

# 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. Accumulations and no delay in drawing money.

## Farmers' Business.

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

## Our Collection Department.

Have every facility for making prompt returns.

## Sale Notes.

Handled cash money advanced on account of sales at low rates of interest.

Travelers are notified that the Bank of Hamilton and its branches issue Circular Notes of the Provincial Bank of Canada Limited, which can be cashed without charge or trouble in any part of the world.

HEAD OFFICE HAMILTON  
Established 1827.

Capital Paid Up \$1,995,750  
Reserve Fund 1,500,000  
Total Assets 17,971,250

JAMES THOMAS, Cashier.

B. FORSAYETH, AGENT,  
Georgetown Branch.

## 1902 WALL PAPER and DECORATIONS.

The new season finds us with more Wall Paper than ever.

100,000 Rolls in Stock.

W. ERSKINE will show you Samples.

Buy from him and you will be up to date.

Room Moulding to match.

## CHAS. L. NELLES, WALL PAPER, GUELPH.

## The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1902.

### BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS.

April—fourth month.  
—Now for April showers and spring flowers.

—The Public Schools will reopen next Monday.

—The best way to cure spring fever is to work it off.

—April fool jokes may now be laid on the shelf for another year.

—Sunday was not an ideal Easter-bonnet day, but there are other Sundays coming.

—The Gravelton ratpayers have carried the by-law to raise \$15,000 to purchase the electric light plant.

—After all the vernal mildness and spring-like weather which prevailed during March, the month went out in a snow storm.

—About 9,000 cords of hemlock bark have been received at the lumber mill here this year. About 3,000 or 4,000 cords more are expected before the season closes.

—Mrs. T. W. Shaw very hospitably entertained the members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church at tea at the close of the monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

—The spirit of Easter was prevalent in all the Churches on Sunday. In St. Alban's and St. Joseph's the numerous Easter-day services were held from Good Friday until Easter Monday.

—Mr. W. J. Kee, barber, has put up a unique illuminated sign which attracts much attention. It is the handwork of Pannalocker, the tinsmith, and Walker, the painter.

—Messrs. R. E. J. Johns, drovers, shipped a double-docked cart of hogs and a car of cattle on Monday. Between \$1,000 and \$2,500 was distributed among the farmers for this shipment.

—The sparrows chirp of spring, and they and the other birds are good judges. "Spring is here," and a pair of hogs and a cow. She has a rainbow in her showers and a lapful of flowers, as the poet says.

—As usual Mrs. A. A. Seccord favored the Press Puck with the first bouquet of flowers given in the open air. The pretty novelties are always a variety of the flowers the warmer sunny days will bring.

—F. P. Smith, eye specialist, will be in Acton, Thursday. He will, Monday only, remain at Agnew's Hotel. If you have any defect in your eyesight it will pay to call and see him. Examination free. Call early or you may make appointment at A. T. Brown's Drug Store.

—Mr. Chester Wallace, of Ekin's Drug Store, had rather a painful accident with his horseback riding on Good Friday. While opposite Lake-side Farm on Main Street, the saddle-girth shifted and he was thrown off, the horse stepping on his left leg and painfully bruising it.

### WINTER ORDERS FOR SPRING DELIVERED.

J. H. Hamilton's Electrical Monument Works at Guelph are now taking orders for Granite and Marble Monuments to be set up this spring at reduced prices. With the splendid new electric and pneumatic machinery the establishment is able to execute far more and better work than heretofore, and in order to keep the machinery running, steadily very low prices are being given for work ordered now. Call at the works or drop a card to J. H. Hamilton Guelph.

## NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT.

### Comunion Services.

Quarterly Communion Services will be held in Knox Church next Sunday. Preparatory services will be preached on Friday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Chyng, of Knox College. Rev. Mr. Macpherson will conduct the Sunday services.

### Important Business Change.

R. H. Booth, Jr., of Caledonia, has purchased the stock of John White & Son, in the Warren Block, and stock taking is now in progress. A large stock of new goods will be added and a complete assortment of spring millinery and the store will be reopened early next week.

### High School Exam.

The examinations in the High School Department of Acton Public School last week, gave the following pupils places on the Roll of Honor: V. Glass, Sr.,—E. McDaniel 412 James Henderson 388, Bartlett Milton 352, V. Glass, Jr.,—John McQuinn 253, Mary Goodwin 310, Myrtle Matthews 314, Marks Donald 300, Miss E. J. Sharp, Teacher.

### Memorial Service.

A memorial service having reference to the late Mrs. H. T. Arnold, was held in the Methodist Church last Sunday evening. Rev. J. M. Hager, M. A., the pastor, based his discourse on Psalm 23: 4: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Rev. James Harris, of Guelph, assisted in the service.

### New Telephone System.

The Bell Telephone Co., having during the past week installed a new system for Boardman & Co., and the Acton Printing Co., in connection with their private line of wires and their local phones. New metallic wiring and long distance apparatus throughout have been put in and a private switch on the same plan as a small exchange has been put in. The new outfit will give the firms a much improved service.

### St. Albans' Vestry Meeting.

At the annual meeting of St. Albans' Church, the pastor, Rev. J. K. Golden, M. A., presiding, the Church Warden and Superintendent presented their reports and their local phones. New metallic wiring and long distance apparatus throughout have been put in and a private switch on the same plan as a small exchange has been put in. The new outfit will give the firms a much improved service.

### Insurance Adjusted.

The Inspector of the Equitable Insurance Co. was here on Monday and approved the loss sustained by Mr. William Ekin, damaged, caused by the recent fire in his dispensing room last week. The loss was caused by a composition of beeswax and lard used for covering a spirit stove. When water was thrown upon the burning mass it caused the fire to spread to the window blinds and to a label cabinet, destroying a large number of labels. The walls of the drug store were badly blackened. The loss was very thankful that in this first experience with a fire he escaped with so slight a loss.

### Found Oil on Farm.

From the Du Moines, Iowa, Journal and news comes respecting an accident which befel Mrs. A. R. Halsea, nee Miss Julia Cleveland, well known in Acton, last week. The report was that Mrs. Halsea, in the fall of 1901, bought a horse, which was burned to death last evening about 7 o'clock. She poured oil on a smoldering fire in the furnace, causing an explosion which ignited her clothing and finally burned her about the face and hands. Dr. Hanna, who was called, says she will recover, but will be confined to her bed for several weeks.

### Equipping Sunday School Convention.

The Executive of the Township Sunday School Association met in the Baptist Church on Monday. Those present were: R. K. Ekin, (President), Miss Nible, (Secretary), John McDonald, J. A. Curry, Miss McConnell, R. D. Warren, H. W. Kennedy, A. L. Noble and Wm. McGrover. It was decided to hold the annual convention on Wednesday May 21. There are to be two sessions afternoon and evening. The names suggested for speakers were: Rev. J. M. Hager, M. A.; R. P. Nis, Rev. W. S. McAlpin, H. D. Mrs. Gregory, Rev. Neil McPherson, (Hamilton). The convention will be held at Ashgrove—Herald.

### Spent Motor Power.

Mr. M. J. recently purchased a Healy-Georgetown, one of their new four hp. electric spark gasoline engine, for use on his farm in running the grain crusher, pulp, straw cutter, and other machinery. The engine was located in Dr. McKee's yard and with a clear saw eight cords of maple wood was cut twice in two less than two hours and a half. To handle that quantity of wood in that time required rapid work, but the constant feed against the saw caused no diminution in speed and the engine required no attention whatever during the progress of the work.

### Our Sunday Schools.

The statistical report of the Sunday Schools of the county of Hamilton was issued last week by the Statistical Secretary, Mrs. Lucy M. Smith, Oakville. The following statistics of Acton Schools will interest our Sunday School workers: Baptist—53 scholars, average attendance 45; 0 teachers and officers, collections \$24; Church of England—10 scholars, average attendance 8; 0 teachers and officers, collections \$15.00; Home Dept. 21, credits roll 27; 0 scholars, average attendance 20; 8 teachers and officers, collections \$25.00; Methodist—25 scholars, average attendance 20; 2 teachers and officers, collections \$10.00; The attendance of 45 scholars and 10 teachers and officers is a very creditable showing for Acton. Burlington reports 300 and 20; Georgetown reports 200 and 21; Milton reports 100 and 21; Oakville reports 210 and 21.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

### Death of a Former Resident.

Mrs. D. W. Campbell, who with her husband and family resided in Acton for many years, died at her home in Buffalo, on Tuesday of last week. Mrs. Campbell was stricken with paralysis which caused her death. She was the daughter of the late John McNaughton, of Esqueping, for many years Mayor of the Township, and was in her sixty-third year. The remains were brought to Esqueping on Wednesday and the funeral was held on Saturday, from the residence of Mr. Wm. Hannaford, West Hill.

### Re-opening This Week.

Mr. H. T. Arnold is removing his household goods to Georgetown this week. The removal of this large family will be felt especially in the Public School and Sunday Schools. The most of the members of the family are natives of Acton and they will no doubt always regard the old home with feelings of interest. Mr. Arnold's business success was won here and our citizens always watched with friendly interest his progress and advancement, and the municipal Council recognized the value of the factory to the town by granting exemption similar to those given other manufacturing concerns. Our citizens will be glad to see Mr. Arnold and his family prosper in their new surroundings.

### Time Recorder System Adopted.

The Acton Tanning Co. has had the time-recorder time recorder, manufactured by the Rochester Time Recorder Co., installed in their works here during the past week. The system is very ingenious. It records automatically on the ticket check of the employee, who is inserted in the recorder, the exact time at which the employee enters and leaves the works. Each check bears a conspicuous number, corresponding with the number given the employee when he is engaged. It is complete and convenient in the system that the entire staff of 120 men can be out at noon or night, each recording his time of leaving, within five minutes. The system is identical with that in use in the T. Eaton Co's store with its 2000 employees.

### One of Acton's First Born Sons.

The death last week of Mr. John Burns, of Toronto, evoked one of the links connecting the present with Acton's early history. Mr. Burns was the son of the late John Burns, Esq., and was born on the farm at present occupied by Mr. Arch. McPherson, but still belonging to the Burns estate. It was Mr. Burns, who took the first steps toward the organization of a Desalinity-Organization here in the winter of 1815, and in the following spring, deceased, then a lad of twelve years, assisted in tanning timber for the first church. For a number of years past, Mr. Burns went to some warmer climate for the first three months of the year, owing to a troublesome throat affection. In January he, in company with Col. Pollard, went to Florida and subsequently to Asheville, N. C., where after but three days illness he died. Mrs. Burns, and three sons and five daughters survive. The remains were brought to Toronto and interred in St. James Cemetery last Saturday afternoon.

### Members of Ladies' League.

The members of Hamilton Women's Institute and the ladies of Acton who took advantage of the opportunity offered, enjoyed very privilege last Friday, Friday and Saturday, in the lectures and demonstrations in domestic science given by Mrs. E. M. Torrance, of Chateaugay Basin, Que., in Hill's Hall. The chemical composition of foods was lucidly explained, and the reasons why certain methods of cooking will result in more nourishment being derived from them. Not only was the theory explained, but practical tests were made of recipes recommended so that the ladies present saw for themselves just how to do and what to do. The most interesting part of the evening was the preparing of soups, deserts, salads, and dressings, and the boiling of fowl were given. About thirty ladies took advantage of the splendid opportunity offered. Mrs. R. Robertson, of Milton, presided and Mrs. Wilmet, the secretary, was also present. Through the kind interest of the Misses Nelson, Mrs. T. Elliott, and Mrs. J. L. Warren in supplying materials, articles, etc., the meetings were rendered exceptionally profitable.

### Good Friday Scotch Concert.

The Scotch concert in the Town Hall last Friday evening was highly successful. Miss Mac Dickenson, Toronto, was the star of the evening and her vocal numbers were exceedingly well rendered and called forth repeated applause. Her guitar accompaniment was charming. Harry M. Bannett, the comic singer, made no exception before an Acton audience and maintained his previous reputation for comic reproductions. Miss Emma I. Lewis, eloquent, showed her powers well. Her "Charge of the Gordon Highlanders" with the bagpipe accompaniment by Piper Murray was very taking. The interest in the programme centered largely, however, in the appearance of Misses Maggie and Jennie Stalker, their first before an Acton audience. The Misses Stalker are the daughters of our esteemed neighbors Mr. and Mrs. John Stalker, of Esqueping. The manner and ability in which they acquitted themselves delighted all who witnessed the skill and grace of their movements and filled their parents with justifiable pride. They are the pupils of Piper Murray, Toronto, and have proven themselves very apt. In the Highland Fling, "The Rose Tree," "The Red and the White," "The Young Man and the Old Man," and "The Young Man and the Old Man," they acquitted themselves like professionals. They were attired in Highland costume, wore the McKenzie tartan, and their Gaelic form brooches glinted with attractiveness during their gyrations. Mrs. James Ross, who is also a pupil of Piper Murray, played the pipes with an efficiency which would lead even a Scotchman to believe he had been trained in the Highlands. Piper Murray did attendance last Friday evening, of which he is the inspiring genius, are growing more and more popular and are being looked for on each season comes around. Both Piper Ross and Piper Murray were dressed in the pink of Highland costume. Rev. H. A. Macpherson presided.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

### Mr. Thom. Weir, of Kincaid.

Mr. Thom. Weir, of Kincaid, spent last Friday with his uncle, Mr. John McQueen.

### Miss Jennie Hays, who is attending

Weston School, Toronto, visited Acton friends this week.

### Mrs. Eastwood and Master Eldon

spent the Easter holidays visiting relatives and friends in Toronto.

### Master Johnny McCallum, of

Cullingswood spent Easter with his cousin, Master Malcolm McEachern.

### Mrs. Walter Boardman, Master C.

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### Mr. I. Snyder visited friends in

Hamilton this week.

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### Miss Lillian, of Hamilton, was the

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### Miss Annie Howell, of Brampton,

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### Miss Emily Smith, of Toronto, was

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### Miss Angela "Yvonne" Hamilton, is

visiting her sister, Mrs. Kennedy.

### Mr. D. Henderson, M. P., came up

from Ottawa for the Easter recess.

### Miss Belle Smyth, of Hanover, is

the guest of her aunt, Miss Wood.

### Mrs. J. Harvey, of Brampton,

spent Sunday with friends in town.

### Master Fred and Edwin Maulek

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### Mr. T. Statham went to Paris to

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### Mrs. George Leslie visited friends in

Hamilton and Etobicoke during the week.

### Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cook, of Hamil-

ton, visited Acton relatives over Sunday.

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### Mrs. and Miss Goodlove spent Good

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