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1905---A Year of GREAT RESULTS.

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company on Dec. 31st, 1905, closed its most successful year. Some of the year's results were as follows:

Insurance in force Dec. 31, 1905, over.....	\$42,270,272 00
Applications received during 1905.....	8,566,355 00
Net Premium Income.....	1,645,385 58
Total Income.....	1,945,840 31
Increase in Insurance in force.....	4,601,804 00
Increase in Assets.....	1,072,337 09
Making Total Assets.....	7,184,681 66
Increase in Surplus.....	130,085 94
Making Total Surplus.....	901,956 06
(Including \$300,000 00 Capital Stock.)	

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company Guarantees Positive Protection to Policy Holders.

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T. A. LINDSAY, Mgrs. Maritime Provinces, St. John, N. B.
Inspector, Woodstock, N.B.

Town Council.

The town council met on Monday evening, the Mayor in the chair and all the councillors present.

The treasurer's report showed February receipts \$1394.03, expenditure \$2265.73, bank debit balance \$1462.57.

Last month the town marshal collected in taxes \$529.03, licenses for billiard rooms and bowling alleys \$150.00, received from poor farm \$71.70.

When the bill for the salary of the engineer of the pumping station was presented the question arose as to how the amount was to be apportioned as between the water and light services. Coun. Fisher protested that the amount charged to light had always been too large and urged that the lights could not be run properly without a man whose sole duty should be to look after them.

Coun. Dunbar agreed with him and the apportioning of the amount was left to the water and light committees of which these men are respectively the chairmen.

Coun. Dunbar introduced the request of the C. P. R. for a lower water rate. On motion Coun. McManus seconded by Coun. Fields the rate by metre to all manufacturing concerns, those using water for power and the C. P. R. was reduced from 15 cts to 12½ cts per 1000 gallons.

A bill from W. L. Carr for wood for pumping station was presented. Coun. Fields protested that though he was a member of the Water Committee he had not been consulted about this purchase. After the wood was delivered he looked it over and found that it was of poor quality, much of it quite too large to be used at the pumping station, and he thought the price was too high.

Coun. Dunbar said that Mr. Carr assured him that the first lot had not been intended to be delivered to the town. He said he had Mr. Donnelly examine and scale it and he had informed him that it was fair wood. Mr. Carr said he would have all the large wood split if they would throw it out.

Coun. Fields moved the bill be referred to the Water Committee.

Coun. Leighton seconded the motion, because, he said, this same wood had been examined by the last council and had been regarded as unfit for use at the pumping station. The motion was lost and the bill was referred to the audit committee.

Coun. McManus chairman of the poor committee introduced the case of the family of John Hanson who accompanied him from Island Falls, Me., a few weeks ago, when he (Hanson) was brought back from there by the authorities to answer a charge of criminal assault. Coun. McManus said they were a charge on the town and asked instructions as to whether to send them to the town farm or give them outside relief. Coun. Leighton and the Mayor thought they should be sent to the farm but Coun. McManus was given no instructions but left to deal with the matter himself. He was informed by the town Clerk that he could not compel them to go to the farm but he need not give them relief at any place but the farm.

Coun. Leighton thought all poor should be sent to the farm and there should be no outside relief. If such a system were adopted many people now applying for relief would find means of supporting themselves.

Charles L. Smith who was heard on behalf of the Carleton County Agricultural Society asked for a grant for an Exhibition to be held in Woodstock in September. The town had helped the society on three other occasions for which they were grateful. He thought these exhibitions helped the town; everything that helped the farmer helped the town. Other towns in the province made grants of this kind. Last year Fredericton made a grant of 3,000 to an exhibition in that city. This being the 50th year of the incorporation of the town the town corporation and the Agricultural Society might work together for a grand celebration. The buildings of the society were not altogether such as they needed and they expected a grant from the government of \$2,500. If the town showed enough interest in matter to make a grant of \$500, it would have a tendency to make the government give more freely.

Dr. E. S. Kirkpatrick on behalf of the 67th Regimental Band said this was the fourth time he had asked a council for a grant for the band and they had always treated him well. He said the band had to pay a leader \$10.00 a week and their other expenses made their necessary outlay \$100 a month. Their circumstances just now were not so good as in other years, for while in other winters they had an ice rink from which to make some money this winter they had none. The band was a public institution and a good asset to the town and no other town or city in the province had a better band than Woodstock. They were now in debt \$200,

but they were anxious to keep together and they looked to a time when their expenses would be less than at present, for when the Armoury was finished they would have a room there with heat and light, free of charge. The band had played during the last three summer carnivals. The first year they were not paid a cent. The second year only a fraction of the amount promised them was paid. Last year there was a distinct understanding with the committee that the band's bill should not be slighted, but the committee still owe them \$27.00 and they never expected to get it. He asked for \$200, promised weekly open air concerts next summer as usual and said that if the council would give them this grant it would find it money well spent.

His Worship Mayor Munro read the petition of ratepayers on Queen Street South asking for a larger water main, a hydrant, two street lights, a sidewalk and an improved road bed.

John W. Grant was added to the police force.

ESTIMATED EX. ENDITURES.

	1905	1906
Interest on debentures.....	\$5000.00	\$5688.00
Interest at bank.....	400.00	400.00
Water Works expenses.....	8800.00	4000.00
Sinking fund.....	200.00	1200.00
Electric Light.....	1500.00	1500.00
Schools.....	5600.00	8007.65
Streets.....	1800.00	1500.00
Poor.....	1300.00	1300.00
Fire.....	2800.00	2900.00
County purposes.....	2634.00	2714.45
Police.....	1135.00	1200.00
Town team.....	600.00	850.00
Salaries.....	300.00	300.00
Printing.....	250.00	200.00
Lighting town hall.....	175.00	250.00
Sewers.....	300.00	1200.00
Public Health.....	110.00	150.00
Assessors.....	500.00	150.00
Discount on taxes.....	500.00	900.00
Hospital.....	500.00	500.00
New Hose.....	300.00	
Miscellaneous.....	1451.00	1489.90
Deficit.....	5000.00	1500.00
Debtenture.....	1000.00	2400.00
New Services.....		223.00
	\$37873.00	\$32000.00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

	1905	906
Water Rates.....	\$6700.00	7000.00
Sewer Rates.....	500.00	600.00
Licenses and Fines.....	300.00	500.00
Rent Engine House.....	48.00	48.00
Rent Scales.....	75.00	75.00
Poor Farm.....	250.00	300.00
	\$7873.00	\$8523.00

No Lectures.

The newspapers of Woodstock are represented at the town council by men who have been attending the sessions of that august body for some years. At least two members of the press gallery have been in attendance at the council longer than any member who sits at the board, and they may continue to report it where half its present members have been dis elected.

At the meeting on Monday evening His Worship the Mayor twice talked to the press gallery and told them to omit from their reports the substance of certain discussions that were going forward. We rise to protest on behalf of the press. We must not be lectured nor dictated to from the beautifully carved mahogany chair in which the Mayor sits. Have we not attended the meetings of council for ten years? And sometimes they were very dull. Have we not omitted the discussions of matter that should never have been public but should have been threshed out in committee? Have we not often by a judicious report, saved many a councillor and sometimes a Mayor, from being known to the public as an ass? Have we not written speeches in handsome periods of English eloquence, for members who couldn't say four words without tearing the covers off the grammar?

Since His Worship has undertaken to lecture the press, let us have a small, one paragraph, talk with the Mayor and Council.

We report your deliberations and you are glad to have them reported and the ratepayers are interested in reading them. At every meeting reports are submitted, letters are read, petitions are presented, and it is only fair, for the benefit of the ratepayers who wish to know the substance of these reports, letters and petitions, that copies of them should be supplied to the representatives of newspapers present.

We now formally ask that type written copies of all these documents be provided us. This is only a fair request, as is also the request that all the reports submitted to the annual town meeting be supplied to each of the local newspapers not later than the opening of the meeting.

Let the press have no lectures but more type-written documents.

Sale of Furniure.

Parlor Suites, Bedroom Suites, Tables, Chairs, Hall Rack, Stoves, Kitchen Utensils. All must be sold. A. A. VESEY, Richmond street. March 7, 31.

OUR PROVINCIAL SCHOOLS.

The Report Shows That in Order to Keep Schools in Operation Better Salaries Must be Paid.

The Annual Report of the Schools of New Brunswick, recently issued, contains much information that might serve as a subject for serious reflection on the part of those who take an intelligent interest in the affairs of our province. In some respects it is a more hopeful report than was submitted to the legislature last year, but it shows that there is still room for improvement in our educational affairs.

It is a matter for congratulation that our Educational Department is so carefully administered. Probably in no part of our public service is such economy observed. But there is a danger that in this particular branch the government has been not too economical but too parsimonious. That in order to keep down the expenses the interests of the schools have been permitted to suffer.

During the past year the expenditure for schools was \$201,588 22 for the education of 60,400 pupils, an average of about \$3.33 per pupil. This would be a very creditable showing if all the children of school age had the advantages of good schools. There are altogether 1670 districts in our province and in 61 of these untrained teachers were employed while in 353 during the first term and 386 during the last term no school of any kind was operated. That is to say 447 more trained teachers should have been employed in addition to the 1805 at work, or only about 4.5 the required number of teachers were engaged. How many children thus deprived of school privileges is not shown; but it would be safe to assume from 5500 to 6000.

This is not quite so bad as it was for the previous year but it is altogether too bad. What is to be the future of New Brunswick if such a large number of the children, evidently from 9% to 10% are allowed to grow up in ignorance? These vacant schools are in the country districts. Is it any wonder that in driving through the rural sections we meet so frequently with decaying premises and deserted farms? Agricultural fairs, butter factories and experimental farms will do but little to inculcate a love for rural life so long as the children of the farmers are compelled to grow up in ignorance.

The scarcity of teachers is claimed to be the cause of this state of affairs. But what causes this scarcity? Every year the Normal school turns out about 300 new teachers at an expense to the province of about \$12,000, so it cannot be lack of men and women competent to fill the positions. A glance at the table of salaries reveals the trouble at once. This year the report shows a small increase for all classes and an increase in the number of teachers employed but a much more substantial increase is needed in order to keep the best teachers in the profession. In dealing with the question of "Scarcity of Teachers," the Chief Superintendent says: "There is no reasonable ground to hope that the wide experienced stringency arising from the scarcity of teachers will relax until one of two things occurs. Either the rate of teachers' salaries must, in some way, be increased proportionately to that of other employments requiring equal training and intelligence, or we must wait until the business pendulum swings in the opposite direction and a period of "hard times" takes the place of the prosperous period which we have experienced for several years past." What a comforting thought it will be to the people of these communities where they have no schools to know that although they cannot afford a teacher now when times are good, they will be able to afford one when a period of "hard times" comes. Imagine some pious mother, when the cares of the day are ended, kneeling beside the homely cot that holds her sleeping children, and praying the Giver of all Good things to send "hard times" as the only means of securing an education for her little ones, and giving them a fighting chance with the rest of humanity. If these districts are too poor to support a school the government ought to come to their assistance in some way, while if they keep their schools closed from mere indifference the government should levy the necessary taxes and keep the schools in operation.

Have You Paid The Board on Your Freight.

The people who run the C. P. R. freight department in Woodstock are getting most all-fired mean. If a bit of freight arrives for a man today and he doesn't take it out yesterday they charge him board for it. It is true the charges are not very high, the smallest being one cent and the largest I have seen on a freight bill being six cents. I don't suppose it swells the dividends of the stockholders very much, but they just want to teach us people not to be too independent and think we have any right in the C. P. R.'s country.