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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Public
General Hospital Society will be held
in the City Council Chambers, Har-
rison Hall, on Tuesday, March 5th,
1907, at four o'clock p. m.

ONE WAS NOT

He told me that if I married him
my every wish would be gratified.
Well, is it not so?
Oh, no; I wish that I hadn't
married him.Egoism is merely the happy facul-
ty of pleasing ourselves.

GOOD THIS WEEK

The moving pictures, songs and
vaudeville at the Bisco Opera House
this week is an exceptionally strong
one. The pictures and songs are new.
The vaudeville acts are the best yet.
Remember the five cent four o'clock
matinee, and only ten cents ad-
mission at night.

WANTED ANOTHER.

Lady in dry goods store.—And is
tis color also genuine?
Salesman.—As genuine as the roses
on your cheeks, miss.
Lady.—H'm—show me another one.THE NORTH AMERICAN LIFE
ASSURANCE COMPANYHeld its Annual Meeting at its home Office in Toronto, on Tuesday, the 26th
day of January, 1907. The President, Mr. John L. Blaikie, was appointed Chairman
and the Managing Director, Mr. L. Goldman, Secretary when the following report
was submitted:

NEW BUSINESS

The policies issued for the year, together with those
revived, amounted to the sum of \$4,364,624, being less than
the new business transacted for the previous year. Owing
to the conditions prevailing in the life insurance business on
this Continent, the Directors considered that in the interests
of the policyholders the reduction in expenses was of greater
importance than expansion in new business, and in this
respect the statement presented shows they have been eminently
successful, by making the very large reduction of
about five per cent. in one year in the ratio of expenses to
premium income. This percentage of reduction has resulted
in the material saving in expenses of \$48,996.49, as compar-
ed with the previous year.

CASH INCOME

The cash income for the first year from Premiums,
Interest, etc. was \$1,745,544, showing the satisfactory in-
crease for the year of \$86,450.94.PAYMENTS TO
POLICYHOLDERSThe amount paid on policyholders' account was \$58,-
195.68, and of this amount the sum of \$306,179.53 represents
payments for dividends, matured endowments, etc.

ASSETS

The assets increased during the year by the sum of
\$831,050.79, and now amount to \$7,799,064.45.ADDITION
TO RESERVEAfter making ample provision for all liabilities, includ-
ing special addition to the reserve fund, and paying a rela-
tively large amount for dividends to policyholders during
the year, there was a handsome addition made to the net
surplus, which now amounts to \$650,209.08, the year's work,
from the financial standpoint, being the best in the Com-
pany's history.NET SURPLUS
INCREASEDThe assets of the Company have been, as heretofore,
invested in the best class of securities; a detailed list of these
will be published with the Annual Report for distribution.FULL REPORT
SENT TO
GOVERNMENTAs heretofore, the Company's books were closed on the
last business day of the year, and in due course full reports
with detailed list of the securities held by the Company
were sent to the Government.

MONTHLY AUDIT

A monthly examination of the books of the Company
was made by the auditors, and at the close of the year they
made a thorough scrutiny of all the securities held by the
Company. In addition to the examination of the securities
by the Auditors, a Committee of the Board, consisting of
two Directors, audited these securities each quarter.Owing to Dominion Legislation providing that Judges
should not be Directors of Corporations, the First Vice
President, Hon. Sir William R. Meredith, K. C., who had
been associated with the Company for many years, much to
its advantage, felt compelled to resign his position on the
Board of the Company, and the Directors accepted the same
with great reluctance.It will be the duty of this Meeting to elect a Director to
fill the vacancy thus created.The Insurance Legislation enacted in New York State
which went into effect January 1st, 1907, had the effect of
our Manager and Agents there declining to accept the statu-
tory terms of remuneration, and it was, therefore, found
necessary to cease writing new business in the State. Pro-
vision has been made at the Syracuse office to look after the
interests of policyholders in that State, while the large
deposit will remain there for the security of policyholders in
the United States.The care and attention manifested in their duties by the
Company's Officers, Provincial Managers, Inspectors, Dis-
trict Agents, and all other Agents, are deserving of the
highest commendations.L. GOLDMAN, J. L. BLAIEKIE,
Managing Director. President.The Annual Report, showing marked proofs of the solid position of the Company
and containing a list of the securities held, and also those upon which the Company
has made collateral loans, will be sent in due course to each policyholder.

SMITH & SMITH, Local Representatives, Chatham, Ont.

WILL TAX
GAS WELLSMinister Of Lands And
Mines Places Principles
Before Politics

GAS MEN'S OBJECTIONS

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Interest yester-
day afternoon centered less in the
comparatively pre-emptory short ses-
sion of the Legislature than in the
more interesting and significant pro-
ceedings which were transpiring sim-
ultaneously in the reception room.
Thither had gathered a large deputa-
tion, representing all the natural gas
districts of the Province, to protest
to Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of
Lands and Mines, against the propo-
sed tax on natural gas wells.Duty to the State.
"I had hoped that the day was
past in Ontario when the argument
of vote-getting or vote-losing was sup-
posed to outweigh with a Minister
of the Crown what he believed to be
the right and in the best interests of
the whole Province. Up in the north, in
my own constituency, among my own
people engaged and interested in the
mining operations, they do not feel
kindly to the mining tax, which you
endorse. I don't think it is a vote-
getter for me. I know it is not. It
is because we think it is in the in-
terests of the whole Province that we
submit it to the Legislature. It may
not be good politics. I do not suppose
it is. But will we be any the worse
for trying principle, instead of politics,
for a while."

Principle Before Politics.

Such was the essence of the earnest
and outspoken response that Hon.
Frank Cochrane left with the visitors
who had urged that the tax would
prove anything but "a vote-getter"
in their districts. It bespoke the pass-
ing of the old regime and the advent
of the new, the placing of principle
before political expediency in the con-
duct of the public business of the
Province by the Whitney administra-
tion.The deputation was an exception-
ally large one, filling the reception room.
It was headed by Messrs. F. R. Law-
ler, M. P., of Haldimand; W. T. Hen-
derson, of Brantford, and Lewis Wig-
gle, of Essex.

Tax Would Mean Hardship.

The various speakers put up a vig-
orous case. They claimed that with
the exception of two large companies,
all the natural gas wells were in the
hands of small owners, upon whom the
tax would fall and be a hardship, and
contended that the industry was rather
entitled to a bonus than a tax.They also took the ground that gas
was as important for generating power
as Niagara power, whereupon the
Minister pointed out that Niagara
power was taxed so much per horse-
power.

Scores of Dry Mines.

The claim that the enterprise was
speculative and that many borings
proved to be dry wells. Hon. Mr.
Cochrane met by the observation that
in the north country, where they were
anxious for the mines to bear all
the taxes, there were scores of "dry
mines.""Let me ask you one question," he
exclaimed. "Are you in favor of the
mining tax on the mines?"
The deputation unanimously declared
that they were."I thought so," responded the Min-
ister. "And do you not think, then,
as Canadians, you can well afford to
bear your moderate part of the taxes
as well as the men of the north?"

Everybody Should Pay.

"The Government takes the stand
that, as good citizens, all deriving
special benefit from the natural re-
sources of the Province should put up
their share—and be willing to do so."
Continuing, Hon. Mr. Cochrane said
there was some force in the argument
that the tax should be put on the pro-
fits of the companies operating as
well as on the well-owners.The deputation pointed out that the
northern mining country had had the
advantage of a railway built by the
Province, but the Minister maintained
that the railway was built to serve
the great clay belt before the mining
discoveries were recorded.

Will Pay For Railway.

"In any event," said Mr. Cochrane
significantly, "the Province is certain
of getting enough out of the portion
it has reserved to pay for the railway
in its entirety. It will cost you nothing."Concluding, the Minister of Lands
and Mines added that an inspector
would be appointed to look into con-
ditions in the natural gas regions and
asked the deputation to put in writ-
ing what they deemed the proper and
fair method of dealing with the taxa-
tion of these properties.In the House the proceedings were
exceptionally brief, in fact but two
Liberal members were in their seats
when it assembled, Messrs. Graham
and Preston.

The Three-Fifths Clause.

Hon. Mr. Whitney made an expla-
natory statement which may indicate
that the Government has not deter-
mined upon the much-discussed three-
fifths clause as a permanent enact-
ment.It was an inaccurate editorial quo-
tation in a morning paper from his
reply to the Alliance deputation, that
brought the Prime Minister to his
feet. He pointed out that the inaccu-
racy was proven by the news report
in the same paper, which was correct.The former quoted Mr. Whitney as
saying the Government did not pro-
pose to make any change in the pres-
ent legislation, while the latter, which
the Prime Minister declared was cor-
rect, read that the Government did
not propose to make any hasty change.
Mr. George Kidd (Stormont) secured
an order of the House for a return
of all estates now unsettled, upon
which succession duty was claimed
by the Treasury Department, where
the due date was on or before Jan. 1,
1906, and the estimated amount of the
duty due and the reasons why it was
unsettled.CAMDEN LIBERALS FEEL
BLUE

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and a worried look settled upon his
brow. He appeared nervous, and
Cap. R. Noble looked very much as if
he would have to go home once
more, dissatisfied.

THE CRISIS.

The next pool settled the hopes
and ambitions of the crowd from
Camden, and Mr. Sturgis realized
that he had been handed the icy mit.
Camden had come to the convention
23 strong—a hundred more than they
were entitled to—and now they re-
alized that it was truly "23" for
their candidate, and they were forced
to witness a humiliating "skidoo."Mr. Gosnell received 106 votes and
Mr. Sturgis 82.
Mr. Sturgis succeeded in pulling
himself together sufficiently to move,
with choking voice, that the nomi-
nation be made unanimous. He thank-
ed those who had supported him.
Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion
and it carried unanimously.

THE PROUD VICTOR.

Mr. Gosnell then addressed the
meeting, and thanked them for the
nomination. He felt that it was the
proudest moment in his life. He said
that he would do his level best, but
he would lean heavily on the party
for support. He would try to organ-
ize the constituency. He believed
that he would be their next repre-
sentative. He was loudly cheered.

COL. ATKINSON.

Col. Atkinson was then introduced
to the audience, but there were
many who were not able to
hear his speech as they had to catch
trains for home. The Colonel re-
sponded to the first impres-
sion received by a person who
hears him speak, is that he makes a
good representative. He is a mili-
tary man, with all the necessary
characteristics of a good fighter.He has a commanding appearance
and holds himself erect like a true
soldier. It is not hard to see that
he is a prince among good fellows,
and although he may say things at
times which would not be accepted
by everyone in Ontario as true logic,
still the most of this can be over-
looked in the splendid personality of
the man. He has a most magnetic
nature—the kind which appeals to
men both young and old, and after
meeting him and conversing with
him it is not hard to understand
how he holds his constituency with
100 of a majority. It was not long
before he had the sympathy of his
audience, and he held it through-
out. He was interrupted several
times with spirited applause.He criticised the Whitney Gov-
ernment somewhat strongly on mat-
ters of finance, licenses, Niagara
power, and educational affairs, but
the most of his time was taken up
in parading the "bright spots" in
the administration of the late Ross
Government.The Colonel is a former Kent boy,
having lived for a year in Chatham.
He afterwards went to Bothwell,
and played in a band there with
Geo. Johns, who is now reeve of that
town, and who was present at the
convention.The convention broke up with the
usual cheers.

HOW IT LOOKED.

To the outside observer the pro-
ceedings of the day had their signifi-
cance. Mr. Gosnell, the candidate,
is considered a "good fellow," but
as one of the delegates from his own
town said, when asked if he felt
elated over the day's work, "We are
not particularly elated. You know,
none of us was strong for Dick.
We felt that he was our man, and
we were bound to support him.
He wanted it, and there was no other
man in our crowd who did want
it particularly."On the other hand the people from
Camden were enthusiastic for Stur-
gis, and they are by no means satis-
fied. There are, of course, many
many who will be like their leader,
"They won't fight as hard for any-
one else." Mr. Sturgis was consid-
ered stronger in Orford than Mr.
Gosnell, but he was over-rated in
this respect. One of the Orford de-
legates said when the nominations
were going on, "You might as well
put up a stick as Gosnell." He
won't get the convention, let alone
the election. It was thought that
when Ferguson dropped out that all
his support would be swung in Mr.
Sturgis' direction, but the rusty cogs
of the disappointed machine were not
sufficiently oiled, and the most of
Mr. Ferguson's support went to Mr.
Gosnell.

UNSELFISH MOTIVE.

It was a keen disappointment for
Mr. Sturgis. As he stated to The
Planet, it lifted a great deal of re-
sponsibility from his shoulders, and
on this account he would not care
so much, but he was looking to the
good of the party. He felt that he
was the man who could have re-
garded the riding, and on this ac-
count he was anxious to step into
harness. He had gone to the con-
vention armed with letters from
Conservatives, some of whom would
support him, he said, and others
would do nothing against him.

DISMAL OUTLOOK.

Mr. Sturgis' hopes for the party
now are not very bright, and his
opinions are shared by so many that
the situation does not look the most
encouraging for Mr. Gosnell. There
is no disputing the fact that Mr.
Sturgis has friends. He has lots of
them. All of the people who were
invited to his banquet when he was
retiring from the wardenship, are
strong for him. He is a power in
East Kent to-day, and the party
cannot afford to laugh at him, nor
deliver to him many turn-downs like
the one he got yesterday. He is
conscientious in what he says and
does.

THE "WHITE ELEPHANT."

In speaking of the convention, on
the way home on the train, he did
not hold out much hope for theLiberals as against Mr. Bowyer,
now. He seemed to be of the opin-
ion that it was "all off." While Mr.
Gosnell is a fine man personally, he
did not think that he was the right
kind of a worker, and it was very
doubtful in his (Mr. Sturgis') mind
if the candidate appointed would be
able to redeem the riding. Cer-
tain factions in Ridgeway had told
him before he left that place that
day, that they were very glad that
he (Sturgis) did not get the nomi-
nation, for now they would be able
to get out and work against Gosnell,
and they would do it. If Mr. Stur-
gis had received the nomination this
faction would have been turned his
way. There were many things which
the delegates did not understand
when they cast their votes, and
they would realize this before the
election came off. He even went so
far as to suggest that Mr. Gosnell
was a "White Elephant," meaning,
presumably that he would be a load
to carry.

ACCUSED OF SLAUGHTER.

Evidence May Be Lacking, No Ante-
mortem Statement Taken.Berlin, Feb. 26.—Heuser and Reitz,
the two men who are charged with
manslaughter, in having caused the
death of John Orazek, came up for
their preliminary hearing yesterday,
and were sent up for trial.Orazek's death is said to have been
the result of a cruel beating adminis-
tered by the two prisoners during a
row in the American Hotel.Orazek died in the hospital last
Monday night, and it is alleged that
no ante-mortem statement was taken
by the attending physician, Dr. Lack-
ner, before death, nor was the chief
of police notified of Orazek's ap-
proaching end, although it was known
for days that he could not recover.

BIG STORM DOWN EAST.

Blizzard Ties Up Traffic In Vicinity
of St. John.St. John, N.B., Feb. 26.—A terrific
storm raged here all yesterday, and
street cars are stalled all over the
city.Last night the snow stopped falling,
but a blizzard, piling huge drifts, is
threatening to paralyze traffic com-
pletely.The like has not been known here
in years. All I.C.R. trains from the
north are held up on account of the
drifts.

CANADA ALONE OPPOSED.

Hen-and-Chicken Imperialism and
Colonial Democracy.London, Feb. 26.—(C. A. P.)—The
Morning Post points out that practi-
cally all the colonies except Canada
favor an Imperial Council. It re-
marks that nothing is more discour-
aging to a great movement than an
ill-judged advance which ultimately
involves a greater retreat. Hen-and-
chicken Imperialism does not fit in
with the modern instincts of colonial
democracy.March Style Book
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