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Consequently we are going to do a hustling business during February if **Big Reductions** will bring this about. We are making extensive changes in our business to take effect March 1st, and hope to reduce our stock materially by that date.

We would also respectfully request all persons indebted to us to kindly pay up their accounts during February.

John McLauchlan,
The Leading Haberdasher.

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That there is no better company with which to place your Life Insurance than **THE MANUFACTURERS' LIFE** is clearly shown by the following comparison:—

	Dec 31, 1894	Dec 31, 1904
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
SURPLUS TO POLICY HOLDERS.....	177,630	771,869

The ten years during which these increases have taken place cover the period of the present management of the company. Certainly such magnificent success guarantees **POSITIVE PROTECTION TO POLICY-HOLDERS.** Apply for rates to

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It is important that persons placing **FIRE INSURANCE** should select strong and reliable companies. This being the case it would be impossible perhaps to find a stronger and more reliable company represented in Carleton County in one office than the following companies for whom the undersigned is agent, namely:
CALEDONIAN, the Oldest Scottish Fire Office.
NORWICH UNION, Established in 1797.
ATLAS, Founded in the reign of King George III and the **QUEEN.**
I shall be pleased to see intending insurers.
LOUIS E. YOUNG,
Woodstock, N. B.

Imperial Poultry Food
consists of cooked Bone and Meat Scraps. Just what is required to double the quantity of eggs and costs \$1.50 pr. 100 lbs. bags.
Manufactured and for sale by
IMPERIAL PACKING CO., LTD.
Woodstock, N. B.

TEACHER WANTED.
A second class female teacher for District No. 5 Parish of Northampton. Apply stating salary to **L. H. SEWELL,** Secretary, Pembroke. Nov. 29, t.f.

WARNING.
All persons are warned against buying from Partlow Waters a bay working horse nine years old, as it belongs to me. **MRS. FRASER,** Hartford, Carleton County. Jan. 31, 21.

FOR SALE.
My residence between Main and Union Streets, lot 90x200 feet, concrete floor in cellar, separate cellar for vegetables, heated by furnace, hot water, open fireplaces in three rooms, hardwood floors in dining room, lower hall and one bedroom.
J. N. W. WINSLOW,
Woodstock, Jan. 29, 1906, 21.

TEACHER WANTED.
Second Class Female Teacher for District No. 2, Parish of Northampton. Apply to **D. A. GIBSON,** Secretary, Northampton. Jan. 17, 31.

Social Events.

Miss Fannie Smith entertained a number of friends very pleasantly on Wednesday evening. Dancing was the order of amusement. Refreshments were served about eleven.

On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Seely entertained a large party of their friends at drive-whist. Fourteen tables were arranged and about twenty hands of whist were played, after which a sumptuous supper was served. Mrs. W. P. Jones was the winner of the ladies first prize, Mr. Geo. A. White won the gentlemen's first, Mrs. W. S. Skillen and Dr. Guy B. Manzer were presented with the consolations.

The members of the 20th Century Club were entertained at high tea on Thursday evening by Mrs. A. J. Haycen.

Mrs. John Atherton entertained about thirty of the friends of her daughter, Kathleen, at a very pleasant children's party on Thursday, seven till ten.

The Y. P. A. of St. Luke's church was very pleasantly entertained on Monday evening by Miss Lou Smith. A guessing contest followed by some charades occupied the evening. Refreshments were served about ten thirty. The next meeting will be at the home of Miss Jennie Townsend on Monday, Feb. 19th.

Funeral of Mrs. I. N. Draper.

The funeral of Mrs. I. N. Draper which took place from the residence, Grafton, last Wednesday was largely attended. The school trustees and school teachers of Woodstock and a large number of Mr. Draper's pupils were among those present. The services were conducted by the Rev. I. A. Corbett, who had performed the marriage ceremony for Mr. and Mrs. Draper about a year ago. The sermon was from the text "To live is Christ and to die is gain." "Nearer my God to Thee" and other appropriate hymns were rendered by the male quartette, Messrs Dr. Baker, Fred Moores, Lester Hull and H. Lockwood. "When I get to the end of my way," was sung by Mr. Moores, in compliance with a request made by Mrs. Draper a few days before her death. The floral offerings were lovely, among them being one from the teachers of the college building, one from the teachers of the Broadway School and one from Mr. Draper's scholars. The pall bearers were Charles and Warren Hale, Mailand Hovey and Frank Haley.

For Prevention of Consumption.

The Sixth Annual meeting of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Consumption and Other Forms of Tuberculosis will be held in the Railway Committee room of the House of Commons on the 28th of March next. The Honourable Senator Edwards will preside in the afternoon.

In the evening a public lecture will be delivered in the Lecture Hall of the Normal School by Dr. Arthur J. Richer of Montreal which will be illustrated with stereopticon plates showing the stages of Consumption and some of the appliances now in use to check and cure the disease. The chair will be taken in the evening by His Excellency, Earl Grey.

Liquor Inquiry at Perth.

Hon. Wendell P. Jones, the commissioner appointed by the local government to inquire into certain charges preferred against G. Miles McCrea, liquor license inspector for Victoria County, heard the evidence in the matter at Audover last Tuesday and Wednesday.

The complainant in the case was Thos. Lawson, the well known barrister, who was present in person. His counsel was Frank B. Carvell, M. P. The inspector, who was also on hand, had his counsel, Titus J. Carter.

The charges alleged that the inspector since May last had received, exclusive of fines, some \$600, of which he had made no account to the government; that he had employed detectives from the United States to secure convictions, to whom he had paid large sums of money; that a great number of informations had been laid against certain parties and a counsel fee of \$6 paid on each case even when the charges were undisputed; that the inspector had not administered the law impartially, and that he was improvidently using the license fund; that in consequence of his actions the salaries of the commissioners had not been paid, there being no fund out of which to pay them.

Nothing seems to have been proved against Mr. McCrea except that he did not know when to make his returns to the government. Perhaps his worst offence was that he had enticed the law too well. The commissioner will submit his report to the government, who will render a decision in the case.

The New Town Council.

The new town council held its meeting last Friday evening. Mayor Munro was in the chair and all the councillors were present. His worship made the following address:—
Gentlemen, Councillors of the Town of Woodstock,

In consequence of the mandate of the citizens of the town of Woodstock, you as the duly elected and qualified members of the town council for the year 1906 have been convened together for the purpose of beginning the work of administering the affairs of the town.

Permit me to compliment you upon your preference by your fellow citizens to the honorable position of members of this board, and at the same time I would congratulate the citizens upon having selected men so well qualified and interested in the welfare of the town, and willing to make the sacrifice of time, and take upon themselves the labors and responsibilities devolving upon the proper discharge of public affairs.

Having been elected like yourselves I will be held equally responsible with you, and entitled to compensation for good government as well as condemnation for bad management, and with this in view it will be my purpose to have a supervision over all departments, and I feel confident that this course will be one that will be approved of by each member of this Board, and that by a careful and judicious course, having a due regard for economy and proper service, our work will be carried on with unanimity, and for the best interests of the whole town.

Before passing on to business matters there is one thing that I would like to make a passing reference to, and that is the removal by death from our midst of the gentleman who was first called upon to fill the Mayor's chair of this town at its incorporation fifty years ago, and who for so many years subsequently, with such rare ability presided over the deliberations of this council, and who always evinced such a deep interest in the affairs of this town; even more than we, his fellow citizens, were really disposed to give him credit for, as evidenced by the manner in which he made such a lavish disposition of his great wealth for the benefit of the citizens of this town. Such munificence and single heartedness of purpose will certainly serve to perpetuate, and keep green in the memory of the citizens of this town, the name of Lewis Peter Fisher.

You have been called together earlier than has been the custom in late years, with a view to have the committees appointed, and that each committee may, in the interval that will elapse from now until the regular meeting of the council in February have an opportunity to enquire into the needs of the department, so that if any change is called for such adjustment may then be made.

In connection with the nominations of the members who are to compose the Committees having charge of the different Departments and which I ask you to confirm later on, I would say that I have endeavoured to place them where I thought them best suited for the work in hand, and I would earnestly suggest that, as each Committee is composed of three Members, they consult together and work and act together, in all matters of detail, and not as though there was only one man on the Committee, and I would also suggest that each Committee be provided with an order book, and that all goods be procured upon a written order, signed by the Chairman of the Committee, and that he preserve a record of all such orders, so as to facilitate the checking of all bills, and that no bills be paid unless they have been so ordered.

Some of the important matters that will engage your attention during the present year will be:

The Refunding of \$80,000.00 Debenture indebtedness.

The Consideration of Improving the Water Works System.

The consideration of some better system of collecting the taxes.

In regard to the first of these I would explain that twenty years ago the bonded debt was Consolidated and Debentures to the amount of \$80,000 were issued, bearing four and a half per cent. interest. The bonds were to run thirty years, but under the authority under which they were issued, the town could, if so desired, upon certain notice being given, call in such bonds, and as the town can easily negotiate such a loan at four per cent., it will be in the interest of the Town to do so, and thus save \$400.00 of an annual interest charge. I would suggest that in connection with the above that authority to establish a sinking fund to provide funds to redeem at least a portion of this debt at the end of the next twenty years. Last year the Assessment was \$30,000, the highest in the history of the town and amount assessed for interest on debentures was \$3,909.00 or nearly one fifth of the whole assessment.

It would appear to me that it was time some provision was made to reduce this load, and I believe that it can be done without increasing the present burdens of the people.

The consideration of improving our water works system is a matter that will need careful thought. That some change has to be made is sure. The matter has been brought to the council for several years past, and I have confidence to believe that this present council will not put the matter off longer. The trouble is caused by the consumption of water to such an extent that the maximum capacity of our pumps has been reached or very nearly so, leaving a very small margin for the fire service. The consumption is simply due to parties allowing the water to run to waste.

There are two courses open to remedy this evil, one is to have an inspector who will make every effort to keep the waste down,

the other is to install a meter on every service and make the consumer pay for the water taken. The first course is not considered to be of much force as parties when caught will promise to do better, but soon get back into the old way; then it is difficult and causes a lot of friction and trouble. The second course provides a sleepless and tireless inspector, and when the consumer knows he has to pay for all the water taken, there will be very little waste. Twenty years ago or over, when our plant was put in, sixty gallons was estimated as a liberal allowance per capita, or that amount to each man, woman and child, yet in 1904 our consumption had reached 97 gallons per capita. During that year there were seventy-eight residences in the town supplied through meters, and the average amount taken by each family was 31,743 gallons, or a daily allowance taken by each family of 87 gallons and allowing four persons to each family brings the consumption on these metered services down to 21 gallons per capita per day.

During 1904 the metered water paid at the rate of 18 cents per 1000 gallons while the unmetered water, after making allowances for leaks and other services not furnishing any revenue, contributed only six cents per 1000 gallons. One of two things will surely follow the introduction of a meter system, and that is, either the amount of water pumped will be reduced by about half, or the revenue will be nearly trebled. It would appear to me to be time to take this matter up, and try and remedy the evil. Some may say that there is plenty of water in the river, but it must be remembered that it costs something to pump it, particularly when it all has to be pumped on an average of 197 feet high all the time. Then again taking this view of it, and agreeing to continue the waste, it is imperative that we have more pumping capacity to meet all the demands, at all times of the year. More pumps will call for money to install them, and more money to operate them.

If a meter system were installed it can be arranged by a change in minimum rate, to apply to those who only have one faucet, so that they would not have to pay any more for water required for use, than they now pay \$6.00 unless they allow it to run to waste, in which case they would have to pay more. I trust that this matter will receive the serious consideration of this board, and while I have no doubt in my mind as to the right course to pursue, yet there may be difficulties to overcome which I am not aware of at the present time, and if so I shall be only too glad to do all that I can to make an effort to bring about a better state of affairs.

Now in regard to the other matter of introducing some better system of collecting the taxes. You are fully aware that after an assessment is made and handed over to the collector, thirty days are allowed for payment at the discount, then notice is given allowing ten days more for payment without costs, and with notice that after the ten days are up, executions will be issued. The ten days go by but usually the executions do not issue just then. The matter is allowed to hang until late in the fall, when some classes of people need every dollar they can raise, for other use besides paying taxes. I would suggest that a change be made in collecting from those who do not take the discount, by collecting the tax in four equal monthly installments, the first payment to be made within thirty days after the ten days notice has expired, and so on until the tax is fully paid. No expense to the tax-payer so long as he meets his payments, but costs if he fails. In my opinion this will afford an easy way for many of our citizens to pay up their taxes and will not be any injustice to those who have paid, as they got the discount for paying within the time, but we all know that there are many of our citizens who find it difficult spare five or six dollars at one time who might pay the tax on a fair understanding like this.

It would necessarily follow with this plan that our collector would have to see that this be carried out. If not carried it would be our duty to see why it was not followed.

I thank you, gentlemen, for the courtesy you have shown me and I would only say that I hope to pursue a course while presiding over your deliberations that will be wholly impartial and devoid of favoritism, and that by mutual intercourse we may take counsel together and thus arrive at what may be for the best interests of the town.

I wish to thank the citizens of the town for placing me in this honorable position, and I assure them that I will to the best of my ability endeavor to discharge the duties in such a manner as will be satisfactory to them and alike creditable to myself.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The slate of committees, the first named being chairman, was presented by the mayor as follows:—

Finance, Audit, License, Printing—Leighton, Henderson, McManus.

Water—Dunbar, Fields, Fisher.

Streets—Henderson, McManus, Dunbar.

Fire—Leighton, Fields, Fisher.

Poor—McManus, Fisher, Henderson.

Electric Light—Fisher, Fields, Leighton.

Sewers, Health, Police, Town Hall, Town Scales—Fields, Fisher, Leighton.

On motion Coun. Fisher, seconded Coun. Henderson, the committees stand as read.

Petition of Howard McDonald for license for a pool table was referred to finance committee.

The Scott Act question took up some time and Inspector Colpitts was heard before the board.

On motion Coun. Henderson, seconded Coun. Leighton, Hubert Seely was appointed principal assessor for the year 1906, at a salary of \$100.

On motion Coun. McManus, seconded

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