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Insurance in Force	\$9,555,300	\$37,668,468
Policies issued during the year	2,710,755	7,107,148
Policy Reserves	628,429	5,255,077
Assets	821,320	6,112,344
Income	296,468	1,656,107
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Mr. Harrison Resigns.

Mr. G. Hugh Harrison who has been principal of the Carleton County Grammar School for the past twelve years and a half has tendered his resignation to the Board of School Trustees, and it has been accepted. Mr. Harrison has acquired the Fire Insurance business of Mr. J. Norman W. Winslow and will take charge and devote himself to that business after January 1st.

Mr. Harrison has been eminently successful as a school master, and he leaves the Grammar School with the respect and goodwill of the county, the trustees, the other teachers with whom he came in contact and the students. It is gratifying to know that he will continue to make his home in Woodstock.

He will be succeeded by Mr. Charles D. Richards who taught the 9th grade in the Grammar School last year.

Mrs. Hamilton McCain.

Mrs. Hamilton McCain, of Halleck, Nevada, who had been suffering from that dreaded disease, cancer, for a long time, passed away last week. She had consulted the best doctors in San Francisco and elsewhere, but all to no avail. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church, the Rev. George H. Greenfield officiating. Friends of the deceased lady from all sections of the county were present, the assembly being one of the largest seen in this part of the country for years. The ceremonies at the church and cemetery were simple and impressive, the great depth of feeling displayed being in harmony with the refined nature of the deceased. Mrs. McCain was much respected in the community in which she lived, being a lady of culture and high social attainments.—Nevada Independent.

Officers Installed.

Officers of Woodstock L. O. L. No. 38 were elected and installed on Tuesday last by P. G. M. Hipwell as follows:—

John Morrison, Worshipful Master.
Moses Moore, Deputy Master.
Jas. Brewer, Chaplain.
J. A. Shea, Recording Secretary.
T. H. McKinney, Financial Secretary.
G. I. Britton, Treasurer.
D. O. McLutosh, D of ceremonies.
John A. Lindsay, Lecturer.
Investigation committee, Jas. A. McKinley, Wm. McCready, John Thornton, Harry Cox, A. F. Lockhart.
David Hipwell re-elected Trustee.
The lodge is in good healthy condition financially.

In the Police Court.

On Tuesday morning Allan Daly appeared before Police Magistrate Dibblee to answer the charge of assault preferred by John Cassidy. Both parties reside in the Parish of Richmond. The defendant was convicted and fined in the sum of five dollars with costs. Mr. A. B. Connell, K. C., appeared for the defense. The complainant had no counsel.

Meteor Seen on Sunday Evening.

SUSSEX, Dec. 18.—Sussex was treated to a wonderful sight last night about 9.30 o'clock from the direction of the constellation Orion. A large meteor flashed across the sky, and passed from view in a northwestern direction. Those who saw the phenomenon declare that they never before witnessed anything of the kind nearly so impressive. The meteor seemed to be about the size of the end of a flour barrel, and everything was lighted up as bright as day.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 18.—A meteor or shooting star of unusual brilliancy lit up the sky here in an unusual manner about 9.40 p. m. on Sunday, and lost itself somewhere in hills at the back of the city.

[This phenomenon was seen by many persons in Woodstock on Sunday evening about 9.30 o'clock.]

Hold It Back Until April 1st.

As the nights are getting long and as I promised I will give the News readers the true story of the Cabler hold up which took place on the Arizona Desert 23 years ago when five robbers held up myself and pard, that night the sun set on 7 men and rose on one and he looked more like a lead mine than a human being. That one was the kicker and if the Editor will publish it I will send it along about New Years.

Kicker.

Cor. Victoria County News.

So Say We.

It is not too early to talk of candidates for the town council of 1906. We have the best town in the maritime provinces but its position can only be maintained by its best citizens giving of their time to its affairs.—Campbellton Tribune.

Grand Concert.

A grand concert was given in the opera house last night by the young ladies of St. Paul's Presbyterian church. The programme was as follows:—

Chorus, "Over seas from far away"
Chorus, "Waiting for Santa"
Sleepy Song
Dialogue, "Trials of a school mistress"
Solo, "If you're good"
Solo, "A trip to Poppyland"
Dialogue, "Choice of trades"
Chorus, "Faries' Lullaby"
Faries' revel, "Faries' Lullaby"
Solo, "Good night dear friends"
Chorus, "God Save The King."

In the Mother Goose Reception and Drill Miss Eva Newcombe represented Mother Goose, and the following young people represented characters as follows:—

Helen Woolverton, Little Boy Blue
Een Nicholson, King Cole
R. Watt, Queen of Hearts
Glenna McQuarrie, Queen of Hearts
Minerva McQuarrie, Miss Muffet
Sarah Nicholson, The Old Woman who Lived Under the Hill
Jean McLardy, The Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe
Richard Murphy, Tom The Pipers Son
Kathleen McLean, Dame Trot
Frank McLardy, The man who went to London Town
Cassie McQuarrie, his wife
Edith Dalling, The maid from Primrose Hill
Ida McIntosh, Milk Maid
Robbie Hamilton, Jack
Jennie Bunnell, Jill

In the Faries Revel, Margaret Newcombe was the Queen. Following were fairies:—Martha Phillips, Lucy Phillips, Maudie Brown, Cassie Hay, Katheleen Woolverton, Kathleen Atherton, Mary McLean, Helen McKibbin, Jennie Lindow, Minerva McQuarrie.

Nursing House Plants in Winter.

All plants that have their pots full of roots and are in a healthy condition are benefited by feeding. But a healthy condition is necessary. No sickly plant can survive on a strong diet any more than can a dyspeptic, but this sickly condition of plants is often brought about by lack of nourishment and feeding is then necessary. Chemical fertilizers will enable you to have smaller pots than would otherwise be necessary, and for house plants large pots are especially cumbersome. Plants fed regularly with chemical manure can be kept healthy in a pot one-half the size that would otherwise be needed. The feeding of plants in pots must always be done carefully, and at the proper time. Don't give doses of food when the plants are past their periods of most active growth.

A very clean, cheap, and convenient fertilizer for house plants is ordinary "household" ammonia. Commence with five or six drops of ammonia to a cupful of water, and as the plants get used to it increase the dose, but never let it exceed half a teaspoonful to a breakfast cup of water. A teaspoonful of the special plant fertilizer sprinkled on the top of a six-inch pot—more or less, according to the size of the pot—is sufficient. Then water it in. One application every two weeks should be sufficient.—The Garden Magazine.

Bunyan's Anvil Sold.

The anvil used by John Bunyan when he worked at his trade at Elstow was sold at Sotheby's last Friday afternoon for £255. It measures about thirty inches long and bears the inscription cut into its side "J. Bunyan, Helstow, 1647."

At the same sale £1,650 was offered in behalf of an American collector for a first edition of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," but the book brought £1,670. An American bought a first edition of "Midsummer Night's Dream" for £480.

Movable History.

A traveller who passed through a small English town noticed a post on which was marked the height to which the river had risen during a recent flood.

"Do you mean to say," he asked a native, "that the river rose as high as that in 19—?"
"Oh, no," replied the native; "but the village children used to rub off the original mark, so the mayor ordered it to be put high up, so as to be out of their reach."—[Harper's Weekly.]

A New Commandment.

A professor has discovered among some ancient ruins what is supposed to be the eleventh commandment. The text is as follows: "Emas rof yltpmorp tseyap thou selnu repapwen a daer ton tiah uoht." The commandment it easily translated by beginning at the end of the sentence and reading backward.

Parson Jackson—"Does yo' take die man fo' better or wuss?" The Bride—"Ah'll take him jest as he am. If he gets any better, I see 'traid he'll die, and if he gets any wuss, I'll kill him mahself."—Puck.

The Pokiok Bridge.

Arrangements are being made by the Public Works Department to have work start on the bridge across the St. John at Pokiok at as early a date as possible.

The bridge will be placed between Pokiok and the big tannery, and sometime ago Engineer Harrison, who was then in the department, made soundings and was of the opinion that piles could not be driven where it is proposed to have the centre pier of the structure. Engineer Wetmore thinks that it will be possible to drive the piles and a test will be made through the ice. It is proposed to take the pile driver to Pokiok from here. The cost of the bridge had been estimated at \$60,000. When the bridge is built, it will not only be used during the summer season but a greater part of the winter when the swift running water makes crossing on the ice dangerous or impossible.

John A. Dowie Has Abdicated.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—John Alexander Dowie, head of the Christian Catholic church in Zion, has given up his rule and will soon leave for one of the Islands of the Caribbean Sea, there to remain until spring in hopes of regaining his health. Announcement of the abdication was made at Zion City yesterday by the Overseer John C. Speicher. Control of the church has been placed in the hands of Overseer Speicher, Judge D. V. Barnes and Deacon Alexander Granger.

"The finances of Zion City institutions will be re-organized immediately," said Overseer Speicher in making the announcement at Shiloh Temple. "The change will not affect the ecclesiastical, educational and political departments, but there will be a complete revolution in the industrial and financial methods."

Re-organization will be placed in the hands of C. J. Barnard and will involve a separation of the various institutions, which, under the present plan, have had their earnings and expenses pooled.

While on a trip to Mexico a few weeks ago Dowie suffered a slight stroke of paralysis. From this he recovered, but his health since then has been poor and he has found it necessary to give up work for the present. It is said that he expects to resume his authority on his return.

Under the re-organization plans the men of Zion City will be permitted to seek work in other cities when there is little to be performed in Zion.

Strict economy has been adopted in conducting the affairs under the re-organization, and the new leaders began by reducing the salaries of all managers of Zion City industries who have been receiving \$25 or more a week.

Seemed to Have Him Cornered.

The teacher was discussing to the class on the wonders of nature. "Take the familiar illustration of the sting of a wasp," he said, "as compared with the finest needle. When examined through a microscope the sting is still sharp, smooth and polished, while the needle appears blunt and rough."

"It is so with everything. The works of nature are infinitely superior to those of art. Try how we may, we cannot improve on nature."

"It isn't so with my eyes, teacher," said a little girl in the class.

"Why, how is that, Nellie?" he asked.

"Cause nature made me cross-eyed," she said, "and the doctors fixed my eyes all right."

How He Discovered The Thief.

An English country clergyman detected a thief in the following astute manner. A laborer had informed him that a sack of potatoes had been stolen from his garden.

"Well, well," said the minister, "I'll see to it after service."

He preached on the eighth commandment, and ended thus: "And now I have a sad tale to tell. One of our neighbors has missed a sack of potatoes from his garden, and the thief is even now sitting among you. Has he a feather on his head?"

At once a man in the congregation was seen to put his hand surreptitiously to the top of his head.—[Philadelphia Ledger.]

Johnnie Champaigne's Butter.

A typical old French Canadian "habitant," named Champagie, and well-known familiarly as "Johnnie Champaigne," lived in Haverhill some years ago. One morning he entered the grocery store where he usually traded and, in response to the pleasant greeting of the proprietor, delivered himself of the following:—

"Mornin' be gosh darn. See here, for wot you charge my wife for two pound of butter wot she never got? Ba gosh, dat's darn poor butter, too."—Boston Herald.

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