

# 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 limitation and no delay in drawing money.

**Farmers' Business.**  
Solicitors. 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 sale of low interest mortgages.

**Travelers are notified that the Bank of Hamilton and its branches, being branches of the Provincial Bank of England Limited, which can be cashed without charge or trouble in any part of the world.**

**HEAD OFFICE - HAMILTON**  
Established 1872.  
Capital Paid Up - \$2,000,000  
Reserve Fund - 1,600,000  
Total Assets - 19,994,912

JAMES TURNBULL, Cashier.  
C. L. LAING, AGENT,  
Georgetown Branch.

## ACTONIANS IN 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.

Only a week till Yuletide.  
-See Santa Claus early and avoid a rush.  
-Santa Claus is already taking orders ahead.

-Schools "out" tomorrow afternoon for the Christmas holidays.  
-The shop windows never were more attractive with Christmas goods.  
-Messrs. R. and J. Holmes, drawers, shipped over 100 sheep to Yntano on Monday.

-Remember the Disciples' Christmas entertainment next Tuesday evening.  
-Another advance in the price of coal won't cost you anything if you can't get any.

-The Bank Passes are calendar will be unique and attractive and will be issued on New Year's morning.  
-By-laws were carried by Owen Sound taxpayers to purchase the electric light and gas plants on Saturday.

-Knox Sunday School is putting in a faithful work in preparation for their New Year's night entertainment.  
-About this time of the year we may expect to hear of some one who has been taken by Santa Claus Christmas.

-The Cantata, drills and choruses of the Methodist Sunday School entertainment for Christmas night will delight those who attend.  
-If the results will only keep coal, says a coal dealer, "we can ride over the present shortage." Keep coal! Oh, yes, they're doing it!

-Coal is coming. Mr. J. C. Hill, coal dealer, has received two cars of coal this week and his customers are very thankful in consequence.  
-Stacks of apples, and autumnal, stony yachts, and orange plantations are among the trifles that are always available at the home.

-Mr. James Russell fell on the slippery pavement on Tuesday and striking his head received a painful injury. He was unable to get out yesterday.  
-The G. T. R. has confiscated several cars of coal belonging to the Georgetown Paper Mills the past week, owing to a shortage in the road's supply.

-Mr. W. E. Smith, of Ennoscote, has sold his valuable 300 acre farm in Ennoscote to Mr. Samuel Peck, of Guelph township, for \$100,000. Guelph, Mercury.

-Mr. Donald Kopman has discontinued business in Mrs. Secord's south block. His nephew David Kopman, has opened a small business in Mr. Robson's block.

**WINTER ORDERS FOR SPRING DELIVERY.**  
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 this establishment is able to execute far more and better work than heretofore, and in order to keep the machinery running steadily, work orders are being given for work orders now. Call at the works or drop a word to J. H. Hamilton, Guelph.

**THE BIRD IN THE HAND.**  
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### NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT.

**A Venerable Preacher.**  
Rev. John Mills, who occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Church last Sunday with much acceptance. This venerable man of God retains mental and physical vigor to a large degree. He is by his fifty-third year in the ministry, and though not now in the active work, is very frequently in the pulpit and his sermons are always enjoyed. His evening sermon last Sunday was a very effective exhortation to sinners to repent and was based upon Luke 15: 10.

**The Street Closures in Winter.**  
The exact question of "Who shall shovel the snow off the street crossings?" began before our eyes. It is clearly the duty of the Corporation to clear the crossings. The town laid the crossings, and they are being held for the use of the public. The Corporation should therefore see that they are cleared of snow after every storm, as citizens are required to do with their own property. If the municipal officer has not time for this, the Corporation should see to it. This is a matter which should be secured to perform this important work.

**Brown's Mill Again Changes Hands.**  
Brown's saw mill property recently purchased by Mr. Peter Sawyer, proprietor of Sawyer's mill, Nainburg, has again changed hands. Owing to the illness of Mr. Sawyer, it is impossible to continue the business of the mill, and this week he sold the Acton mill to Mr. Alex. Bell. Mr. Bell has been a resident of Acton for several months. He takes immediate possession and will more proceed to stock the mill for next season's cutting. Mr. Bell has had an experience of thirty-two years in the lumber business and is therefore fully competent to conduct the business with satisfaction.

**Geo. Howell on Desk Again.**  
Mr. George Howell, who disposed of his stock in the business some weeks ago to Kenney Bros., found afterward that his rights were so finally fixed in Acton that it would be more trying to transport them than otherwise. Last week he returned to town and repurchased his stock from Kenney Bros., and paid them for their trouble in handling the stock and surrendering his agreement not to return to business here for a term of years. Mr. Howell is now back in Mill Street, and is looking after his business again and may now be regarded as one of Acton's permanent business men.

**Missionary Day at Belmont.**  
Missionary anniversary services were held in the Methodist Church on Sunday. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Rev. W. H. Garham, B. D., the services were conducted by Mr. H. P. Moore, of the Pine Point. The work of Methodism as a missionary church on this continent for the past hundred years was lately reviewed, and the needs of the present day on the foreign field and especially in Ontario and the North West with the rapidly increasing population, were pointed out. Mr. J. J. Moore, moderator, and the choir and soloists during the service. The offerings of the day were creditable.

**Teachers' Examination, 1902.**  
The following Model School students have received certificates of qualification as public school teachers, in accordance with the regulations of the Ontario Education Department. These others have passed the Model School examination and will receive certificates as soon as they obtain Junior Leaving qualifications:

Tha McQueen ..... 831  
Alma McQueen ..... 872  
Hessie Andrew ..... 878  
Howard Owen ..... 875  
Christie M. Taylor ..... 877  
Margaret L. Langtry ..... 877  
Sadie M. Fowler ..... 846  
Jessie M. Taylor ..... 847

It will be observed with pleasure by our citizens that the teachers receiving the highest second and fourth places in the list are Acton students.

**Kiecoltala's Resignation.**  
Mr. Fred Kiecoltala who has had charge of the lighting system of the corporation for nearly two years past, has tendered his resignation. Mr. Kiecoltala has just effected the purchase of very advantageous of the electric lighting plant at Preston, of which he has been in charge for nine years. He has been a very faithful employee of the corporation here and his services have been very satisfactory. The Council naturally regrets the loss of the services of a competent and efficient electrician, but there is no bettering his position there his best wishes will accompany him. Mr. Kiecoltala owns a residence in Preston, and has many old friends there.

**Death of James Russell, Esq.**  
Acton this week has lost one of its most highly respected citizens in the death of Mr. James Russell, Willow St. Mr. Russell was in ill health for many months and for several weeks his ailment hovered near the borderland. Death came on Sunday morning. Mr. Russell was a native of Lunenburg, Scotland, and son of the late James Russell, sr., of Egan. He was in his 64th year. He came to Canada with his parents sixty years ago and the family settled on lot 2, con. 5, Erin. When he arrived at his present residence on the corner of Willow St. and Erin, lot 2, con. 6, he was married some thirty years ago to Mrs. Janet Somerville, sister of Mr. Egan Somerville. About twenty years ago he retired from farming and settled in Georgetown, and during his residence there Mrs. Russell died. He came to Acton about ten years ago and purchased the old Knox Church manse and globe where he resided until the erection of the new residence on Willow Street in 1897. The Merchants' Association of this town, Mr. Russell was awarded to Miss Sarah Haulsberg, who survived him. No family resulted from other marriage, but Miss Kate, an adopted daughter, is left to mourn the loss of a kind foster father. Mr. Russell was a very intelligent and thoughtful man, but very quiet in disposition. He was a constant member of the Presbyterian Church, and during his residence in Georgetown was an elder. The funeral on Tuesday afternoon was largely attended. Burial took place in the cemetery at 2 o'clock, officiated by Rev. H. A. McQueen.

### PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

**Death of Rev. Wm. Melkie.**  
Rev. Wm. Melkie died yesterday at his residence, in Toronto, after a short attack of paralysis. Rev. Melkie had not been long engaged in the ministry for thirteen years. He was born in Ayr, Scotland, in 1840, and was ordained in 1864, and had his first charge in Anstruther, Scotland. From there he moved to Mohile, Ala., and later to Oakville, where he remained for thirteen years, after which he returned to Toronto. He has two sons, one a doctor in the British Navy and the other W. H. Melkie of Omaha. The funeral will take place on Thursday at 10 o'clock at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

**Hamilton's Town Post Office.**  
The report of the Postmaster General recently issued for the year ending June 30, 1902, gives the following interesting particulars respecting the postal and money order business transacted at the five town post offices of the county during the year:

Stamp Money Postal  
Acton ..... \$2,031.82 \$2,000.25 \$1,102.80  
Georgetown ..... 1,586.82 1,586.82 846.81  
Guelph ..... 2,722.82 2,700.00 1,300.01  
Milton ..... 2,002.41 2,788.12 1,250.01  
Oakville ..... 2,282.23 2,282.23 822.50

The amounts received by the five post offices for salaries, commissions and allowances were as follows: Acton, \$2,711.11; Georgetown, \$2,937.45; Guelph, \$3,957.87; Milton, \$3,000.01; Oakville, \$3,957.87.

**May Leave the Pastorate.**  
The Hamilton Times says: "There is a possibility that the Hamilton Conference of the Methodist Church may leave the services of one of its most prominent and honored ministers, Rev. T. Albert Moore, the present President of the Conference and pastor of Zion Tabernacle, Rev. Mr. Moore has spent seven or eight years of his twenty-four years' pastorate in Hamilton as pastor of the present church and of St. James Street Church, and is looked upon by Hamilton people as a Hamilton man, and they regret to lose such an energetic and progressive worker and able public speaker, but if plans for his new pastorate get into effect he will go into the work of the Lord's Day Alliance after next June. The Alliance has found the work of Hamilton field secretary too great for one man, and Mr. Moore's appointment to a position similar to that to which Rev. J. G. Shoover was appointed some years ago is looked upon with favor by the Alliance and it is well known that Mr. Moore is deeply interested in this branch of Christian work."

**LOCAL INTELLECT.**  
-Communion services will be held in Knox Church on Sunday. Preparatory services will be held on Friday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.  
-A Pine Point subscriber in Toronto sent us \$100 for renewed this week but failed to give name. Will this friend please drop us a card so that we may give the credit.  
-There is one advantage about this fuel anxiety that his heretofore has overlooked. There won't be many chimneys or overcoats that Santa Claus won't be able to descend them.  
-The members of the Acton Grange Lodge had a very enjoyable oyster supper in St. James' oyster parlour last Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Statham presided a very entertaining evening.

-Two Bradford dealers have been fined \$10 for selling cigarettes to minors. The local police are determined that the practice, which has been growing of late, shall be entirely discontinued.  
-James Hamilton, pump dealer and manufacturer, Alvington, was killed by a horse in the head on Sunday and is expected to die. He leaves a wife and six children. Mr. Hamilton was a brother of Ald. John H. Hamilton, Guelph, who is well known here.

-It is reported that the late Thomas Howarth, town treasurer of Oakville, was a defaulter to the amount of \$30,000 when he shot himself and the town has had a hard time to get the amount against his partner, Geo. Andrew - Milton Chumpton.

-Next Sunday will be Sunday School day in the Methodist Church, and the children will be given diplomas and certificates at the morning service, when the diplomas will be presented to the graduates from the primary classes.

-Sir Wilfrid Laurier leaves Hot Springs, Virginia, on his return to Ottawa on the 20th of the month. He will be in the capital for his Excellency's New Year's Day reception.

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