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OF
**Winter Suits,
 Reefers, Ulsters,
 and Overcoats,**
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This is an annual event that you know all about. There is nothing sensational about it. It is simply our way of averting the necessity of carrying goods from one season into the next by sacrificing them while there is wearable time ahead of you. Come in and see what you can get for your money during this sale.

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Unique Designs and New Ideas, that will appeal to the Xmas shopper. A choice line of Solid Gold and Sterling Silver Goods. Now is the time to make your selection before the rush begins.

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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.

The E. R. MACHUM, CO. Lt'd.

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

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

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Loaded on cars at any point between McAdam and Woodstock.

WE PAY CASH on delivery of the wood. One car or more taken from any parties.

For particulars and prices write to

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NOTICE.

A PUBLIC MEETING

of the Ratepayers of the Town of Woodstock will be held at the TOWN HALL, on

MONDAY,

The Eleventh Day of January next, at 7.30 p. m.,

for the purpose of receiving from the Mayor and Councillors a statement of the revenues derived from the different sources and the expenditure made in the different departments during the year ending the thirty-first day of December instant.

By order of the Town Council,
 J. C. HARTLEY,
 Town Clerk.

WANTED.

A second class teacher for School District No. 7, Aberdeen. Apply to CHARLES WILSON, Sec'y to Trustees.

WANTED.

A girl to do general housework. Apply to MRS. T. C. L. KETCHUM, Connell Street.

Town Elections.

The annual public town meeting will be held at the town hall on Monday evening the 11th inst.

Nomination for Mayor and Councillors will be at the town hall on Thursday the 14th inst. from 10 a. m. to 12 a. m.

Town Election will be on Monday the 18th instant.

The following gentlemen are now in the field.

FOR MAYOR:

James Carr.
 John A. Lindsay.

FOR COUNCILLORS:

J. T. Allan Dibblee.
 J. T. Garden.
 A. E. Jones.
 I. E. S. Sheasgreen.
 James McMauns.
 H. D. Stevens.
 I. W. Fisher.

Sunday School Convention.

Following is the programme of the Wicklow-Simonds Sunday School Convention to be held at Tracy Mills, Tuesday, January 12th, 1904.

AFTERNOON.

2.30—Devotions conducted by Rev. E. S. Parker, B. A.
 3.00—Roll call of Sunday schools by parish secretary.
 3.10—A conference conducted by Rev. A. Lucas, field secretary. Subject, "Importance of Grading."
 3.45—Address by Rev. R. S. Freeman.
 4.10—Offering. Announcements. Closing.

EVENING.

7.15—Fifteen minutes of song.
 7.30—Devotions led by Rev. B. S. Freeman.
 8.00—Minutes of afternoon session.
 8.05—Address by Rev. L. A. Fenwick, B. A. Subject, "Some of the Successes and Failures of David's life as Applicable to present Conditions." Singing.
 8.30—Address by Rev. A. Lucas.
 8.50—Address by Rev. E. C. Turner. Subject, "Temperance." Offering, followed by song. Brief words from the open convention. Don't forget Bibles, note books and pencils.

Death of Elizabeth Benn.

Mrs. Elizabeth Benn, widow of the late Edward Benn, died suddenly at her home at Debec, on Wednesday morning, December 30th, at the age of 83 years and 3 months. Mrs. Benn was born in Donegal, Ireland, and came from there to Richmond in 1832 at the age of 12 years. When she was 19 years old she married Mr. Benn and has since resided at Debec. She leaves four sons, William V., of Debec, Edward, of Illinois, Leslie, of Kansas City, and Alex. S., who lives on the homestead, and four daughters, Mrs. Mills who resides on the homestead, Mrs. James Harvey, of Debec, Mrs. George Flemming, of Woodstock, and Miss Lizzie Benn, of Boston.

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon at one o'clock, at the Methodist cemetery at McKenzie Corner. The funeral ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Thomas Stebbins.

Sunday School Concert at Maple View.

A very pleasant evening was spent by those present at the school house on Christmas Eve, when the public was entertained by the Sunday school, at a Concert and Christmas tree. The tree was resplendent at the unloading of which not a few hearts were made happy. The school house was nicely greened and mottoes, appropriate for the season, adorned the walls. The following program was carried out:—

Greeting song, by the school; chorus, "Joy to the World," by school; recitation, Pearl Flanders; recitation, Ida Williams; dialogue, infant class; recitation, Bennie Flanders; chorus, "Angel's Message," by school; recitation, Christmas Eve Thought, Bert Flanders; recitation, Harold Saddler; recitation Dolly Berryman; recitation, Alfie Ellis; solo, Vacation Song, Doris Laffing; recitation, Night after Christmas, Pearl Flanders; recitation, Christmas has Come, Doris Laffing; recitation, Violet Brown; recitation, Change of Color, Bessie McInnis; recitation, Grace Wright; chorus, Come Away, school; recitation, Bertie Vincent; recitation, Battle Won, Ida Williams; recitation, Verna Wright; recitation, Bert's Opinion of Tobacco, Bert Flanders; solo, We too, are Growing "Doris Laffing; recitation, Bashie McInnis; recitation, Telephone Message, Maude Ellis; recitation, Lottie Caughey; chorus, Winter Morn; recitation, Ida Williams; recitation, Bessie McInnis; recitation, Mrs. Brown.

Much Credit is due to those who had this part in charge. During the evening a collection was taken up for benefit of the Sunday school. Mrs. Wm. Sadler efficiently filled the duties of organist. Chairman, Mrs. Miles Flanders.

THE IMPERIAL PACKING COMPANY

Have a Plant Worth Over \$20,000—So says the Appraisers—Town Council Votes the Bonus Unanimously.

At the meeting of the town council on Monday evening the mayor and all the councillors were present.

The mayor read a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1903, which were thus,
 Receipts..... \$29,579.20
 Expenditures..... 38,717.08
 The debit balance at the bank on December 31st was \$10,701.68. This balance had been reduced since that date to the sum of \$9,427.53.

A letter from the council of the town of St. Andrews was read, requesting that the council of Woodstock represent to the Canadian Transportation Commission that St. Andrews is a good port for export and import trade, and request the commission to do something to increase the foreign trade of that port. The matter will be dealt with at the Friday night meeting.

The following report from H. W. Bourne and John Donnelly, who had been appointed to appraise the value of the plant of the Imperial Packing Company was submitted.

WOODSTOCK, N. B.

To His Worship The Mayor and Councillors:

We the undersigned beg leave to state for your information that we have very carefully examined the accounts of the Imperial Packing Company re-construction of their plant in the town of Woodstock, comparing the several items, with the vouchers, and find them correct. We also find that they have expended in lands buildings and new plant, the sum of fifteen thousand, six hundred and fifty two dollars and one cent.

In addition to the above we beg to submit an inventory of the machinery etc., from Lower Woodstock which, at first cost and after deducting a fair amount of wear and tear, we find amounts to the sum of four thousand four hundred and sixty-eight dollars. Making a total of twenty thousand one hundred twenty dollars \$20,120.00.

H. W. BOURNE, }
 JOHN DONNELLY } Auditors

The following report and recommendation of the committee of the whole council was then carried unanimously.

To the Mayor and Town Councillors of the Town of Woodstock:

Gentlemen,—Your committee of the whole Council appointed to look into the amount expended by The Imperial Packing Co., Ltd, in plant, machinery, etc., in said town with a view to granting a bonus of \$5,000 to said company as voted by the ratepayers of said town, beg leave to report that they have attended to that duty and find,

1st. That, after looking over the premises, and getting two experts, viz., Messrs. H. W. Bourne and John Donnelly, to examine the vouchers and accounts in connection with the expenditure, whose report is hereto annexed, there has been an expenditure of \$15,652.01 for land, buildings and machinery, not including the machinery, etc., brought from Lower Woodstock, which is worth \$4468.00, total \$20,120.00.

2nd. That the said company have complied with the requirements of the Act of Assembly under which the bonus could be granted and is entitled to be given the bonus of \$5000.00.

We, your committee, therefore recommend that the company be given a bonus of \$5000.00, and that Debentures be issued for \$5000.00, payable in twenty years with interest at 4 per cent. payable half yearly, and same be delivered to the said company, or the bonds be sold and the proceeds thereof paid over to the said company, when the company complies with the terms of said Act.

W. B. BELYEA,
 J. T. GARDEN,
 J. T. ALLAN DIBBLEE,
 JAMES S. McMANUS,
 H. E. BURTT,
 I. E. SHEASGREEN,
 A. E. JONES.

On motion of Coun. McManus seconded by Coun. Garden it was decided to publish a complete statement of the bills and invoices on the strength of which the appraisers had made their report, so that the public might have as good an opportunity as the councillors and the appraisers to judge of the value of the plant.

On motion Coun. Garden seconded by Coun. Dibblee it was decided to request the clerk to give notice that the town would apply at the next meeting of the legislature for legislation in amendment of the assessment act. It would appear that at present there is great difficulty in collecting taxes on mortgaged property, and owing to this difficulty some properties in town are paying no taxes at all.

In speaking to this motion Coun. Dibblee went on to say that the town needed a new valuation and a new mode of collecting taxes.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Dec. 1903.

MR. T. A. LINDSAY, INSPECTOR MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, WOODSTOCK.

DEAR SIR,—Will you please convey to your company my sincere appreciation of the many favours shown me during my late husband's illness and the prompt payment of claim as per policy held by same.

Yours sincerely,
 Mrs. S. A. VANWART.

Proposed Electric Railway.

There is a strong probability that an electric railway will be constructed between here and Woodstock in the near future. Among those interested in the venture which is assuming a practical shape, is Messrs. Gilman Bros. and Burden at Pokiok and H. W. Shaw, of the Shaw Cassells Co., Hawkslaw. Mr. Shaw has gone to Boston to consult parties there regarding the construction of the road. It is understood that the Shaw Co. are willing to put \$100,000 stock into the road as they claim it would greatly help their business. An American expert who was recently at Pokiok advised that in the event of the road being started that the Pokiok Falls near Gilman Bros. and Burden's mill at Pokiok be utilized to provide power for running the road. The country from here to Woodstock is comparatively level and would not require a great deal of grading. When Mr. Shaw returns from his visit to Boston more definite information regarding the project will be forthcoming.—Fredericton Herald.

Sunday School Work in Woodstock.

In pursuance of appointments made by the Carleton County Sunday School Executive placing the Field Secretary, Rev. A. Lucas, in Woodstock on the 3rd and 4th instants a conference of the Sunday school workers of the town was held in the Free Baptist vestry at four o'clock Sunday afternoon which was addressed by the field secretary. On Monday night the 4th instant a convention was held in the vestry of the Methodist church. The attendance was small but all seemed to think that a profitable evening was spent. Mr. Lucas addressed the convention on "Grading and Supplemental Lessons in the Sunday School." He outlined a system that has been tested and approved of by some of the foremost Sunday school workers. Beginning with the cradle roll in an interesting manner he showed the advantage of, and real necessity for, systematic grading in the Sunday schools. After music Rev. F. A. Currier, M. A., addressed the convention on "Soul-winning in the Sunday School." This address was exceedingly well received by those present. The speaker's opinions met with the approval of all present and it was a good and profitable address. Music followed this address after which a collection was taken for the New Brunswick Sunday School Association, and the meeting was dismissed with the benediction pronounced by Rev. G. A. Ross.

Over-Production or Under-Consumption.

A despatch from an interior village stated that a certain mill there has been shut down on account of "over-production." There is danger of this term "over-production" being over-worked. Much of the so-called over-production of the present moment is not over-production at all, but under-consumption, due largely to the fact that an army of workmen, through strikes, have deliberately deprived both themselves and others of the means of obtaining things to consume. Their needs and desires are as great as ever, but they have cut themselves off from the power to satisfy them. The distinction is important.—N. Y. Commercial.

An Open Letter to Mothers.

"I cannot praise Baby's Own Tablets too highly," writes Mrs. James S. Beach, Campbell's Bay, Que. "From the time my baby was born he was troubled with pains in the stomach and bowels and a rash on his skin which made him restless day and night. I got nothing to help him until I gave him Baby's Own Tablets, and under their use the trouble soon disappeared, and all my friends are now praising my baby he looks so healthy and well. I give him an occasional Tablet, and they keep him well. I can heartily recommend the Tablets to any mother who has a young baby."

Thousands of other mothers praise this medicine just as warmly, and keep it on hand in case of emergency. The Tablets cure all the minor ills of little ones; they act gently and speedily, and are absolutely safe. Sold by all druggists or sent post paid at 25 cents a box by writing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Chicago Horror.

Chicago was the scene on Wednesday afternoon of the most appalling catastrophe in the history of the United States, when nearly 600 people, principally women and children were killed at the Iroquois theatre. A fire broke out on the stage and some of the people were burned to death but the majority were killed in the mad panic which followed the outbreak of the fire.

Russia and Japan.

After following closely for some weeks the telegraphic news about the relations between Russia and Japan we have arrived at two conclusions.

First, there certainly will be a war between Russia and Japan.
 Second, there certainly will not be a war between Russia and Japan.

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