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THE MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE CO.
IN 1902.

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

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

PIGS FOR SALE.

Pure bred, and grade Yorkshire pigs for sale.
May 1-2. **ROBERT PERRY,** Plymouth.

TO LET

A small tenement on Main Street. Apply to **FRANK L. ATHERTON,** King St.

BOY WANTED

to work in a general store, age 15 years or over. Must have an average education, also furnish good references. Good opening for the right boy. Apply at once, **H. A. McLELLAN,** Houlton, Me., Main Street.

The Great Fire Extinguisher.

Last Friday a stranger struck town with a patent fire extinguisher, the merits of which he proclaimed, and quantities of which he was willing to sell. He said it was a good thing; he would prove it was by giving a demonstration in the square at 7.30 p. m., not very sharp. When the hour arrived a small crowd of boys were in the centre of the square, surrounding the demonstrator, who had erected a wooden tower about ten feet in height and about three feet square, enclosed on three sides and open on one side. The demonstrator was leisurely. He knew he had a good thing and he wasn't going to hurry it. He went up to his hotel and after a time he came back with a wash basin full of liquid tar which with the aid of an old broom he applied with many an artistic touch to the inside of his tower, giving it a good coat.

By this time the crowd had increased, the street was lined with men, women and children some of whom were anxious perhaps to see a scheme demonstrated that would enable the town to do away with the fire department and thus save thousands of dollars a year in money now paid to our firemen, sometimes called "fire laddies." All the people who were agin' the recreation room were largely interested. Already some of them could see, in their minds eye, on this same square, in a few days, the pool table put up at auction, and the firemen, who live in idleness on the munificent salaries paid them by the town, quite crestfallen.

The demonstrator who was to demonstrate all this stood in the centre of the square, the observed of all observers. The critical time had arrived. He touched a parlour match to the magnificent pile he had erected and stepped back with a nonchalant air as if to say, "you wait till that fire sees me." He turned to an attendant standing near and took the great extinguisher from his hand. With swelling breast and majestic step he advanced to the fire and sent several well directed gobs of the extinguisher into the "fiery element." The fire smiled and burned brighter. The demonstrator became nervous at this juncture; he turned to the trusty attendant and seized all the extinguisher he held, and turning he hurled it with many contortions into the blaze. The fire which had only smiled before laughed now, and began to take on the appearance of an election bonfire. The demonstrator was surprised, dejected; and folding his arms and bowing his head he gave a correct imitation of Napoleon Bonaparte after the battle of Bunker Hill.

If it had been a dry season with a high wind, the fire department would have had to be called out to extinguish the blaze. It is not likely that any motion will be made at the next monthly meeting of the town council to abolish the fire department.

It is only fair to the poor demonstrator to say that he gave another exhibition with his extinguisher on Saturday night and put his fire out by the use of about \$7.00 worth of the goods.

The Steamer Aberdeen.

The Steamer Aberdeen, after a number of vicissitudes, is getting on to her old stride again. One day at Hawshaw, on her way down, she knocked her smoke stack off against the ferry cable. On her trip up on Thursday she was detained at Savages a long time waiting for wood and in pulling in to Meductic several hours late she seriously damaged her wheel. She laid at Meductic all night and came to Woodstock on Friday. When she started for Fredericton on Saturday Lance Lockwood was aboard as pilot. She went to Fredericton and started back on Saturday afternoon, coming up about half way. She finished the trip on Sunday morning. The Aberdeen has got straightened away and will probably make her regular trips now without any breaks. The freights this year are much heavier than ever before.

Rosy, Hearty Children.

If you want to keep your little ones rosy, hearty and full of life give them Baby's Own Tablets the moment they show signs of being out of order in any way. This medicine cures all forms of stomach and bowel troubles, breaks up colds, prevents croup, destroy worms, allays teething irritation, and gives the little one sound, natural sleep. No child objects to taking the Tablets and the mother has a guarantee that they contain no opiate or harmful drug. No other medicine for little ones gives this guarantee. Mrs. Geo. Campbell, Killarney, Man., who has had much experience says:—"I find Baby's Own Tablets a fine medicine for children. They are prompt in relieving little ills and gentle in their action." All medicine dealers sell these Tablets or you can get them by mail at 25 cents a box by writing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Hospital Fund.

Daniel McKendrick (annual).....\$5.00
Peabody Bros. (1903).....5.00

RICHMOND CORNER WIPED OUT.

Destroyed by Fire on Monday Morning.
Twenty-four Buildings Destroyed.

The old town of Richmond Corner was wiped out by fire early Monday morning. At about 1.30 o'clock fire was discovered in two barns on the lower side of the road. These barns were close together, one owned by F. W. Hall and the other by Hugh Montgomery. A stiff wind was blowing from the south and the fire spread rapidly not only to the adjoining buildings but to those on the north side of the road.

There were no appliances for fighting the fire and people were helpless. The buildings were all very old and very dry and the fire went through them as if they had been shavings. There was not time to save the contents of the buildings to any extent. There were seven families turned out of doors and the value of all furniture saved would not be more than \$200.00 The contents of the barns was all destroyed.

The buildings destroyed were as follows:

SOUTH SIDE OF STREET.

- House and barn, owned and occupied by Mansfield London.
- House and barn, owned and occupied by F. W. Hall.
- Store and barn, unoccupied and owned by Hugh Montgomery.
- House and barn, owned and occupied by Hugh Montgomery.
- Office, owned and occupied by Hugh Montgomery.
- Old public hall, with barn in rear, owned by Hugh Montgomery.
- House and barn owned by John Currie occupied by Charles Fraser.

NORTH SIDE OF STREET.

- House, 2 barns, blacksmith shop, carriage house and other out buildings, owned and occupied by John Hamilton.
- House and barn owned and occupied by George Parks.
- Store and barn owned by Hugh Montgomery and occupied by E. J. McLellan.
- Blacksmith shop, residence and barn owned by Samuel Eddy and occupied by Wm. Harris jr.
- There were 24 buildings destroyed including houses and barns. The only buildings now standing at Richmond Corner are the English church, Orange Hall, school house, Wm. McIntyre's residence and George Tracy's residence with their out buildings.
- The fire ran along the fences and through the fields on the road to the Red Bridge and only by great efforts was Mr. McLellan able to save his buildings a quarter of a mile up that road.

A Plea For Justice.

Has the longed legged man no rights in this blooming burg? Is the man of over six feet to be treated with contempt by the commoner of 5 feet 8 inches, without redress? To look at the awnings on Main Street a stranger would think we were a community of runts or that there was a deep laid scheme on the part of the merchants to mow down the long fellows. There is not an awning in town that will clear the sidewalk by more than 5 feet 8 inches. If a man measures under that he can walk the streets of his native town in comfort. If he measures over that he has to walk with bowed head as if he had something to be ashamed of, or take to the middle of the street. No wonder the little kids smoke cigarettes. They want to stunt their growth so that when they get to be men they can walk down Main Street erect.

In the name of all that makes for justice wont the town council take this matter on hand and compel the merchants to give the long legged men a show.

A FOOD WITH SILVER SERVICE.

In reducing the very best elements of Canada's best wheat in the most nutritious and palatable form, Orange Meat has secured a complete triumph among Canadian housekeepers. "We do not tire of it," says Mrs. T. Ried, Southampton, Ont. Aside from the merit of the cereal, your grocer will show you a coupon which is enclosed in every 15c. package. These coupons, for the balance of the year, can be redeemed in heavy silver plated tea and desert spoons, handsome sugar shells and butter knives. The coupons give full information and directions concerning the premiums.

When President Nicholas Murray Butler was at college certain freshmen of his time made no scruple of stealing a pail of milk which a dairyman daily placed outside the door of Mr. Butler's room while the occupant was in class. In order to foil the marauders, the future president of Columbia composed, one day, a formidable legend, which he printed in very deep letters, and placed over the pail. It read: "I have poisoned this milk with arsenic." Upon his return he found the milk intact, but added to his notice were these appalling words: "So have we."

The Woodstock Civilian Rifle Association

The Woodstock Civilian Rifle Association that was formed last year for the purpose of doing regular and serious practise work with the regulation rifle has come together again this year. Some of the less enthusiastic members have dropped out but the membership has been increased by the advent of a good number of new men. The organization is in better shape than last year and has a Constitution and By-Laws for the guidance of the officers and men and for the regulation of the practises and the matches. Two match days a month are provided for, in which prizes will be given, to be competed for only by members.

Anyone desiring to join the association should communicate with the Captain, Wm. Balmain, at an early date in order to obtain the benefit of a full season's practice.

The Woodstock gentlemen have shown considerable spirit in organizing this association and they should have the hearty support of the government in the matter of range accommodation and free ammunition. When we say free ammunition we do not advocate the indiscriminate scattering of this dangerous article but let the government give every one who desires it a chance to use all the ammunition he may as a member of one of these associations and under the direction of officer on the range. As we have heard that difficulty is experienced in finding suitable persons to perform the duty of markers, and this is an all important matter in rifle shooting, we would suggest that the government place at the disposal of this or any association requiring such, the person of an experienced non-commissioned officer or man to do the work. This surely would not be an expensive method for the government to obtain a population of good marksmen.

The following is an official notice from the captain of the association.

The Woodstock Civilian Rifle Association has arranged for a match on the morning of May 24th from six to twelve o'clock. The match will be conducted under the rules and regulations governing the association.

In the afternoon a pool competition will be held, open to all, entrance fee 25 cents.

Last year's members of the association who neglected handing in oil cans, cleaners or sight protectors are hereby requested to do so at once.

Somewhat Surprising.

"John," remarked Mrs. Dikfins, coldly at the breakfast-table, "you were saying some rather queer things in your sleep last night. You mentioned something about Kittie and a full house and a show-down and a few other things along that line. What were you talking about?"

Did Mr. Bifkins tell his wife that Kittie was the name of the woman who cleaned out the office and that he was probably dreaming about the full house down at the show the other night? The funny papers would have you believe that he did. But he did not.

"I was probably dreaming of the poker game I sat in that night," he replied without batting an eye. "I lost \$37 15 in that game by the way, so I can't let you have that \$19.98 for that spring hat for a couple of weeks."

Did Mrs. Bifkins scream and burst into tears and call him a brute and go right straight back to her mother? The comic writers and the joke-smiths would have you think she did. But she didn't.

"You must be a bum pokerist, John," she said, scornfully; "I don't believe you know a straight-up from a four-flush. I believe I could give you three kings and beat you to the jackpot myself. What did you think you were doing—digging postholes or playing ping-pong?"—"Smart Set."

The Epworth League will be addressed on Friday evening by Aaron Perry, M. A., Principal of the Broadway school. Mr. Perry's subject will be "Browning's Religious faith and Philosophy as revealed in his poems."

REV. CHARLES FLEMINGTON of the Benton-Canterbury Circuit, will, at the close of the conference year in June, retire from the work in this province and return to England to take the pastoral charge of a circuit in the old country.

MURRAY S. SAUNDERS, three year old Red Glen mare got out of his barn on Wednesday night and made her way to George McLeod's at Farmerston. Mr. McLeod knew the mare and sent word to Mr. Saunders who went out and brought her home.

Fudge—Do you believe in love at first sight?

Budge—Cert. It is then that neither party knows what kind of a person the other is. Why shouldn't they fall in love?—Topsa Journal.

Patience—See how yellow her hair is; and it used to be brown. **Patrice**—Yes; she's been using one of those yellow journals to make curl papers.—Yonkers "Statesman."

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