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BOYS' SUITS.

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BOYS' CLOTHING.

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Savings Department

Capital and Reserves	General Banking Business Transacted.
\$6,192,705	Drafts and Letters of Credit issued.
Total Assets	Correspondence solicited.
\$25,100,000	

Nothing succeeds like success.

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

EGGS FOR HATCHING.

Brown and White Leghorn, White Wyandotte, for sale at 50 cents per setting. WARD W. BURPEE, Upper Woodstock. April 20th, 2mo.

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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.

Death of Mrs. H. S. Wright.

Mrs. Wright, wife of Hugh S. Wright of St. John died at her home early on Tuesday morning after a lingering illness. Though she had been very ill for some time there was great hope that with the advent of the warm weather her health would improve and that she would live through the summer. At the last moment her death came as a shock to her family and friends. Mrs. Wright leaves a husband, two daughters and three sons. Mr. Wright and his family were residents of Woodstock for about five years, leaving here three years ago to make their home in St. John. Mrs. Wright was a most charming woman, respected by all who knew her, and calling forth a very warm affection from her more intimate acquaintances. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of the people of Woodstock.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from Mr. Wright's residence, St. John.

Mrs. James Bearsto.

Mrs. Belle P. Bearsto, wife of Dr. Bearsto of Lakeville died on Sunday at Saranac Lake, New York State, wither she had gone in very poor health, with the hope of recovering. Up to a few weeks ago, when other complications set in, she was favorably reported on by her medical adviser, and a complete recovery was confidently looked for.

Mrs. Bearsto was an earnest church and Sunday school worker and otherwise filled a large place in the community in which she resided.

Dr. Bearsto who was with his wife at the time of her death arrived home on Monday with the remains. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bowes of St. John, Mrs. Bowes is a sister of Mrs. Bearsto. The remains were taken to Lakeville for interment.

The Armory.

A couple of years ago it was said that we were to have an armory in Woodstock where-in to store the guns, rifles and accoutrements of the 10th Woodstock Field Battery, the Brighton Engineers and the 67th Regt. of Carleton Light Infantry. A site was bought by the government for such a building on the corner of Elm and Green Streets, from Small & Fisker Co. Plans and specifications were made, provision was made for the land and building in the estimates for the current year, and tenders were asked for the building, and received. Since then the government has changed its mind, and has decided to have the armory on Chapel Street. The Century Ice Rink has been bought from the company owning it, and the site has been bought from the Lindsay estate.

The building will be raised some feet and a foundation placed under it and it will be encased in brick. The site on Elm and Green Streets has been sold at the same price the government paid for it.

Death of Robert Sherrad.

Robert Sherrad an aged and wealthy resident of Bloomfield is dead. The deceased gentleman was born in Ireland and came to this county many years ago with his brother. They took up a farm of several hundred acres in Upper Bloomfield and by prudent thrift and hardy toil after many years they won from the forest one of the best farms in Carleton County. He was a staunch conservative and an unassuming God fearing man.

The funeral took place from his home on Thursday last April 28th, 1904, Rev. E. C. Turner in attendance and interment took place in the family lot at Upper Bloomfield. He is mourned by two nieces, the Misses Maggie and Jane Sherrad and one nephew James Sherrad.

Address and Presentation.

Before her departure for Fredericton the Women's Missionary Aid Society of the Baptist church waited on Mrs. W. S. Saunders and presented her with the following address and a handsome book.

DEAR MRS. SAUNDERS,—The members of the Women's Missionary Aid Society wish to express their regret at your departure from us. Looking back over the years we remember your faithfulness and devotion to the cause which our society represents, your constant attendance and unsparring labours in its behalf.

We feel that our loss will be the gain of the church and people to whom you are going, but we trust that we will not be forgotten by you and that you will always be interested in our welfare. We ask you to accept the accompanying book as a slight token of our esteem and hope you will accept it in the spirit in which it is given.

Hoping that happiness and prosperity may attend you in your new home we remain as ever your friends and well wishers, the members of the W. M. A. S., per B. P. SHERWOOD, Sec.

JOHN S. LEIGHTON, Registrar of Deeds, who has spent the winter at Hot Springs, Ark., and in Texas, returned home last week very much improved in health.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

George Gee to be Hanged on Friday, July 22d, for the Murder of His Cousin, Millie Gee.

After a trial lasting a little more than two days the jury found George Gee guilty of murder. The members of the jury were Albert Simonson, foreman, J. M. Hay, Frederick Brittain, George McLeod, F. Byron Bull, J. J. Rogers, Thomas Forrest, James P. Watson, Wilmot Carson, J. R. Kirkpatrick, William Tompkins, Will Kimball. They were out only forty-five minutes.

The story of the crime of which George Gee was found guilty has been told so often that everyone knows it by heart. He was in love with his cousin, Millie Gee, and had been her "steady company" for about three years. Within a few months, however, she had transferred her affections to her brother-in-law, Bennie Gee, whose wife had just left him. This aroused the jealousy of George and he swore he would shoot his late sweetheart.

On Saturday, March 12th, he borrowed a Lee Enfield rifle from Captain Melville, of Bath, and at twelve o'clock that night, armed thus, and with two long necks of whiskey in his pockets he called at Bennie Gee's house. He found there Bennie, and Millie who was living with him, Mr. and Mrs. David Crane, and Bennie's two little children. The house contained one room about 14ft x 16ft, and an attic. The room contained a stove, a table, two beds and a few chairs. The party played cards and consumed the two bottles of whiskey.

George showed some depression of spirits and intimated that it might be a good thing for him to end his troubles by suicide. Bennie thought the tone of George's conversation was somewhat ominous and took the rifle away from him.

At about three o'clock on Sunday morning when George started for home they gave the rifle back to him and Millie went to the door with him. This was George's opportunity to fulfill his threat and he raised the rifle and shot Millie, mortally wounding her. George then left the house and walked to the nearest telephone station and telephoned to Dr. Commins at Bath to come and look after Millie, and then he rang up Deputy Sheriff Foster and told him of his crime and asked him to come and arrest him.

On his way home he stopped at one house and slept and got breakfast. He told several people what he had done, said he was sorry he had not shot the girl through the heart, and regretted that he had not killed Bennie too.

Drs. Brown, Commins and Ross performed an operation on the girl in the hope to save her life but she died on Wednesday morning, March 16th.

The trial of George Gee began at the Court House on Tuesday morning, April 26th, and on Thursday afternoon the jury brought in their verdict.

At eleven o'clock on Friday morning George Gee was brought into the court room by Deputy Sheriff Foster and Chief of Police Kelly, and he took his place, standing in the box, to receive his sentence.

The Chief Justice, in sentencing him said: "George Gee you have been convicted by a jury of your country that on the 13th of March last, you murdered Millie Gee, a relative of yours, at Holmesville, or Canaan, in the parish of Kent. You were brought before an intelligent jury and were defended by counsel who gave much attention to your case, and in view of the circumstances did all they possibly could for you. They tried the case with ability and are entitled to great credit. The jury after this hearing found you guilty, and under the evidence, I am bound to say I do not see how they could have done otherwise.

"In addressing the jury at the close of the case I really felt there was no evidence that I could submit whereby they could find you were innocent. As to the plea on your behalf that at the time you committed this deed, this foul deed, you were insane, I had occasion to say to the jury that it must be that the burden of evidence to prove insanity rest on you or your counsel to show that you were insane at the time. Of that there was no evidence. Witnesses were brought forward to show that members of families to which you were related were insane, and that three or four, or two or three at least had been in the lunatic asylum. I do not wish by any remark to harrow your feelings. Your situation is most unpleasant and terrible on the face.

"My attention has been called to this, that the condition of things where you have lived

during the last 23 years is a fearful one, that there is indiscriminate communication between men and women living in the same room, without regard to marriage relations at all, and that you have taken part in this. The girl that you murdered was one of whom you said you were very fond, and because you were jealous of her, because she was living with some other man, you killed her. Of what were your intentions when you went to Bennie Gee's that Saturday night, the 12th of March, I have no knowledge. I can only judge from the result. You borrowed a gun, you had this rifle with you. When this unfortunate woman returned to the house, whether you made threats I do not know, you deliberately shot her and that bullet passed right through her. Afterwards on more than one occasion you expressed regret that the bullet had not gone through her head or heart. This is simply fearful. More than that you know, no one knows so well as yourself, that if you had had the opportunity, if Bennie Gee had come out of the house, my opinion certainly is that you would have murdered him as well. Then not only would the death of this girl have lain at your door, but the death of Bennie Gee as well. He escaped. The motive that influenced you was jealousy.

"I wish my voice if it would have any effect would reach outside these walls. I wish to say from what I learn of these parts from which you come, that they require missionaries as much as China or Japan or the South Sea Islands. It is simply terrible to think, in this fair county of Carleton, known for its intelligence, that there should be such a community as is represented to me. I can only hope that your fate, terrible as it is, may be a lasting lesson to this community. There will be abundant time between this day and the day of your execution to make your peace with your Maker. You can only do so by pardoning and forgiving those whom you think have been enemies of yours. During these weeks try to get a complete change of heart. Be penitent. I hold out no hope for you. Your case is a desperate one for a judge if any petition should be unfortunately gotten up on your behalf, to recommend a commutation of sentence.

"George Gee the sentence of this court is that you be taken from this place to the place whence you came, the common jail of the county of Carleton, and be confined there till Friday, the 22nd of July—next and on that day that you be hanged by the neck till you are dead, and may God, who pardons those who truly repent and earnestly seek salvation, have mercy on your soul."

On Thursday afternoon, after the verdict, the prisoner had interview with his parents and with Bennie Gee, with whom Millie was living at the time of the murder.

George began addressing Bennie Gee: "I am to be hanged for the murder of Millie Gee. I did not murder Millie Gee, although I had the rifle in my hands. You, Bennie, was the cause of the murder. When I went to your house and found Millie there it drove me crazy. I would have murdered you, too, I was wild.

"I am going to die and could not die with any hardness in my heart against anyone so I sent for you but you are the murderer, not me. Now, after seeing you, I will die for the murder I am charged with and I have no hard feelings now for you or anyone."

After this dramatic speech, Gee's nerve completely collapsed and he sobbed like a child.

Bennie Gee actually rolled on the floor and cried hysterically, while Mr. and Mrs. Gee, the prisoners parents, cried softly.

Bennie Gee casually remarked afterwards on the street that he was sorry for poor George.

The unfortunate young man, George Gee, who is to be hanged on July 22nd for the murder of his cousin Millie Gee, is the product of a community in the County of Carleton, which is more miserable, more ignorant of the decencies of civilized life, than the public has had any idea of. The evidence in the case shows this, and the Chief Justice in his address to the prisoner makes it more clear.

George Gee was born in that community of putrid moral ideas and he grew up there with no more education than a boy would get by seeing men and women frequently drunk together and by witnessing scenes of the grossest sexual immorality and by taking part in

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