel 30 cents.
Beef per pound 5 to 6 cents.
Lamb per pound 7 cents.
Pork per pound 5 to 5½.

The new officers of the Royal Arcanum are as follows:—Donald Munro, Regent; John Troy, Vice Regent; W. W. Hay, Orator; T. C. L. Ketchum, Secretary; J. R. Murphy, Collector; John McLauchlan, Treasurer; F. C. Denton, Warden; G. B. Manzer, Guide; John Lindow, Chaplain; John Wallace, Sentry; I. E. Shearsgreen, Past Regent. Trustees, William McDonald, Thos. J. Boyer and Jas. A. Gibson. Representative to Grand Council, Donald Munro; Alternate, Wm. McDonald.

E. M. CAMPBELL, a well known photographer of experience, has taken the studio on Queen Street, two doors beyond THE DISPATCH office, and is doing a good business.

THE Century Ice Riak will open on Christmas night under the auspices of the 67th Regt. band.

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