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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
SURPLUS TO POLICY HOLDERS	177,630	771,869

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Things in General.

There has not been a time for many years when the people of Woodstock took so little interest in town affairs. No one, outside six or a dozen men, seems to care who will be our Mayor and councillors next year. The general feeling is, if any men want to run, let them run. There is no attempt by business men to get together and select good candidates for office. This listlessness is by no means new, and under its influence things have gone from bad to worse, until there exists to-day a crying need for a vigorous, business management of our town affairs.

The people who run the Ladies Home Journal seem particularly pleased with a series of letters they are publishing at present, purporting to be written by a young man to his sister. In a recent advertisement they quote a paragraph from the December letter which strikes them as particularly fine, and which appears to me to be a lovely example of maudlin twaddle.

In the paragraph he calls her "Kittens" in one place, "Sis" in another, and after using the expression "a perfect hell on earth" he asks to be forgiven for swearing so. I can see this young man in my mind's eye. He parts his hair in the middle, wears his collar too high and probably lisp. I'll bet he wore his hair in long curls till he was ten years old and did crochet work till he was twelve. At the time of writing he is travelling in Europe, probably taking an advanced course in old lace.

He talks as if he would be more at home at a mothers' meeting than at a base ball game, and is generally the most lady like young thing you ever saw. It would be good for the sensible girls of to-day to pitch this sort of literature, and for Mr. Bok to take his fancy work with him and fall off the dock.

Sometimes a fellow is inclined to believe that the corporations are very bad people.

One gentleman in Woodstock discovered last year that if one has a piece of property that a railway company wants real bad, the cheapest thing to do is to give it to them and run like the deuce. By doing so one may be able to save a part of the rest of one's property.

But railway companies are not the only corporations one is up against. There are telephone companies; not less aggressive.

The other morning a citizen heard voices in his front yard, and looking out he saw three men, armed with a long ladder, a large coil of wire and other weapons, who proceeded to climb a large tree in the yard and hitch it to a sickly looking telephone pole on the street.

It was not quite clear whether they were taking possession of the whole premises in the name of the telephone company, as Columbus took possession of America in the name of the King of Spain, or were merely trying to keep the telephone pole from falling down on its knees.

The citizen demanded a stay of proceeding, and the representatives of the company instead of taking tree, house, land and all away from him as they usually do, kindly desisted and went away. Townspeople are warned against these insidious representative of corporations who go to and fro upon the earth, hitching wires to everything in sight.

While speaking about this I might go on to say that we have too many poles on our streets, and it will soon be time for the council to consider the advisability of compelling the telephone and electric light companies, if possible, to place their wires underground. When we give valuable franchises to companies we should see that they do not abuse their privileges by making the town less beautiful than it is.

McManus-Maher.

A wedding which will be heard of with much interest took place in St. Peter's church at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning. When Miss Helen Josephine Maher, daughter of Mr. Henry Maher, became the wife of Mr. M. M. McManus, one of the most successful of Woodstock's dry goods merchants. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. Maloney, C. S. S. R., and was witnessed by the immediate relatives of the bride and groom only. The bride, who was unattended, was given away by her father. She was becomingly attired in a travelling costume of brown with trimmings of mink, and a mink hat to match. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the residence of Mr. Maher, on Main street. The bride and groom left on the Boston express for their home in Woodstock.

Mrs. McManus was one of the most popular young ladies of the North End. She received a very large number of beautiful gifts from members of her wide circle of friends and is followed to her new home by many wishes for future happiness.—St. John Globe.

The Town Council.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council was held on Monday evening. His Worship, Mayor Jones, was in the chair and all the councillors were present.

The Town Treasurer submitted his report for the eleven months ending November 30th, which showed an expenditure of \$32,160.57, and receipts amounting to \$22,774.30.

The receipts for the month of November were \$3234.11 and the expenditure was \$3896.05.

The bank debit balance is now \$1413.43.

The Town Marshal's report for the month of November showed that the sum of \$1687.95 was collected, \$1541.00 of which was for taxes, and the balance for licenses, etc.

The Mayor informed the council that he had received a communication from Mr. A. C. Calder, Attorney for Mrs. Margaret Hanson, relating to an alleged damage by the town to Mrs. Hanson's property on Charlotte street. His Worship stated that he had omitted to bring the letter with him to the session of the council and no further action was taken, but the matter will probably be brought up on Friday evening. (At a previous meeting of the council this matter came up for discussion and a committee was then appointed consisting of His Worship, Councillors Henderson and Nicholson and the Street Commissioner to look over the property and ascertain what damage had been done, if any, and report to the council.)

Councillor Stevens said that he had been waited on by a delegation from the Reformed Baptist church who had interviewed him with regard to the piece of property on the corner of Main and Victoria streets opposite the church. The delegation stated that they received no revenue from this property and asked to be relieved from taxation on the same, urging that they were entitled to exemption as the land referred to is church property. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

His Worship read a letter from James W. Astle in which the latter claimed excessive taxation on a piece of property owned by him and asked for a rebate of taxes thereon. This matter was also referred to the Finance Committee.

In reference to an application from the C. P. R. for a reduction in water rates, Councillor Henderson stated that he had made several attempts to have an interview with Superintendent Newcombe, but that he had so far failed. He thought, however, that it would be impossible to give that company water at the rate that they asked for, and that for his part he considered that it would be better to cease supplying the company with water altogether than to pump it at a loss.

His Worship stated that the cost of putting in a water system on Main street up to the residence of Mr. Charles Garden amounted to \$500.45.

The Town Clerk then opened and read the tenders of Michael E. Murphy and Albert G. Fields for the contract of acting as engineer at the pumping station and supervising the electric light system of the town. The tenders were as follows:—

Michael E. Murphy, \$1800.00.

Albert G. Fields, \$1700.00.

Councillor Fisher moved that the tenders be placed in the hands of the Water Committee to be reported on at Friday evening's session.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Nicholson and carried.

The council then adjourned.

THE ODL MADRID SWINDLE AGAIN.

W. F. Hyman of Benton is Offered the Chance of His Life.

The following letters are self-explanatory. The second is simply the old Madrid swindle in a slightly different form, the change probably being due to the fact that the parties formerly engaged in the business are now in prison in reality:

BENTON, N. B., Dec. 2, 1905.

To the Editor of the Sun:—
Dear Sir,—I am enclosing a letter received today, asking you to kindly publish for the benefit of myself and others who have received similar letters. What this fraud consists of or how the scheme is worked, there may be more of your readers than myself that would be interested in learning.

Yours truly,
W. F. HYMAN.

MADRID, 18, 11, 1905.

Dear Sir—Arrested by bankruptcy, I beg your aid to recover a trunk with 50,000 lbs. deposited at an English railway station, being necessary to rise the seize of a valise inner which I have hidden a check of 1,200 pounds, payable to bearer and ticket of trunk necessary to recover it.

I will reward you with the third part of amount if you come to rise said seize.

I can not receive your answer at prison, so must be sent to my son by a cablegram thus addressed:
Martin Sandoval 5 bajo Madrid.

Being not used you may receive this letter, I wait your answer to my full name and more explanation.

V.
Please reply by cable, not by letter, and sign your name.

A Paper Called The Press.

THE DISPATCH denied, in toto, the charges contained in a letter in last week's Press. But the journal, probably digging into the dismal caverns of its own consciousness for a criterion whereby to judge others, practically restates the charges on its own account in an editorial this week.

It is not always possible to say who writes the editorials for the Press, but it is well known that this one was written by two men in collaboration, and we can only say, again, that the charges therein made are all utterly false. The word which describes the writers they will find in the office dictionary under the letter L.

We had always thought Woodstock singularly free from that petty business jealousy which so often afflicts small towns, but we can only think that the action of the Press in this matter is prompted by that most contemptible feeling. Its conduct must remind everyone of that of a dirty little boy of the gutter who pelts passers by with mud, safe in the knowledge that he can get no dirtier himself, and hoping that he may bring some one else to a resemblance of his own wretched plight.

We have no wish to have a controversy with the Press, nor will we. Time was, when it was worthy of consideration, now it is worthy of none. THE DISPATCH declines to take any further notice of it.

Presentation to Mr. C. D. Jordan.

On Tuesday evening Mr. C. D. Jordan of the C. P. R. was waited upon at his home by a delegation composed of Messrs George Bulmer and Arthur W. Smith of the C. P. R. who presented, on behalf of the employees of this section, the following address accompanied by a very handsome solid oak Morris chair upholstered in raw silk, and a set of briar pipes in a leather case.

Mr. Jordan responded in a happy manner, expressing his hearty appreciation of the generous gift and kindly sentiment of his co-workers in the service.

A thoughtful member of the office staff added a generous supply of his favorite brand of tobacco.

The following is a copy of the address and the names thereto:—

Woodstock, N. B., November 28th, 1905.

C. D. Jordan Esq.,
Town.

Dear Friend:—
We, the undersigned employees of the C. P. R. have learned with regret that you have reached the time when your services will no longer be given to the Company, owing to your superannuation. We have always found you a friend and gentleman. We ask you to accept the Morris Chair and Pipes which accompany this address—may you long live to enjoy them both in the wish of us all. Signed:—

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| F. N. Currie, | A. Williams, |
| A. W. Smith, | F. A. Retallick, |
| L. Ord, | G. G. Hare, |
| H. Flemming, | E. Alexander, |
| P. Bourne, | J. R. Estey, |
| F. G. McLean, | Arch McLean, |
| J. E. Davis, | R. N. Bruce, |
| Sidney Grant, | R. Allan, |
| George Bulmer, | Everett Davis, |
| William Glew, | James Lewis, |
| John Morrison, | Dell Brewer, |
| George Chapman, | R. Lutz, |
| James Johnston, | George McCluskey, |
| Arthur Kelly, | A. Aiton, |
| S. Yerxa, | H. Estabrooks, |
| Charles McGibbon, | Wm. Grantham, |
| Fred Logue, | G. W. Upham, |
| H. E. Currie, | F. E. Smith, |
| J. W. McIninch, | H. E. Murphy, |
| Thomas McLean, | J. W. Davis, |
| F. B. Drysdale, | D. A. McKendrick, |
| S. R. Ross, | W. J. Weeks, |
| Roy Watt, | H. S. Colwell, |
| Charles E. Oliver, | O. Vandine, |
| W. A. Britton, | James Reid, |
| | F. P. Tinker. |

Presbytery of St. John.

Beginning on Monday, December 4th, the Presbytery of St. John will meet on several consecutive evenings for visitation of the congregations in the northern part of the Presbytery. Dates and places of meeting have been arranged as follows:—

Greenfield, Thursday, December 7th, at 7.00 p. m.

Woodstock, Friday, December 8th, at 7.30 p. m.

McKenzie Corner, Monday, December 11th, at 7.00 p. m.

Oak Mountain, Tuesday, 12th, at 2.00 p. m.

Kirkland, Tuesday, 12th, at 7.00 p. m.

A full attendance of the congregation is expected in each case. At each meeting one or more addresses will be delivered bearing upon the principles and work of the church. A conference will be held with the session and Board of Trustees in each congregation and as far as practicable with the officers and active workers in the Sunday school, missionary and other organizations. The object of the visitation is to get into closer touch with the congregations of the Presbytery, to learn the methods, problems and difficulties existing in the congregations, to offer such commendation, criticism and counsel as may be deemed proper and necessary, in all to stimulate the members of the congregations to their best work, and to strengthen the hands of the active workers in the church.