

Bank of Hamilton Georgetown Branch.

A General Banking Business transacted.
Correspondence Solicited.

Savings Department.

Interest allowed on sums of ONE DOLLAR and upwards from day of deposit to day of withdrawal. No formalities and no delays in drawing money.

Farmers' Business

Solidified. 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 same at low rates of interest.

Travelers are notified that the Bank of Hamilton and its Branches issue Circular Notes of the Province of Ontario which can be cashed without charge 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. FORSYTHE, 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 WORK).

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1900.

LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLETS

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

—Happy New Year!

—Wan't it a merry Christmas?

Municipal nominations next Monday.

The new century next Tuesday morning.

—Review services in the Sunday Schools next Sunday.

The tanners' Christmas boxes were generous and practical.

—Spent New Year's night at the town hall with Knox Sunday School.

—The Christmas homecoming brought happiness to many households here.

—Good morning! Have you paid for the Free Press for the new century?

Owing to the lack of gas lighting, the Methodist Sunday School children to Rockwood have been postponed until after date.

—Acton is to have a real live Christmas for a citizen. Mr. Louis Bell, late of Toronto, will next Monday open a new laundry in Mrs. Bell's block.

—Successful Sunday School social was held in the Brick Church, Silvan, last Friday evening. Rev. Dr. Minley and E. W. Holden, pastor, and scholars provided the program.

—Mr. J. H. Matthews has dropped out of the race for theanship and it looks as if Street Commissioner Williams would be fit for the taking. If selected he will certainly do his best to fill the office satisfactorily.

—Messrs. G.W. Anderson & Son, bankers, Oakville, have issued a very attractive patriotic calendar with the famous four-color engraving "Three Britons" artistically executed. This pretty calendar will be in demand.

—Dr. J. M. Bell, dentist, Brookville, has purchased the practice of Dr. J. P. Coughlin, Acton, and will take possession the first of February. Dr. Bell is well and favorably known here, having paid a weekly professional visit for the past three years and given general satisfaction. The removal of Dr. Coughlin will be much regretted.

—Hilliard examines the new office now being turned out at Brown's Plumbing Mill, Acton.

—Those who contemplate purchasing immovable or work of any description for their cemetery plots should order direct from the old reliable granite and marble dealer J. H. Hamilton, Guelph, Ont. All expenses allowed to purveyors. All work and material warranted, competitive quoted.

Hawking — And you just hawky? The Verstille, isn't it? Billie — Oh, yes! The kind of us you expect to offer you a humorous resolution.

With one accord throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion, records of all classes of newspapers units in saying that if there is one paper which should be in every household, it is the *Montreal Herald* and *World* of Montreal. Subscriptions, posturing into their offices in Montreal like lemmings, Canadians without the *Montreal Herald* and this season's pictures, do not know the treat they are missing.

SASH AND DOORS IN STOCK.

If you are building or making improvements call at Brown's Plumbing Mill with your order. In stock — sash 14x30 — 4 lights

12x18 — 4 lights; 24x30 — 9 lights; 24x32 — 2

lights. Doors in stock — 8x10x5, 10, 12 thick

and 2x8, 12 thick, solid moulded and raised panels; 8x10x5 10, 12 thick. Front doors, with or without glass tops. James Brown, proprietor, Main Street, Acton.

TO THOSE ABOUT TO MARRY.

Young man or old man who should to marry will be pleased to learn that the new Marriage Act is made quite simple by applying to H. P. Moore, issuer of marriage licenses, at the Free Press Office. Call a few days before the ceremony and have the minister explained. Private office. All business strictly private and confidential. At residence in evenings.

THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mostly of a Local Character, and every item interesting.

General Christmas Gifts.

The hearts of the two hundred employees of Meares, Headmores & Co. and The Action Tanning Co. were gladdened on Christmas Eve by the unexpected receipt of a check by each from their employers. Every man and boy employed was remunerated, and the gift was graduated according to the per cent of service and position of the men. The total amount was a principal amount larger than the usual. Five dollars was the average and the aggregate paid out by the firms named for this practical Christmas good cheer was over \$600. The amount appears very highly this generous action.

Tempus despatch.

Rev. H. A. Macpherson and family had a very harrowing escape on Sunday morning last. Owing to some disarrangement of the dampers the furnace allowed a large amount of gas to escape during the night and when Mr. Macpherson awoke on Sunday morning he found the house filled with gas and himself and family deeply sick with the result of its inhalation. Medical aid was speedily summoned and partial relief given, but Mr. Macpherson was unable to make his Sunday morning service. The effects of the poisonous gas were felt for several days and Mr. Macpherson and the babe were very ill but have since recovered. Elder G. S. Hyndes conducted the morning service with much assistance and in the evening assisted the pastor, who by this time had considerably recovered.

Last of the Old Year of the New.

Under this caption the closing services of the century in Knox Church, and the attractive New Year's entertainment were announced.

The Lord Health of 1800 will be

celebrated in the church.

Special services will be performed by Rev. H. A. Macpherson, pastor. In the morning there will be a Christmas discourse and in the evening some current questions of local interest will be discussed. The first entertainment of the new century will be given in the town hall on New Year's night by the scholars of the Sunday School and will consist of a cantata entitled "All Hall to Santa Claus," in which the patriotic spirit was well developed by visitors from British possessions, the Transvaal and India. This will be a most enjoyable half-day entertainment and will commence at eight o'clock.

Christmas Day's Present.

Handsome and bright and pleasant,

and though appearance were of the "green Christmas" order, the weather was crisp and frosty. Before night sufficient snow had fallen to cover mother earth and it really looked like an old fashioned Christmas. Family reunions were the order of the day and sons and daughters and relatives farther removed gathered around the festive board from many points. It was rather cold for pleasure driving, but skating on the old mill pond was perfectly excellent and afforded unusual pleasure for the scores who indulged in this winter sport. A number of us enjoyed very much the day on the lake and enjoyed very much the experience of Christmas gazing in Canada. The day was a merry Christmas indeed.

A Christmas Wedding.

A very quiet, but most enjoyable wedding took place on Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Massey, when Mr. E. V. Gamble and Miss Jessie G. Massey were united in holy wedlock.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. N. Massey, of Rockwood, and the year

of 1899.

—The opening services in the church

were well attended and

the discourse was a Christmas discourse and

the audience was a boy, and by language and illustration gave a picture of the life of Jesus.

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