

Bank of Hamilton Georgetown Branch.

General Banking Business
transacted.

Correspondence Solicited.

Savings Department.

Interest allowed on sums of ONE DOLLAR and upwards from day to deposit to maturity, and no deduction and no delay in drawing money.

Farmers' Business

Settled—State of responsive farmers admitted and money loaned for legitimate business purposes.

Our Collection Department

Has every facility for making prompt settlements.

Sale Notes

Handle and money advanced on account of sales and purchases.

Travelers are entitled by the Bank of Hamilton and its Branches issue Circles of the Provincial Bank of England Limited, which can be cashed without charge throughout any part of the world.

HEAD OFFICE HAMILTON
Established 1872.

Capital Laid Up - \$2,000,000

Reserve Fund - 1,600,000

Total Assets - 19,904,912

JAMES TURNER, Cashier.

C. L. LAING, Agent,
Georgetown Branch.

ACTONIANS AND ACTONITES

Make Guelph and the store of Chas. L. Nelles your headquarters for Books and Holiday Goods. It will pay you to take a trip to the

BIG BOOKSTORE.

Chas. L. Nelles
GUELPH.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1902.

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS.

Some zero weather was experienced this week.

The earth is again covered with a mantle of snow.

Christmas home-comings are now being arranged for.

The prospects are good for a "White Christmas."

The mercury registered 25 degrees below zero at Waterloo on Monday.

The zero weather of the first of the week has not considerably lessened.

Put the Parus Puma on your list of presents for 1902. The balance of the year is free.

The annual missionary service at Siloam will be held next Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock.

Dear old Acton—You did well. Thirty-eight majority was a glorious surprise to your best friends.

Now that the swamps are becoming thoroughly frozen up wood will commence to come in freely.

The annual entertainment of the Disciples' Sunday School will be held on Tuesday evening, 23rd inst.

1001 majority for Halton! Think of it! Halton's all right, and sustains her reputation as a banner county.

The law says that no one may sell, give or have a pistol, air gun, ammunition, etc., to a minor, one under 16 years.

Navigations closed yesterday and Mr. J. C. Hill, coal dealer expects a limited supply of furnace and stove coal in a few days.

Rov. H. A. Macpherson, Acton, is to preach the annual Masonic sermon in Knox Church, Hamilton on Dec. 20th.—Hamilton Herald.

Complaints are made that G. T. R. freight trains stand over the Mill Street crossing these days much longer than the legal time.

Now citizens don't force the Municipal Officer to pay you to keep the pavement clear of snow.

The names of Mrs. Alfred Boper and Miss Milly Anderson were inadvertently omitted from the list of Teachers of Knox Sunday School in last issue.

County Council nominations will be held this year on Monday, Dec. 22nd, and municipal nominations on Monday, Dec. 29th. Election day, Jan. 5th.

It was a good-natured contest, wasn't it? Even the oldest inhabitants in the County and the President of the Prohibition Association of the County could walk up street together seeking votes for their respective sides and chat good-naturedly over it.

A collision occurred between two carriages on Young Street last Thursday evening, by which a man and his wife and child were thrown out of their rig and the buggy was badly smashed. The babe received a blow upon the head which rendered it unconscious for several hours.

AUCTION SALE NEIGHBOURS

TUESDAY, Dec. 16. Farm stock and implements, the property of Peter Hills, lot 25, section 9, Nassagaweya. A number of fine cattle and pigs. Terms—seven months credit; five per cent. off for cash. THOMAS INGRAM, Auctioneer.

STOP THIS COUGH AND WORK ON THE COLD.

Positive Quinine Tablets come a cold a day. No notice to pay.

NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT.

WILL PEACE ANNIVERSARY SERVICES. Rev. A. E. Smith, D. D., will preside at the Silver Anniversary services of the Methodist Church, Clifford, next Sunday. Mr. Smith was the pastor there for several years and his engagement to preach the sermon marking the 25th anniversary of the church is evidence of the esteem in which he is held by the church at Clifford. Rev. John Mills, of Guelph, will occupy the pulpit here.

A Beautiful Work of Art.

The Toronto Art League Calendar for 1902 has just been issued by the Mission Book Co., Toronto. For those who wish to send a calendar that is distinctly Canadian to their friends, there can be no better gift than a copy of this calendar issued by the Toronto Art League.

THE CANADIAN TOWNSHIP. The Royal Canadian Art League has issued their regular Council, Monday evening, and the officers elected for the ensuing term are as follows:

S. C.—Bro. E. Hart, President; Dr. W. M. Jones, Vice-President; W. C.—Bro. E. Leachman, Chaplain; Bro. Rev. A. E. Smith, Secretary; Bro. E. K. Cook, Treasurer; Bro. F. Plank, Herald—Bro. Geo. Elliott, Auditor; Bro. W. M. Harvey, Sentinel—Bro. P. Wilson, Organist—Bro. A. Bell, Prison Reporter—Bro. N. Tipton.

A Practical Business.

Mr. George E. Stark, accountant for Messrs. W. H. Stoney & Son, has been the recipient of very candid and frank thanks the past few days. He succeeded in getting in the first ear of anathema and that he reached Acton since the evil miners' strike, and very generously divided it among some thirty citizens giving a ton to each. It is a splendid quality of Scranton nut, and cost something over \$3.00 a ton. If Mr. Stark would like to be elected to the vice-chair, or be appointed a pathmaster, or get a marriage license cheap, all he has to do is to express the wish and any of those houses are his.

THE CANADIAN ALMANAC.

With the issue for 1902 "The Canadian Almanac" (the Copp, Clark Co., Toronto) attains the ripe age of fifty-six years.

It has grown with the country. The first issue appeared in 1847, containing 100 pages.

The issue for 1902 will occupy considerably over 400 pages. It will be found replete with information valuable to all classes of citizens. It is indispensable in every office and library, and business and it is constantly useful as a book of reference. The publishers have enlarged and improved the almanac that it became necessary to raise the price. It now costs in paper covers 35 cents, and cloth cases 60 cents.

THE BIG WINTER FAIR.

The Provincial Winter Fair is in full blast this week in the big Winter Fair building at Guelph. The fair is well attended by a large number of experts in live and dressed cattle, sheep, swine and poultry, and the dairy show, have united to attract a very large attendance, the largest in history of the fair.

The railways are giving ample fare on all lines, and the attendance today and to-morrow will no doubt equal that of yesterday which was very large. Among the exhibitors of fine cattle from this section are Messrs. J. L. Warren, Leslie and Pearen, Acton Holt, Young, Osprings, N. H. Black, Rockwood, D. Stewart, Everton, Mr. H. Barber, Nassagaweya, is exhibiting sheep and Messrs. John Kitching, Corwin, and James Gray, Rockwood, have several entries in the swine department.

THE GLOVE BUSINESS BOOMING.

Messrs. W. H. Stoney & Son, of the Canada Glove Works, are just closing a highly successful year—the thirteenth year of history of the firm's operations. Orders have crowded in with such a volume that the two hundred employees with their skillful hands and machinery have been unable to overtake them, and many have been refused. The prospects for next year are very bright indeed and the business, both in the glove factory and the tannery, will be largely increased. The firm is advertising this week for forty additional glove-makers, and will also employ women and girls to do glove-making in their homes. Our citizens generally will appreciate this evidence of increasing business on the part of this very important industry, which is under the very capable management of Mr. W. A. Stoney.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Business Committee at the Meeting on Monday Evening.

The Board met on Monday evening in regular session. Members present W. Kenney, Chairman, Rev. H. A. Macpherson, W. H. Denby, H. Grindell, and Dr. McKeague.

The Committee on Finance presented their eighteenth report and recommended payment of accounts as follows:

Mr. Alex McDonald, 14 cards regular \$1.50

G. P. Godlove, white basket 3.30

and more 1.75

Thomas Ellings, repairing seats and desks 1.75

80.55

Moved by Grindell, seconded by H. A. Macpherson, that the eighteenth report of the Committee on Finance just read be adopted.—Carried.

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The Supply Committee was instructed to provide necessary supplies for the High School Department.

Board then adjourned.

HALTON GIVES 100% MAJORITY.

EVERY MUNICIPALITY IN THE COUNTY HAS "GIVEN THE LEAP."

ACTION POLLS A CREDITABLE VOTE.

The campaign is over. The vote given has been taken and Halton has again proven herself worthy to be considered a banner in the political field.

With over three thousand men polled and a majority of 1001 in favour of closing the bars and abolishing the brewing system, the electors have shown conclusively that they are opposed to licensed liquor traffic.

It is true the vote polled was not up to the aggregate required to bring into force "The Liquor Act of 1902," but the almost impossible high standard of the act was not reached.

Policeman J. H. Boyd, of Toronto, spent Friday at his home here.

Mr. J. Kerr Brown is home from the School of Pharmacy for vacation.

Mr. Henry Scott, of Guelph, spent a few hours in town last Friday.

Miss Lizzie Storey, returned from her visit to friends in Manitoulin on Saturday.

Mr. J. Pyfe returned from his autumn trip to the Northwest on Saturday.

Mr. A. E. Nicklin has been in Manitoulin on a business trip the past couple of weeks.

"Mr. Khund, engineer at the G. T. L. Company, is making a couple of weeks holiday.

Mr. Wm. H. Stoney, of Manitoulin, is home.

Mr. W. B. Balsam arrived home from Manitoulin, where he had been since August, on Saturday.

Mr. Wm. Grant, of St. Mary's, is spending a week or so with friends in Acton and Georgetown.

Miss Gray, of Stayner, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Gray, head milliner with Henderson & Co.

Mr. G. A. Pannabecker came down from Peterborough on Thursday to poll a good vote for the closing of the bars.

Mrs. John Brown went to Newmarket last Thursday to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Mich. C. Hobbs.

Mr. Villars, of Toronto, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Smith at Fairview Place several days this week.

Mr. S. Z. Bennett arrived home last week from the North West. He is about to remove to Nova Scotia to represent W. H. Stoney & Son in the East.

LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP INCREASED.

New Shelving Being Put Up to Accommodate New Addition of Books.

THE RIGHT HOUSE.

HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE.

NOW IS THE TIME TO DO YOUR Xmas shopping.

MONTHS AGO our buyers abroad were diligently searching the great novelty stores for new and appropriate Christmas Gifts. The stores are now here, and in display. The mind of every housewife is on the alert, selecting their Christmas presents, early this season, and the best plan for stocks is to buy now.

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