

## Bank of Hamilton Georgetown Branch.

A General Banking Business transacted.

Correspondence Solicited.

### Savings Department:

Interest allowed on sums of ONE DOLLAR and upwards from the date of deposit, and interest on savings and no delays in drawing money.

### Farmers' Business:

Solicited. Notes of responsible farmers discounted and money loaned for legitimate business purposes.

### Our Collection Department:

Has every facility for making prompt returns.

### Sale Notes:

Handled and money advanced on account of sums at low rates of interest.

Travellers are notified that the Bank of Hamilton and its Branches issue Circular Notes which have the same value as the Bank Limited, which can be cashed without charge or trouble in any part of the world.

### HEAD OFFICE — HAMILTON

Established 1872.

Capital Paid Up — \$1,703,212

Reserve Fund — 1,234,110

Total Assets — 14,827,357

JAMES TURNBULL, Cashier.

B. FORSYETH, Agent,

Georgetown Branch.

### Nothing Like It In Town.

Is the verdict of experienced Xmas shoppers. A wonderful selection of Christmas Presents for old and young.

### SANTA CLAUS HEADQUARTERS

GEO. HYNDS, Acton, Ont.

(Jewellery Store)

### The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1900.

### LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLETS

Which Caught the Eyes or Ears of Free Press Reporters this week.

—Christmas next Tuesday.

—Wish you a merry, merry, Christmas.

—Mr. Allan's Christmas entertainment to-night.

—To-morrow will be the shortest day of the year.

—The business of Santa Claus is stocking stockings.

—The weather-wise predict a "green Christmas."

—Merchants report an encouraging holiday trade.

—The shop windows are regal in their Christmas decorations.

—The crowded stores prove that there is money around and about.

—Decorating with Christmas greens has commenced in real earnest.

—Merry Hummers & Hawskins shipped a car of flour to Glasgow on Friday.

—Keep your eyes on Yank Puzzles' advertisements these days; you may have money.

—You will not only be able to make new resolutions for the new year, but for the new century.

—The public school here is closed for the year. The last lesson of the century have been recited.

—The course of sermons on the Lord's Prayer by Rev. H. A. Macpherson will be concluded next Sabbath evening.

—The Schools of Anna Public School contributed \$671 to the funds of the Sick Children's Hospital at Toronto last week.

—An increased demand for winter goods has been realized by merchants generally, owing to the cold weather of the past week.

—Don't wait till next Monday to do your Santa Clauses. Don't even wait till Saturday night. Buy before the jan comes.

—The Goderich Star's Christmas number, issued last week, is a highly creditable production and will be appreciated by the Star's readers.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Lankey saluted the members of Knox Christian Endeavor Society last Thursday evening. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

—Action and victory sent a very liberal contingent to the big Winter Fair at Guelph last week. In addition to those who drove, 140 farmers and citizens went by O. T. R.

—The annual meeting of the Methodist Sunday School was held on Monday evening at the home of the superintendent. Very encouraging reports were given by the officers. The average attendance last year was 211, an increase of over 1000. Over 700 visitors were present during the year, and there were over sixty of the scholars present at the opening of the year. The financials were well satisfied. The regular collections for the support of the school amounted to \$103.47; missionary offerings \$63.45; Thanksgiving Fund \$21.27. The revenue of the school for the year was \$260.18 and the payments \$7.49 less. The officers and teachers for 1901 were elected as follows:

Superintendent—H. M. Moore.

Associate Director—J. H. Colanton and A. M. Nicklin.

Business Dept.—Miss M. Lang.

Secretary—H. C. Williams.

Treasurer—H. J. Gurney.

Asst. Sec.—H. L. May.

Organist—Miss Edith M. Wright.

Choir—Miss Leslie M. Wright.

Mrs. M. P. Moore, Mrs. J. M. Hager, Mrs. James McPherson, Mr. John McPherson, Mr. Wm. Little, Miss McPherson, Miss Anna Stevenson, Mrs. James Moore, Mrs. James Hall, Geo. Vining, Jas. Oliver, Mrs. Jas. Agnew, Mrs. N. V. Moore, Mrs. J. C. Hall, Jas. Moore, and Dr. Kelly.

—Sunday next is the annual Sunday School day in the church. The scholars and their parents will attend the morning service and then go to the schoolroom attached to the church. In connection with the service the graduates from the primary department will be presented with their diplomas. On Christmas evening the annual entertainment, which promises to be one of the most attractive in the school's history, will be given. On Friday afternoon, just before the school is good sleeping, the school's annual neighborhood will take place, and if the snow falls it will be arranged for some suitable location for the accommodation of the fair.

—A sad accident to Miss Victoria, young daughter of Prof. T. P. Hall, Kinsmen City, formerly of Horbury, Ont., occurred at Bandley evening, Oct. last. With her mother and two sisters, she went to hear the Highlanders band of Toronto, which was visiting their city, and returning got off the streetcar at their home, when a car from the opposite direction, which they did not see for the darkness, ran into them and little Victoria was killed. The friends here extend heartfelt sympathy.

**BASH AND DOORS IN STOCK.**

If you are building or making improvements call at Brown's Building Mill with your order. In stock—sash 14x26—light 12x24—lights 28x30—lights 24x29—lights. Doors in sizes 3x6, 4x6, 5x6, 6x6, 7x6, 8x6, 9x6, 10x6, 11x6. Front doors, with or without glass top. Jambs, sills, etc. Main Street, Acton.

### THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mostly of a Local Character, and every item interesting.

#### Santa Claus' Triumph.

The Santa Claus' triumph, "The Santa Claus," at Mr. Allan's Sunday School in the town hall to night in connection with their Christmas entertainment, was an assured success. The rehearsals have proven skill and efficiency and the large audience which will undoubtedly attend will be delighted with the programme.

#### Jailed for Paying Over Taxes.

The Okotoks Men say: "The case against E. H. Cornell for failing to pay to the town treasurer two mules collected by him as special collector was heard by Judge Hamilton and Jerry at Milton Yester evening. It required all day to get the men to the court and the judge delivered his charge to the jury. Shortly after noon a result of guilty was returned and the judge sentenced Cornell to six months in the capital prison."

#### Those Blanks and Envelopes.

For the convenience of Yank Puzzles' subscribers who wish to remit their subscriptions for the coming year, we enclose blank forms and envelopes in this issue. We will be pleased to have a shower of renewals during the next few weeks, and we can promise that for 1901 this paper will be at least the eighth in the year in the print. If you can send us a seventy-five cent stamp for airmail postage, and the judge delivered his charge to the jury. Shortly after noon a result of guilty was returned and the judge sentenced Cornell to six months in the capital prison."

#### Holiday of the Century.

The calendar for the first year of the twentieth century are now out and from them it is to be gathered that the year begins on Tuesday, April 21, 1901, at 7:30 p.m.; summer, June 22nd, at 8:37 p.m.; autumn, September 23rd, at 6:18 p.m.; and winter, December 22nd, at 12:15 p.m. Easter falls on the 6th April, Ascension Day, May 10th, Whitunday, May 29th, and Christmas falls on Wednesday, March 31st, December and December are the two months of the year.

#### Delighted Sporting at Prospect.

"Hallmarks of the highest character respecting the Leing Host, motion picture entertainment, to be given by the Methodist Sunday School on Christmas night, continue to reach this office from various points in Ontario. Rev. H. Hobbs, of Wellington, a former pastor of the church here, says: 'I was simply delighted. One picture was worth the price of admission. It is a first-class entertainment and well deserves the patronage of the public.' Those who intend on Christmas evening are assured of a most enjoyable entertainment.

#### Mr. J. D. McNeil's New Drug Store.

Mr. J. D. McNeil, druggist, was at home to his numerous customers on Saturday evening in his attractive new store in the new Warren Block. Mr. McNeil has very tidy and attractive premises of which he is justly proud.

The new store is 16 ft. x 50 ft., the front being 16 ft. x 20 ft. with neat office and prescription counter immediately in the rear and separated by a mirrored partition. In rear of this is a large, well lighted laboratory. The shelves, drawers, and counters of the front store are finished in white enamel, and with the numerous mirrors, the shop is a veritable large plate glass window, the premises are perfectly lighted and airy. Large electric lamps are distributed throughout the store which is well lighted both by day and night.

#### Thousands Have Been Attracted.

The most ingenious Christmas window attraction that has ever been seen in this part of Ontario is to be seen in the window of G. D. Pringle, watchmaker and jeweller, Guelph. It is very skilfully arranged piece mechanism, and works with a precision and life-like motion which is hardly balanced ratios to his skill.

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