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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
I rease over 1901,	633,852.00
I durance 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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Leap Year Party at East Florenceville.

A pleasant evening was spent at an "At Home" last Thursday evening given by Misses Jameson and Jewett at the residence of Mrs. Jameson. The evening's amusements commenced with progressive crokinole which was very interesting. The professional prize was won by Jack McIsaac. Booby prizes were given to Miss Mina Gallupe and Bennie Mc-Isaac. The next on the programme was peanut hunt, which game turned things topsy turvey for a while. The prize for this was won by Rev. Mr. Fenwick who found 16 peanuts more than his next opponent. Booby prizes for this were awarded to Miss Zena Hartley and Percy Hayward. After the peanuts were eaten the spider webb was called on. Strings were wound on everything in the house in every room down stairs. The couples commenced at the end of a string (found by numbers) and unwound and fussed with them till the other end was reached where prizes were, which were from a sucker to a rattle or a dumb watch. This was a rather interesting game throughout. Supper was the next to come and the way each one bustled around to find her partner was amusing. A verse was written on a card and the card cut in two from corner to corner. After as good as new but they will be some day. each lady had found her partner a sumptous supper was served. Tea, coffee, sandwitches white bread, brown bread, and five kinds of cake, and as it was nearly one o'clock know that I have lost my pot." every body was hungry.

The last feature of the programme was guessing contest. Questions were asked and answered by music played on the piano. And each one wrote down what he thought were the answers. The prizes for correct answers were given to Mina Gallupe and Arthur Jewett. Booby prizes for this were given to Miss Jennie Jewett and Harry Hunter. Instrumental music was furnished throughout the evening by Mrs. J. R. Tompkin. Prizes were given to winners by B. F. Smith M. P. P. After the singing of Auld Lang Sine the party broke up, about half past two in the morning. Everybody went home feeling satisfied they had never spent a more enjoyable evening.

Rents in Woodstock.

House rents in town are going up. Whereas two and three years ago houses and flatwent a begging, today the demand is greater than the supply, and landlords are not slow to take advantage of the new conditions.

Men who were paying \$100. for a house last year are now asked to pay from \$125. to \$135, and men who paid \$150, are asked for \$175.

With shop rents the case is quite different. There are at present no less than six vacant stores on Main Street, and with such a condition of affairs store rents are shrinking. After the first of May there will probably be only three vacant stores on Main Street, for H. E. Burtt and The Press Company will take two of them and Wallace Gibson will take the third. However this will only reduce the number of vacant stores in town by

Hospital Fund From Hartland.

Amount collected in Hartland, N. B. February 8th, 1904, for the benefit of the Carleton County Hospital.

P. Graham,	\$ 5.00
Samuel S. Miller,	5.00
J. T. G. Carr,	10.00
In menory of R. C. Carr, who died	mil mi
at Missoula, Mont., 25th Feb. 1892.	
A. L. Baird,	1.00
W. F. Thornton,	1.00
J. W. Montgomery,	1.00
A Friend,	1.00
E. Alexander,	1.00
W. T. Townsend,	1.00
H. A. Chase,	1.00
Fine Bros.	1.00
J. E. McCollom,	1.00
Keith & Plummer,	5.00
G. R. Burtt,	1.00
district a single years in	\$45.00

A New Boot and Shoe Store.

Wallace Gibson has taken the store belong ing to the Forrester McLean estate on the corner of Main and Queen Streets and will open up with a large line of boots and shoes about May 1st. The store will be thorough ly renovated. Mr. Gibson left this week to visit all the large shoe factories of Canada, and will place his orders before returning. Mr. Gibson has a thorough knowledge of the boot and shoe business and he may be expected to carry a variety of goods that will suit all demands

MISSIONARIES IN PERIL.

Waterville Lady Among Them.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The Methodist Epis copal church has thirty-five missionaries in Korea, who are now considered in peril, as no answers to cable grams have been received. Among them is Miss Ethel M. Estey of Some engagements end happily

Killed Two Birds With One Pot.

One day last week when Byron Hatheway of Canaan and his son about 14 years old were walking to Bath they met Charles Lloyd on his way home carrying a bear; pot in a seamless bag. Hatheway asked Lloyd to pay him for a sheep he had bought from him and Lloyd said "I paid you once." Hatheway denied that he had ever been paid and told his debtor that unless he was paid at once there would be small pieces of Lloyd scattered over the face of nature in that vicinity Lloyd brought himself into action handsomely and swung the bag round his head a couple of times and landed the bean pot on Hatheway's jaw, knocking the daylight out of him. When he saw his enemy lying on the snow apparently dead he was afraid and dropped the bag full of bean pot and wept. Young Hatheway, seeing his father a dead cold corpse grabbed the bag and with a magnificent swing landed it on Lloyd's ear and Lloyd went down with a dull thud.

Just then a man drove along and gathered up the two men and the boy and hauled them into Bath where Dr. Cumins sewed up the wounds of the two men and put them on their feet again, but they were by no means

When Sloyd was able to talk coherently some one asked him who won the fight. Lloyd said "By gobs, I don't know, but I de

St. Paul's Junior Literary Society.

Their first debate of the season was held on Thursday evening by the junior Literary Society of St. Paul's church. The question was "Resolved that the children in the books of Kipling and Barrie are better than those in the books of Mark Twain and Miss Alcott." Raban Vince led in the affirmative, followed by Misses Margaret Dibblee, Eva Newcomb, Helen Woolverton and Roy Watt. Charles J. Jones led in the negative, followed by R. Perley Hartley, Miss Marguerite Lamb, Willie Hay, Frank McLardy and Frank Woolverton. The debate was very spirited and interesting. The decision was given to the negative.

The work done by the junior literary this year, under the direction of Miss Barbara Walker, Miss Marian Rankin and Miss Mary D. Clark, B. A., has been excellent, and there is some good material in the class ready to be graduated and take an active place in a Senior Literary Society next year.

Convention of Canadian Stock Breeders.

The first meeting of the National Association of Canadian stock men will be held at Ottawa from March the 7th to the 11th next inclusive. A number of very important subjects to our live stock interests are to be discussed. Among them being the matter of having Canadian National records for all our various breeds of horses, cattle, sheep and swine. At present many breeds have their only records in the United States and we are annually sending to that country a considerable amount in fees, while the same time we have practically no voice in the management of the association. We are shut out of the United States markets by hostile regulations and are imposed upon by fraudulent certificates from Record Assciations when United States stock is entered under our Custom's

regulations. The question of Canadian customs regulations on stock will be taken up. As well as the extension of our foreign trade. The re gistration and granting certificates of sound ness to all service stallions will be another consideration.

Another important discussion will be upon the position of our woolen industry and the best steps to protect our wool growers and manufacturers from shoddy imitations.

Parliament will be opened during the week of this convention and there will be a Horse Show, Winter Fair and sale of stock at Ottawa in the same week. The week pre ceeding the Toronto Spring Stallion Show

To enable New Brunswick farmers to a end these various events, an excursion ha been arranged, leaving Woodstock on the evening of February 29th. Special cars wil be taken from McAdam and an opportunity afforded members of the party to visit number of the best stock farms near Mont real and in Ontario as far west as Guelph.

Return tickets good for 30 days will be sold at Woodstock for the trip to Guelph and return for \$30.55, Andover \$32.60, and other stations at corresponding rates. Sleeping car charges for six nights will not exceed

Anyone wishing to join the party should address W. W. Hubbard, Agricultural Agen C. P. R , St. John, for programme and full information.

The Barristers Will Express Their Re-

spect for His Hon, Judge Stevens. Last week in the office of A. B. Connell. K. C., there was held a meeting of the Bar Associations of the Counties of Charlotte. Carletion, Victoria and Madawaska, the object being to consider in what form it would be best to convey to His Hon. Judge Stevens an expression of the respect and admiration with which he has always been regarded by the Bar in those counties over whose County Courts he has presided for so many years.

It was the wish of all present, and of many barristers who were not able to be present, that some article of value might be presented t) Judge Stevens, with an address, the presentation to take place at St. Stephen, at some time to be arranged for later.

An Andover Wedding.

A quiet but very pretty wedding took place in Andover on February 10th at the residence of Mrs. James Wright grandmother of the bride, when Rev. R. W. Demmings united in marriage James F. Desn'ond and Miss Gertrude Wright, eldest daughter of Edward Wright, of Gillispie, Victoria County. The bride was dressed in white satin and attended by Miss Bessie Wright, and Spurden Wright acted as best man. The wedding march was played by Mrs. R. W. Demmings, and a young sister of the bride acted as flower girl.

Before settling in Eastport where Mr. Desmond holds a lucrative position the young couple will take a trip to Chicago visiting the important cities on the route.

"Safeguard."

About once a year or oftener some word catches the public ear and appeals to it so strongly that the public uses the word to death. When the somewhat spirited discussion over the question of granting a benus to the Imperial Packing Company was going on a few months ago, someone used the word "safeguard" in connection with protecting the interests of the town. Since then the poor word has been worked to death in these diggings and I'm tired and sick of hearing it. Yesterday I was further wearied and sickened by coming on the word in an editorial in the New York Post and in a patent medicine advertisement from Columbus, Ohio.

Wont the people please leave the word "safeguard" alone for a while and try to get along with the good old word "protect."

Victoria County Orange Lodge.

The Victoria County Lodge, L. O. A. met in annual session at Andover on Tuesday, February 9th, after a very pleasant session the County Master and other officers gave in their report and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year 1904:-Frank A. Turner, County Master; Frank Baird, D. County Master; G. L. Kelly, chap.; C. W. Lewis, rec-sec'y.; Stephen Scott, treas.; Allan Fullerton, D. of C.; Geo. S. Wiggins, lecturer; Clinton Frazer, Joseph J. Scott, deputy county lecturers. The officers were installed by Bro. Rev. Demmings and after holding two sessions, afternoon and evening, the county lodge adjourned to meet again in Andover in the month of June.

Death Of Lewis Brewer.

Lewis Brewer, a well known contractor and bridge builder died at his home at Upper Woodstock last Thursday morning, at the age of 65 years. He leaves a widow and two brothers, Henry and Albert.

The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon, the Rev. J. S. A. Bastin conducing the service. The remains were interred in the Presbyterian cemetery at Upper Woodstock. The pall bearers were Solomon Perley, Del Brewer, Fred Brewer and John Farin.

On the Tobique.

Mr. R. A. Estey has returned from a successful business trip to the scene of his lumbering operations on the Tob que. He reports the work going on satisfactorily and thinks the last log will be safely in the brook by the middle of next week. W en he started for home there was about 25 feet of snow in the Tobique woods. Mr. Estey's operations on the Rockway, in charge of his son, Mr. Fred A. Estey, were completed several days ago.—F'ton Herald.

Brotherly Encouragement.

"I want to thank you." said Deacon Oldfield, "for the speech you made at the meeting of the trustees the other night in favor of issuing bonds for an addition to the chapel. I'm sorry I wasn't there to hear you

"Why," replied Deacon Granby, "I thought you were opposed to the proposition?" "I am. But I can't blind mysel" in the fact that any speech you might make must while necessarily help the other side."-[Chicago