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 MASON RICHARDSON

IF I WERE THE EDITOR AND THE EDITOR WERE ME.

By Judith.

I wish I were the editor For just a little while. And that he were a girl, we'll say Of just about my style. Of course I am assuming that The Editor is free, For that makes a lot of difference As we will all agree.

If some day she should bring to me Some verses that she wrote, Before I judged them for their wit A few things I would note: Her hair, her style, her ankles neat, Her eyes of baby blue, And then I'd say: "I won't accept Unless I get you, too."

And when I had accepted her I'd make a payment, fine, I'd add, on top of any check, A kiss for every line. Now, just to see if he's the kind Who gets a hint just right, I plan to go and hand to him, The next thing that I write.

She's An Ace!

"Is Marian a nice girl?" "I should say so! She won't even play with the joker when she's wild." —Frank M. Midhair.

When Ignorance Is Bliss.

Nurse: "It's a boy." Father: "Hooray!" Nurse: "You don't know the half of it:—and a girl!"

A BLANKETY-BLANK BLANK.

The original Cross Word puzzle: The income tax blank.

Toot! Toot!

Foreman: "Hey! Why are you quitting work?" O'Riley: "I heard a whistle, sor." Foreman: "That was the fire whistle." O'Riley: "A fire whistle, did you say?" Foreman: "Yeah. You're fired." —Mrs. Hal Simpson.

A Reminder.

Gertrude: "Why do you always powder your nose when you enter a barber shop, dearie?" Anks: "The porter always says: 'Shine!'"

Backed Out.

"She tried to get some gasoline for nothing." "How was that?" "She filled with the station man as he was filling her tire." "Did she get the gasoline?" "No. He just gave her the air." —H. F. Voorhees.

Slogans.

For the wheat grower—Say it with flour. For the shoe dealer—The last is the best of all the game. For the scene shifter—Good to the last drop. For the miser who hoards his coin—No metal can touch you. For the man with the sad face—It's worn all over town. For the poor actor—The ham that sm. For the chorus girl—They hold their shape. For the henpecked man—Easy to drive. For the playing card manufacturer—A dealer in every town. —Clifford Moss.

The Reason Why.

Mary: "Ben is hopelessly beautiful." Florence: "Perhaps if you'd offer him a bit of encouragement it would help." Mary: "No, my dear. That's when he's most beautiful." —Julius Frankenstein.

Motorists will soon be bragging that they got so many pedestrians to the mill.

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County Orange Lodge. The annual meeting of the County Orange Lodge of Central Hastings was held at Madoc. There was a good attendance, and the reports were of a satisfactory character. The following officers were elected: Co. Master, William Hawthorn, Madoc; Dep. Master, C. E. Way, Tweed; chaplain, Rev. J. M. Whyte, Eberado; recording secretary, Robert Wood, Madoc; treasurer, W. E. Martin, Striving; financial secretary, Evert Smith, Madoc; first lecturer, William Roberts, Hazards; second lecturer, John Green, Fuller. A county celebration will be held at Madoc this year on July 11th.

Tact is just the art of making the other fellow feel more important than yourself.

MUTUAL LIFE ANNUAL TENDER ACCEPTED FOR MOTOR GENERATOR SET

Company Has an Unbroken Record of Development for Fifty-five Years.

The recently issued fifty-fifth annual statement of The Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada cannot fail to prove a source of deep satisfaction to the policyholders. By every test, this pioneer Canadian mutual life company has made record progress during the past year. In every phase of its business, the growth has been more than satisfactory.

By practically half-a-million dollars, the previous high record of surplus earnings was surpassed, the 1924 total being \$3,500,258. An increased distribution was made to policyholders of \$579,962.33 more than was paid out in 1923. A total of \$2,689,007.99 was paid out in dividends in 1924—a return to the policyholders of approximately 25 per cent of the total premiums received by the company.

As pointed out by the general manager in his address, during the lifetime of The Mutual Life of Canada, \$15,963,134.22 has been paid in dividends to policyholders, and, of this amount, \$12,870,044.28 was distributed during the last 10 years. It is clearly evident from these figures that the aim of the company—to furnish maximum protection at a minimum cost—is being splendidly realized.

The expansion of the company's business has been healthy and progressive. During the year a total of \$43,324,297 of new assurances was written, representing an increase in new policies issued of \$4,283,719, or 11 per cent more than in 1923. The business in force now amounts to \$295,729,866 on 135,285 policies, compared with \$269,982,566 at the end of 1923—a net increase of \$25,747,300 last year.

The impressive financial situation of the company is well indicated in accumulated assets of \$65,960,767, an increase over the previous year of \$6,233,378.

Three of the factors contributing to the exceptionally high surplus earned for the policyholders were economy in administration, remarkably favorable mortality and high interest rate on invested assets. The percentage of income required to cover general expenses of administration was reduced from the previous best showing of 16.15 per cent, in 1923 to 15.32 per cent, in 1924. This reduction was accomplished despite the fact that the new policies issued in 1924 exceeded the 1923 total by over 4 1-4 millions of dollars.

Another record was broken in the matter of low mortality. The ratio of actual to expected death claims was only 36.01 per cent, as against 32.26 per cent, in 1923, the previous low record in recent years. Very careful consideration of risks by the company's officers in the field indicated by the extraordinarily light death claims made in 1924. The policyholders benefit in the increased surplus thus made possible.

A third source of the increased surplus earned for policyholders was the high average interest yield on invested assets—8.41 per cent. This gratifying average was achieved in the face of a downward trend in interest rates, and is notable in view of the amount invested in high-class bonds in which so large a part of The Mutual Life's assets is invested. The Directors' far-sighted policy in investing funds was again strikingly justified in 1924.

The Mutual Life of Canada has an unbroken record of development during its 55 years of existence. The principle of Mutualism—whereby the profit-participating policyholders receive back the entire net profit—has been abundantly justified. As remarked by the President: "The results of the year 1924 are sufficient to point the moral that co-operation scientifically employed as it is in our case, eliminate the middleman and his profits, and thus assures to the policyholders a more generous distribution."

Mohawks Won. Deseronto, Feb. 9.—An exhibition game of hockey was played at Point Anne on Friday evening last between Mohawks and Point Anne. The game resulted in a win for the visitors by 9 to 4. Goals were scored by the following Mohawk players: Eddie Martin, 3; Clinton Maracle, 3; Tompkins, 1; and Percy Barry, 2. Benny Brent was referee and proved very satisfactory to both sides. His decisions were very quick and fair.

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Gray, faded hair, though no disgrace, is a sign of old age, and as we all desire a youthful and attractive appearance, get busy at once with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound and look years younger.

Utilities Commission Awards Contract for Machine to Supply Power for St. Railway.

At a meeting of the Public Utilities Commission held on Saturday, the tender of the Swedish General Electric Ltd., Toronto, was accepted for a 300-K.W. motor generator set, to supply power for the street railway company, the price being \$4,150, delivered in Kingston. Plus the cost of a switchboard, this will mean an expenditure of \$4,625. The price is \$2,560 lower than the one the commission decided to take from a firm in New Jersey some time ago, when the negotiations fell flat, as a result of the firm disposing of the machine to another party.

The tenders submitted were given due consideration and on motion of Commissioner H. W. Newman, it was decided to purchase the generator set from the Swedish General Electric Ltd. The members of the commission feel that in the purchase of this machine they have completed a far better deal than the one made for the machine in New Jersey. The street railway company expressed satisfaction over the purchase.

Commissioner Campbell expressed himself as being well satisfied with the machine, pointing out that it would provide all the power required and at the same time the purchase of this set would mean a saving of money to the city.

The commission received a communication from the Hydro Electric Commission, appealing for a campaign among the children on "Safety first" methods, as regards live wires falling on the street. The hope was expressed that the matter would be brought to the attention of those in authority at the schools, and that steps be taken to impress on the children the great need for care when a live wire was found on the street. The communication from the Hydro-Electric Commission also contained a number of circulars, with pictures showing a boy finding a wire on the street and using the "safety first" method, that of warning everyone nearby and sending in a call to the electric light station.

The members of the commission felt that the suggestion was a timely one. Too much care cannot be taken in regard to live wires, and on motion of Commissioner Harris it was decided that the matter be brought to the attention of the Board of Education, and that sufficient circulars and letters be forwarded to the schools to be posted, and that the teacher bring the matter before the attention of the pupils.

The manager was given instructions to purchase a carload of shavings as per specifications. The commission received a report from the city engineer, showing the paving programme for the year, as passed by the city council at its last meeting, and on motion of Mayor Angrove, the report was adopted.

The commission decided to install the hydrants required for the Kingston Dye and Chemical works. Manager Folger brought to the attention of the commissioners, the need of a truck for the use of the department, and it was decided to call for tenders for a ton and also a half-ton truck.

The Phillips Company, of Brockville, will provide the commission with a supply of copper wire. No action was taken by the commission on the question of co-operative insurance for the employees of the plant.

Ald. Joseph Nash evidently wants to brush up on the work of the commission, as it was reported that he had asked for information regarding the cost of power for all purposes during the past three years, also data as regards the surplus from water and gas, and a copy of the agreements between the city and the street railway.

The chairman, R. N. F. McFarlane, presided, and the other members present were Mayor Angrove, J. M. Campbell, James Harris and H. W. Newman.

LATE F. S. RICHARDSON.

The Funeral Took Place at Napanee on Saturday. Napanee, Feb. 9.—There was a large attendance of friends at the funeral of the late Fred S. Richardson in the Church of St. Mary Magdalene on Saturday afternoon. The service for the burial of the dead was said by the vicar. The bearers were: H. Daly, John S. Ham, Adam Fullerton, Wm. C. Smith, J. W. Robinson, J. Lester Boyes, Judge J. H. Madden, T. B. Wallace, W. S. Herington, K.C. The remains were placed in the vault at Riverside cemetery.

Amongst those from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Richardson, Mrs. Horace Yeomans, L. Yeomans of Belleville; Fred Daly, London; E. W. Grange, Ottawa; Wm. Hanson, Montreal; Adam Fullerton, Brockville; Cadet Wm. D. Daly, R.M.C., Kingston.

During the past few days a report has been circulating around town that Mrs. W. F. Kelly, Centre street, was seriously ill. We are pleased to state that there is no foundation for the report.

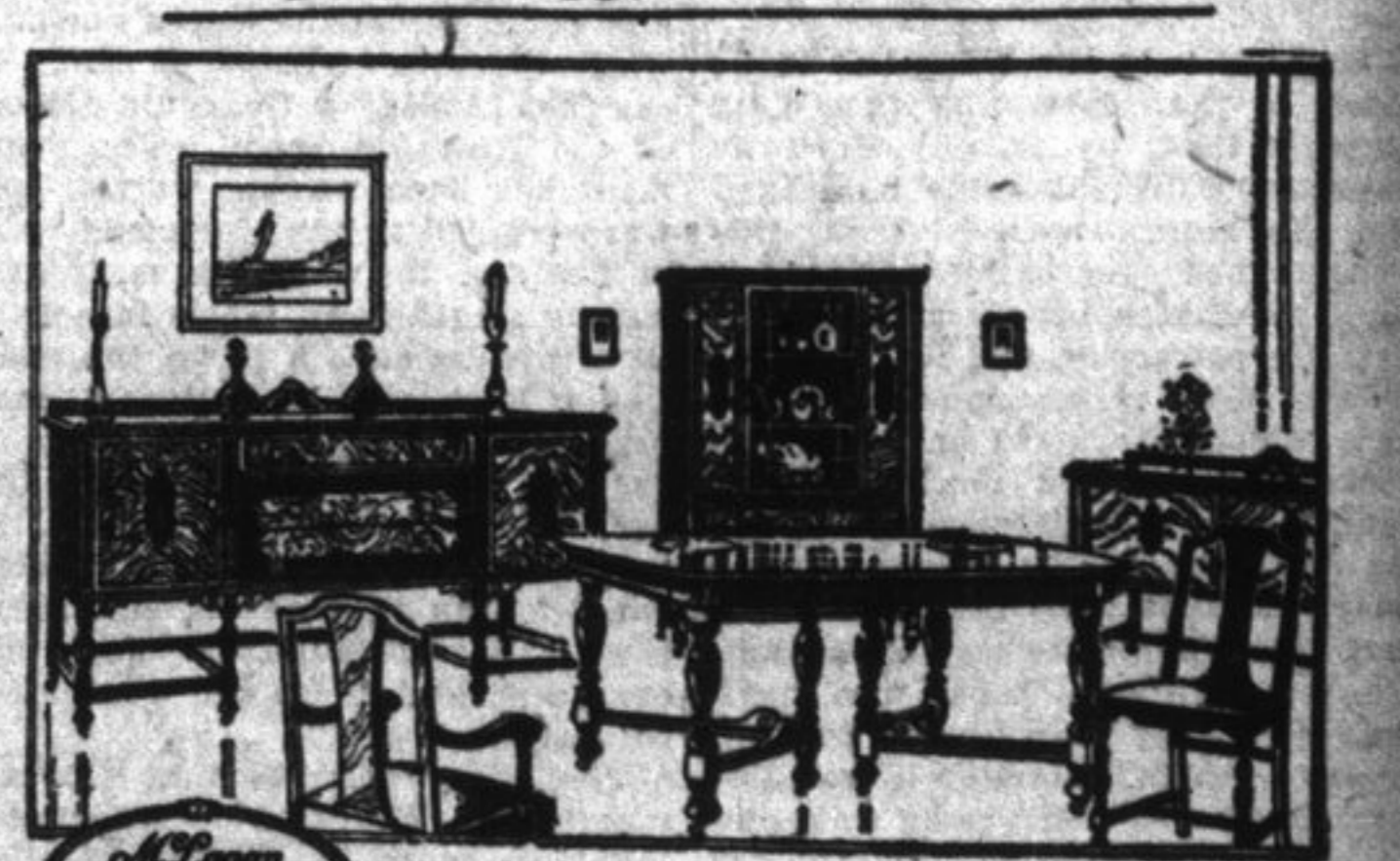
To Make a Trip. Mayor Newman, Picton, has been granted leave of absence from civic duties by the council. The mayor contemplates a trip to the West Indies which will take about five weeks. Reeve B. H. Palmatier will be the official head of the corporation during the mayor's absence. Mrs. Newman and Miss Newman will accompany Mr. Newman. They sail from New York on February 23rd.

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PRODUCE MARKETS

Napanee Retail Market. Napanee, Feb. 9th.

Apples, pk.	40-60
Apples, No. Spys, pk.	65-75
Apples, Tallman Sweets, pk.	65
Apples, Russets, pk.	60
Cranberries, lb.	23-25
Tulips, cut bloom, doz.	12-25
Narcissus, cut bloom, doz.	12-25
Roses, cut bloom, doz.	30-40-50
Carnations, cut bloom, doz.	25-30-33
Daffodils, cut bloom, doz.	15-50
Parsnips, pk.	20
Beets, pk.	20-30
Turnips, bus.	60-75
Carrots, pk.	20
Lettuce, leaf, bunch.	10-20
Lettuce, head.	15-25
Cabbage, each.	60-20
Cauliflower, each.	10-25
Celery, bunch.	10-20
Onions, domestic, pk.	25-35
Potatoes, bushel.	60
Potatoes, bag.	75
Butter, creamery, lb.	32-42
Butter, dairy, lb.	32-35
Cheese, new, lb.	22-25
Cheese, old, lb.	30-35
Eggs, fresh, doz.	50-55
Lard, lb.	20-22
Flour, cwt.	36-38-25
Sugar, granulated, cwt.	37.50-37.75
Shorts, lb.	339
Wheat, western, bus.	32.00
Buckwheat, bus.	32.00
Bras, ton.	323-400
Corn, feed, cwt.	32
Corn, ear lots, cwt.	32.75
Hay, baled cwt.	75
Hay, loose, ton.	110-112
Oats, western, bus.	65-75
Oats, local, bus.	60-65
Young pigs, pair.	37-410

A Jolly Evening Spent.

Camden East, Feb. 7.—Everyone is enjoying the milder weather. There is plenty of snow and good sleighing. Mrs. George Black, Temworth, spent a few days at her former home here. Mrs. Della Salisbury has been visiting at A. Alcock's. Lantern views of "Hawatha" and synopsis of the story were given in the Methodist church last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. T. B. Wilson, Newburgh, in at the home of George Riley, Mrs. T. Allison and boys have recovered from the mumps. A scholastic dance was held in the hall, on Thursday evening, proceeds for the public library. Mrs. Sherlock spent Friday with Mrs. Charles Husted. Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Edgar, Yarker, were callers in the village on Friday.

E. W. Longmore spent a few days at his nephew's, Dr. B. Longmore's, Campbellford. The Good Times Club held a social at DeBort's Restaurant, Ricknell's Corners, on Feb. 6th. Everyone enjoyed the sleigh-ride and a jolly evening was spent in games and contests.

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