

**BANK OF HAMILTON.**  
HEAD OFFICE, HAMILTON.  
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RESERVE FUND \$250,000.  
TOTAL ASSETS \$1,250,000.

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**SPECIAL DEPOSIT.**  
Also received at current rate of interest  
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**Wall-Papers and Window Shades.**  
Our Fall Stock now in.  
Beautiful patterns for the  
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of the harvest.

Mr. Will Tindal was thrown from his  
bicycle when going to full speed on the  
Driving Park the other evening, on account  
of the breaking of an axle. His collar bone  
was broken.

Mr. Wm. McLeod is conducting a large  
sale of his stock prior to leaving for Toron-  
to, where he has leased the store formerly  
occupied by James Eaton & Co. Mr.  
McLeod, who has been in business here for  
over 30 years, is a man of great business  
ability, and Georgetown can ill afford to  
lose so good a citizen. He is leaving for  
Toronto to sell his stock, and will be in  
the city for some 100 people in attendance  
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summer examinations is manifestly testi-  
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The Georgetown Ministerial Association  
will hold their annual meeting on Satur-  
day, the 21st inst. There were  
present, Messrs. Aron, Irwin, Finlay, Milne,  
Perrin, Mac, Tough and R. Dalmas.  
This meeting was one of great spiritual  
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**MILTON.**  
Wednesday evening a girl named Brew-  
ster was arrested by Chief Constable Bra-  
ley, and lodged in jail on suspicion of  
having stolen \$10 from Robert Anderson,  
plasterer of this town, by whom she was  
employed as a domestic servant. It is  
alleged that the money was in a drawer in  
Mr. Anderson's house, that the girl was in  
the room where it was, that shortly after-  
wards the money was missing, and no one  
but she had been in the room. It is said  
that the girl posted a check later which  
contained the money which might have con-  
tained the money as it was in seven \$10  
bills. She was brought before Mayor  
McClendon Thursday. The girl has since  
confessed that she stole the money, that she  
stole \$10 of it to her Karl Kaufmann Har-  
per, and that she hid the balance in a wood  
pile. The \$10 was found amongst the  
wood.

The following artists have been secured  
to take part in the Fireman's Concert to-  
morrow evening in the town hall—Miss  
Minnie E. Gayford, Toronto, soprano,  
Mrs. Carey, Carlisle, soprano; Mr. Alf. D.  
Sturrock, Toronto, baritone; Mr. Carey,  
Carlisle, Tenor; Mr. H. M. Bennett,  
Toronto, comic; Miss Lawrence, Milton,  
pianist; Miss Howar, Milton, accompanist.  
The remaining services of the U. F.  
Church, Milton, last Sunday, and the  
concert on the following evening, were  
marked events in the history of the church.  
The services on Sunday were especially  
interesting and will long be remembered by  
the members and adherents of the church.  
The church now presents a very attractive  
appearance.

**COMING AND GOING.**  
Visitors to and From Acton and  
Vicinity of the Past Week.

—The Park Trust invites all the residents to  
attend this autumn. If you or your friends  
are going away on a holiday trip or if you  
have friends visiting, drop a card to the Park  
Trust.

Miss Dobbins, of Chelvey, is visiting  
friends in town.

Mr. T. J. Wood, of Rockwood, spent  
Friday in town.

Miss Nelson, of Guelph, visited his sisters  
in town this week.

—Mrs. H. P. Moore is spending a few days  
with friends at Guelph.

Messrs. Darling, of Manswood, are  
visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hart, of Toledo, are  
visiting friends in town.

Mr. Kirkland, of Brampton, visited  
friends in town this week.

There are now 163 pupils in attendance  
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Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Soper spent Sunday  
with friends in Georgetown.

—Mrs. T. M. H. Hood is spending a short  
time with friends in Guelph.

—Mrs. James Moore is visiting friends in  
Hamilton and Galt this week.

—Mr. Williams and Miss Bingham spent  
Friday with friends in town.

—Mr. Wm. Hamstead is coming to visit  
at Elmira during the past week.

—Mr. William Nickell, of Detroit, paid a  
visit to friends in town last week.

—Miss Beatie, of Southport, visited the  
family of Rev. J. Howell this week.

—Mrs. H. B. McCarthy, of Ottawa, paid a  
visit to friends in town last week.

—Mrs. Wm. Hunter, of Brampton, spent  
a few days last week with friends here.

—Mrs. William Edmiston visited friends  
at Perth and vicinity the past two weeks.

—Misses Bolla and Janet Duff, of Cam-  
pobello, are visiting friends in town this  
week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore and family,  
of Kitchener, are renewing acquaintances  
in town.

—Mr. C. W. Hill and daughter, Ethel, of  
Munroe, Mich., are visiting at the home of  
C. T. Hill.

—Mrs. James Deans, of Inwood, visited at  
the home of her brother, William Edmiston  
this week.

—Miss J. McKeen, of Southport, is spend-  
ing a few days with friends in town  
this week.

—Rev. J. G. H. A. will be inducted  
to the pastorate of Knox Church, Walk-  
ton, on Sept. 29th.

—Father O'Reilly, Hamilton, and  
family, of Durham, were guests of Rev.  
Father Haley last week.

—Mr. W. T. Stone, of Toronto, formerly of  
this place, was in town in the interest of  
his troupe, "The Favorites."

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of Durham, on Saturday.

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—The Tiverton, Hiram, in referring to  
the removal of Mr. Macdonald to this  
village, says: "Mr. Macdonald has been  
well known here for a long time and his  
many friends will be glad to hear of his  
success. Acton will find him an excellent  
citizen and a good business man, in whom  
every confidence can be placed."

**KNOWLEDGE**  
Brings comfort and improvement and  
tells to personal enjoyment when  
rightly used. The many who live bet-  
ter than others and enjoy life more, with  
less expenditure, by more promptly  
adapting the world's best products to  
the needs of physical being, will attest  
the value to health of the pure liquid  
laxative principle embraced in the  
remedy, Syrup of Figs.

Its excellence is due to its presenting  
in the form most acceptable and pleas-  
ant to the taste, the refreshing and truly  
beneficial properties of a perfect laxa-  
tive, effectually cleaning the system,  
dispelling colds, headaches and fevers  
and permanently curing constipation.  
It has given satisfaction to millions and  
met with the approval of the medical  
profession, because it acts on the kid-  
neys, liver and bowels, and is free from  
every objectionable substance.

Syrup of Figs is for sale by all drug-  
gists in 7c. bottles, but it is manu-  
factured by the California Fig Syrup  
Co. only, when found in printed adver-  
tisements, also the name, Syrup of Figs,  
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**YOUR CHILD...**  
IS UNACCOUNTABLY LOVING FRESH  
REFRESHING AND DELICIOUS  
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**WILL EMULSION?**  
IT WILL HELP WONDERFULLY



**Glasgow House...**  
Agents for Standard Patterns.

**NEW FALL GOODS**

Our stock of goods for the fall trade is now about complete  
and we cordially invite your inspection. Values this season  
are better than ever before, and styles guaranteed correct.

**MANTLES.**  
Our new stock of fall and winter mantles is creating a  
sensation. They have commenced to move off rapidly.  
Call and make your selection before the range becomes  
broken.

**DRESS GOODS.**  
Handsome, Stylish, Cheap.

**STAPLES.**  
A very full stock of all kinds of staples.

**SPECIAL VALUES**  
Will be offered in Hosiery, Underwear, etc.

Our Millinery are now at work and our new  
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**WATERS BROS.**  
The Picture Gallery,  
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**Important Announcement**

Retiring from  
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**CHEAP GOODS**

Having been in business here  
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retire and we return our sincere  
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ous patronage bestowed on us,  
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ing sale of the stock. 10 per  
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but no discount when produce  
is taken or no discount of pro-  
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nounced, also a large lot of Dress  
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off. Remember we have Our  
New Fall Goods imported and  
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We have beautiful New Dress  
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Our Millinery Mantle and  
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Our Fall Millinery and Dress  
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Fall Show.

10 per cent. discount sale will  
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13th.

All parties having accounts  
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was suitably decorated with the returns  
of the harvest.

Mr. Will Tindal was thrown from his  
bicycle when going to full speed on the  
Driving Park the other evening, on account  
of the breaking of an axle. His collar bone  
was broken.

Mr. Wm. McLeod is conducting a large  
sale of his stock prior to leaving for Toron-  
to, where he has leased the store formerly  
occupied by James Eaton & Co. Mr.  
McLeod, who has been in business here for  
over 30 years, is a man of great business  
ability, and Georgetown can ill afford to  
lose so good a citizen. He is leaving for  
Toronto to sell his stock, and will be in  
the city for some 100 people in attendance  
at the High School, the largest number  
that ever attended school here, and we  
hope that this number may be supplement-  
ed by many more. The standing of his  
school as shown by the results of the mid-  
summer examinations is manifestly testi-  
fied by the increase of pupils. Doubtless  
the 2nd term will bring an influx of still more.

The Georgetown Ministerial Association  
will hold their annual meeting on Satur-  
day, the 21st inst. There were  
present, Messrs. Aron, Irwin, Finlay, Milne,  
Perrin, Mac, Tough and R. Dalmas.  
This meeting was one of great spiritual  
profit, and the money was taken in the  
mid-summer examinations is manifestly testi-  
fied by the increase of pupils. Doubtless  
the 2nd term will bring an influx of still more.

**MILTON.**  
Wednesday evening a girl named Brew-  
ster was arrested by Chief Constable Bra-  
ley, and lodged in jail on suspicion of  
having stolen \$10 from Robert Anderson,  
plasterer of this town, by whom she was  
employed as a domestic servant. It is  
alleged that the money was in a drawer in  
Mr. Anderson's house, that the girl was in  
the room where it was, that shortly after-  
wards the money was missing, and no one  
but she had been in the room. It is said  
that the girl posted a check later which  
contained the money which might have con-  
tained the money as it was in seven \$10  
bills. She was brought before Mayor  
McClendon Thursday. The girl has since  
confessed that she stole the money, that she  
stole \$10 of it to her Karl Kaufmann Har-  
per, and that she hid the balance in a wood  
pile. The \$10 was found amongst the  
wood.

The following artists have been secured  
to take part in the Fireman's Concert to-  
morrow evening in the town hall—Miss  
Minnie E. Gayford, Toronto, soprano,  
Mrs. Carey, Carlisle, soprano; Mr. Alf. D.  
Sturrock, Toronto, baritone; Mr. Carey,  
Carlisle, Tenor; Mr. H. M. Bennett,  
Toronto, comic; Miss Lawrence, Milton,  
pianist; Miss Howar, Milton, accompanist.  
The remaining services of the U. F.  
Church, Milton, last Sunday, and the  
concert on the following evening, were  
marked events in the history of the church.  
The services on Sunday were especially  
interesting and will long be remembered by  
the members and adherents of the church.  
The church now presents a very attractive  
appearance.

**COMING AND GOING.**  
Visitors to and From Acton and  
Vicinity of the Past Week.

—The Park Trust invites all the residents to  
attend this autumn. If you or your friends  
are going away on a holiday trip or if you  
have friends visiting, drop a card to the Park  
Trust.

Miss Dobbins, of Chelvey, is visiting  
friends in town.

Mr. T. J. Wood, of Rockwood, spent  
Friday in town.

Miss Nelson, of Guelph, visited his sisters  
in town this week.

—Mrs. H. P. Moore is spending a few days  
with friends at Guelph.

Messrs. Darling, of Manswood, are  
visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hart, of Toledo, are  
visiting friends in town.

Mr. Kirkland, of Brampton, visited  
friends in town this week.

There are now 163 pupils in attendance  
at the High School, the largest number  
that ever attended school here, and we  
hope that this number may be supplement-  
ed by many more. The standing of his  
school as shown by the results of the mid-  
summer examinations is manifestly testi-  
fied by the increase of pupils. Doubtless  
the 2nd term will bring an influx of still more.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Soper spent Sunday  
with friends in Georgetown.

—Mrs. T. M. H. Hood is spending a short  
time with friends in Guelph.

—Mrs. William Edmiston visited friends  
at Perth and vicinity the past two weeks.

—Misses Bolla and Janet Duff, of Cam-  
pobello, are visiting friends in town this  
week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore and family,  
of Kitchener, are renewing acquaintances  
in town.

—Mr. C. W. Hill and daughter, Ethel, of  
Munroe, Mich., are visiting at the home of  
C. T. Hill.

—Mrs. James Deans, of Inwood, visited at  
the home of her brother, William Edmiston  
this week.

—Miss J. McKeen, of Southport, is spend-  
ing a few days with friends in town  
this week.

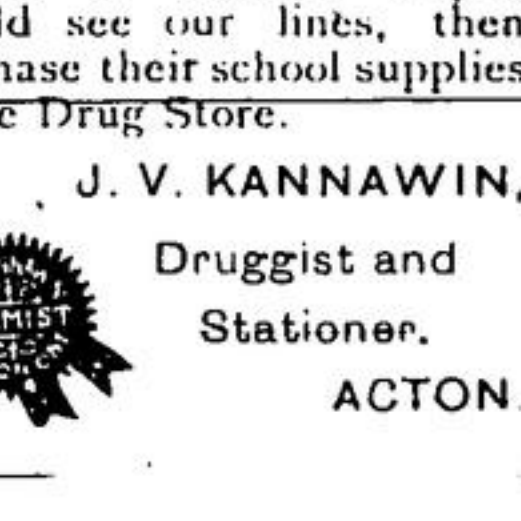
—The Tiverton, Hiram, in referring to  
the removal of Mr. Macdonald to this  
village, says: "Mr. Macdonald has been  
well known here for a long time and his  
many friends will be glad to hear of his  
success. Acton will find him an excellent  
citizen and a good business man, in whom  
every confidence can be placed."

**KNOWLEDGE**  
Brings comfort and improvement and  
tells to personal enjoyment when  
rightly used. The many who live bet-  
ter than others and enjoy life more, with  
less expenditure, by more promptly  
adapting the world's best products to  
the needs of physical being, will attest  
the value to health of the pure liquid  
laxative principle embraced in the  
remedy, Syrup of Figs.

Its excellence is due to its presenting  
in the form most acceptable and pleas-  
ant to the taste, the refreshing and truly  
beneficial properties of a perfect laxa-  
tive, effectually cleaning the system,  
dispelling colds, headaches and fevers  
and permanently curing constipation.  
It has given satisfaction to millions and  
met with the approval of the medical  
profession, because it acts on the kid-  
neys, liver and bowels, and is free from  
every objectionable substance.

Syrup of Figs is for sale by all drug-  
gists in 7c. bottles, but it is manu-  
factured by the California Fig Syrup  
Co. only, when found in printed adver-  
tisements, also the name, Syrup of Figs,  
and being well informed, you will not  
accept any substitute.

**YOUR CHILD...**  
IS UNACCOUNTABLY LOVING FRESH  
REFRESHING AND DELICIOUS  
LITTLE AND DELICIOUS  
**WILL EMULSION?**  
IT WILL HELP WONDERFULLY



**Glasgow House...**  
Agents for Standard Patterns.

**NEW FALL GOODS**

Our stock of goods for the fall trade is now about complete  
and we cordially invite your inspection. Values this season  
are better than ever before, and styles guaranteed correct.

**MANTLES.**  
Our new stock of fall and winter mantles is creating a  
sensation. They have commenced to move off rapidly.  
Call and make your selection before the range becomes  
broken.

**DRESS GOODS.**  
Handsome, Stylish, Cheap.

**STAPLES.**  
A very full stock of all kinds of staples.

**SPECIAL VALUES**  
Will be offered in Hosiery, Underwear, etc.


Our Millinery are now at work and our new  
will be on Saturday, Sept. 29.

**WATERS BROS.**  
The Picture Gallery,  
GUELPH.

**Henderson & Co.**

**Important Announcement**

Retiring from  
Business in  
Georgetown.



**CHEAP GOODS**

Having been in business here  
for 31 years we have decided to  
retire and we return our sincere  
thanks for the liberal and gener-  
ous patronage bestowed on us,  
and we beg to announce a clear-  
ing sale of the stock. 10 per  
cent. discount will be given off  
the face of the goods or bill when  
made out, goods to be sold for  
cash or produce including wool,  
but no discount when produce  
is taken or no discount of pro-  
duce when sold. We are also  
offering a large line of Winter  
Millinery at half price, no discount  
off them. The other mantles  
10 per cent. off as before an-  
nounced, also a large lot of Dress  
Goods marked at ridiculously low  
prices, they are included with the  
other Dress Goods 10 per cent.  
off. Remember we have Our  
New Fall Goods imported and  
ordered, the most of them in the  
house (before we had decided on  
this change). You will get the  
full benefit of them.

We have beautiful New Dress  
Goods and Silks, New Mantles,  
New Millinery, New Hosiery,  
New Underwear, New Fancy  
Goods, New Clothing, New  
Tweeds and Suitings, New Ove-  
rclothes, New Carpets, New  
Curtains, in fact new things—  
too numerous to mention.

Our Millinery Mantle and  
Dressmaking departments were  
never in better shape to turn out  
proper styles. Ordered Clothing  
department in first class shape.  
Our Fall Millinery and Dress  
Goods opening and display will  
be held on the 25th and 26th of  
Sept. The day of the Esqueping  
Fall Show.

10 per cent. discount sale will  
begin Thursday morning, Sept.  
13th.

All parties having accounts  
are respectfully requested to pay  
them as near the first of October  
as possible. This is no fake sale  
but a genuine clearing out 10  
per cent. discount sale. As we  
have leased premises elsewhere  
that we have got to take posses-  
sion of about the beginning of  
1895.

P. S. Market day in George-  
town every Thursday.

**WM. McLEOD & CO.**  
Georgetown.

**THE ACTON FREE PRESS**  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1918

**LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLETS**  
Which Caught the Eyes or Ears of  
Free Press Reporters this Week:

—Division Court will be held next  
Thursday; the docket is a pretty fair one.

—A member from town took advantage  
of the cheap rate to Cobourg last Friday  
to see the baseball match.

—Since the 1st of September, it is reported  
that over thirty buildings have been de-  
stroyed by lightning in Ontario.

—The Messrs. Hudd, of Eden Mills, suc-  
ceeded over twenty prizes for their cattle  
at the Industrial Exhibition, Toronto.

—Jack Gilson, an Orangeville youth, was  
sentenced to two years in the Penitentiary  
reformatory on Monday for robbing an  
orchard.

—Since the shooting season has opened,  
not a few complaints have already been  
made by farmers of having their sheep  
wounded by dogs.

—Mr. C. Falkner, purpose disposing of his  
household effects by public auction on  
Saturday, Sept. 29th, at his home, Howe  
avenue. See posters for particulars.

—There being no criminal cases on the  
docket at Dalton Astles held in Milton  
last week, Mr. Justice McMahon, who  
presided at the court, was presented with  
a pair of white gloves.

—While attending the laying of the  
corner stone of the Presbyterian church  
last Wednesday, Mrs. J. McGill had the  
misfortune to fall and badly sprain the  
wrist of her right arm.

—The season for shipping grain produce  
has opened again. Mr. J. Stewart shipped  
the first lot of turpentine from Acton to  
the States on Thursday. The price ranges at  
14 and 15 cents a bushel.

—On account of the recent fire of his  
barn and its contents, Mr. Mulholland is  
having a public auction of his farm stock  
to take place on the premises, Esqueping,  
on Thursday, October 1st.

—Mr. Vanwock, who has been butchering  
here for the past fourteen months, is going  
into the droving business. This is con-  
sidered to be more beneficial to his health  
than the butchering being too heavy for him.

—Mr. T. Harding is enhancing the ap-  
pearance of his store by submitting it to  
the opinion of all that Mr. Harding is  
now the possessor of the finest store in town.

—Miss L. Hammett brought a branch  
of ripe raspberries to our attention on  
Wednesday last. It is very rare that that  
variety of fruit is found in its natural  
state late in the season. The berries had  
grown in Mr. Hammett's garden.

—The Canadian Hotel and Restaurant  
when referring to our town, is trying to  
educate its readers to the fact that our  
citizens number about 900. We wonder  
who divulged that secret? It is the  
assessor figured the population at about  
1400.

—At the advanced age of 82 years and  
6 months, Mrs. B. Wallace, of Esqueping,  
passed peacefully away on Tuesday after  
noon. Her remains will be conveyed from  
the home of Joseph Leahy, this afternoon  
to Elmhurst cemetery, Nassagaweya, to  
interment.

—A printer's error crept into a news-  
paper the other day. The editor attended  
a garden party and in his account of it  
wrote: "It was a very informal affair."  
The competitor, however, made it a "very