

Bank of Hamilton Georgetown Branch.

A General Banking Business
transacted.
Correspondence Solicited.

Savings Department.

Interest allowed on amount of 5% DOL-
LARS. Interest compounded daily, subject to
date of withdrawal. No formalities and no
delays in drawing money.

Farmers' Business.

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

Our Collection Department.

Has every facility for making prompt
settlements.

Sale Notes.

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

BUSINESS OFFICE HAMILTON.

Established 1872.

Capital Paid Up - \$2,000,000

Reserve Fund - 1,600,000

Total Assets - 2,200,000

JAMES THOMAS, 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

BIG BOOKSTORE.

Chas. L. Nelles GUELPH.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1902.

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS.

Merry, Merry Christmas.

Many home circles are re-united
to-day.

Municipal nominations next Mon-
day at 10 a.m.

A number of Christmas trees
are on the tops for today.

It is a green Christmas but
it will be a happy one nevertheless.

The key roads have kept the black-
smiths busy almost day and night this
week.

The fees from the High School
Department this year reached a little
over \$100.

In your joy and plenty remember
the poor and needy to-day in a
practical manner.

Knox Sunday School entertain-
ment on New Year's night will be a
highly enjoyable one.

Santa Claus put in a busy time
last night, and there's joy in every
household as a consequence.

The very alippy roads and pav-
ements caused a very thin attendance
at the church services on Sunday.

The Bank of Toronto has opened a
branch in Oakville in the premises
privately occupied by Anderson & Son,

private bankers.

W. S. McAlpine, B. A.,
a practical surveyor, arrived at Erin
on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Burford occupied
the pulpit of the Baptist Church here.

One of the most unique calendars
that has reached this office was issued
by Mr. J. E. MacGillivray, Dringell,
Toronto. The pictorial feature is a
photo engraving of "Ed" mounted
on a Mexican jockey, and was taken dur-
ing a trip to the South last spring.

While climbing between cars of a
freight train last Wednesday evening,
Dr. McKeown slipped and in
falling dislocated his shoulder. He
had it promptly treated, and was plucky enough to go
about his professional duties at once
and has been on the road almost night
and day ever since.

Remember the Flymen's Annual
Ball at Georgetown, New Year's Eve,
Dec. 31st. It will be the best ever
given by the brigade. Everybody
welcome.—Adv.

Anchors Homey will sell by
public auction in the store opposite
Knox Church on Friday, 2d January,
a quantity of furniture, carpenter's
tools, etc. Sale at 8 p.m.

MALTON COUNTY COUNCILLORS.

A Contest in the Acton, Nassagawaya,
and Milton Division.

The nomination of County Com-
missioners took place on Monday and
resulted as follows:

Division No. 1—C. Smith, Burling-
ton, and J. G. Wilson, Nelson.

Division No. 2—Not reported.

Division No. 3—D. Wrigleyworth,
Ashgrove and Dr. Webster, Norval.

Division No. 4—J. Hutchison and A.
McGibson, Nassagawaya, and J. H.
Peacock, Milton.

Division No. 5, has a contest, and
the result is yet problematical.

WINTER ORDERS FOR SPRING DELIVERY.

J. H. Hamilton's Electrical Manu-
factual Works at Guelph are now
taking orders for Granite and Metal
Monuments to be set up this spring.
With the abundant electrical and pneumatic
machinery he is able to execute
for more and better work than he
has done before. Good wages are
offered now. Call at the works or
drop a card to J. H. Hamilton
Guelph.

NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT.

More Gloves Makers Wanted.

Messrs. W. H. Storey & Son are
still rushed with orders. They have
secured twenty new glove makers in
the past two weeks, and are prepared
to engage twenty or thirty more
leathers at once. Good wages are
offered.

A Christmas Wedding.

The implied of Miss Annie Stephen-
son, oldest daughter of Anthony
Stephen, Esq., Willow Street, and
Miss Hector Johnson, of Gloucester,
N. Y., will be celebrated at the family
residence, Willow Street, this after-
noon at four o'clock. Particulars not
known.

Christmas Turkey Galore.

Messrs. Headroom & Co., and The
Action Tanning Co. again presented
their employes with Christmas
turkey. The married men received
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The Township D. R. O.W.

At the meeting of the Township
Council last week the following were
appointed Deputy Returning Officers:
Pollard, Sibley, No. 1; Robert
Joyce, No. 2; William Cook, No. 3;
Geo. H. Thompson, No. 4; Wm.
Shewell, No. 5; Geo. C. Campbell, No.
6; Daniel Reid.

A Seven-Cent Stamp.

The Post-Office Department has
issued a new seven-cent postage
stamp. This stamp, which is of a
yellow color, will be especially convenient
for postage and registration fee
on single rate letters, while it may
also be used for other postage pur-
poses to the extent of its face value.
The new stamp may be had after to-day at
Acton Post Office.

Death of Mrs. Guelph's Mother.

The Winnipeg Free Press of last
week says: Another of the only-day
residents of the city passed away
yesterday by the person of Mrs. Wm.
Winnipeg, mother of Jas. H. Ashburn,
of this city. She had been ill for
some time, but had attained a very mature age, and her
husband, who is still living, is a confirmed
invalid. The deceased lady was born in
London, England, on the 21st day of
November, 1829. The children are:
Jas. H. Ashburn, of this city; George,
of Montreal; A. L. of Swan River;
Alfred, of Yorkton; Mrs. A. Darch,
of Battle, Mont., and Mrs. C. F. Good-
win, of Acton, Ont.

Death of Miss Jane McLane.

Death comes to all, and last week
claimed one here who had ministered
at times of suffering and sorrow in
many homes, and brought relief and
comfort, wherever she went. After a
long period of suffering death came to
Miss Jane McLane, daughter of the late
Rev. Thomas McLane, Esq., last Thurs-
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The New Year's Little Joke.

Mr. Dennis, Captain of Acton, was
busy man during the latter part of
last week. He was putting up Christ-
mas presents for his friends at a distance.
A few of his acquaintances in the
city, including Dr. Howlett, Mr. A.
Gouldfellow, Mr. W. A. McLean and Ald.
Hamilton, received tangible
tokens of his generosity on Saturday
morning, when there was delivered to
them addresses fifty pounds of anthracite
coal with neat little cards bearing
the compliments of the donor.—Guelph Herald.

The New H. B. Dept. Teacher.

The new teacher engaged to take
charge of the High School Department
at the Public School comes with very
high recommendations. Miss A. St.
Oyley Cole, B. A., is an honor graduate
of Toronto University and also of
the Ontario Normal College. She
taught similar classes to those in the
new department of Shallowford, and
Tottenham, having much experience and
very distinguished testimonials from the
various schools where she has taught.

The Christmas Cantata To-night.

The annual Christmas entertainment
of the Methodist Sunday School will be held
in the church this evening. The programme
will consist of the very interesting cantata,
"Mine Jesus," which contains a variety of
pretty choruses, dialogues, recitations
etc., and will be rendered in a manner
to interest all who attend. The flag drill by sixteen young ladies
of the school will be an especially attractive feature, and is itself worth
the price of admission. There will also be
selections by the orchestra. The proceedings will open at 7:30
o'clock. This entertainment will afford our citizens a splendid
opportunity of spending the evening of this glorious holiday in a very
enjoyable manner.

Knox Church Handbells.

Sunday, December 21, was observed
as the last communion of 1902. Pre-
communion services were conducted by
the minister, Rev. H. A. Macpherson,
who was especially ministered to the
large number of persons who were
received by certificate and profession
of faith. In all twenty-four were added
to the roll. The membership of Knox Church
is now in the neighborhood of 400, besides
a large list of adherents. The Church
is again under the superintendency of
Mr. Geo. Hynd for the year 1903, for
practicing three nights in the week for
the Cantata "Santa Claus at His Best."
It is to be given at the church on New
Year's Night. Mr. A. T. Mann and
Miss Jane McLane, with their usual
and enthusiastic assistance are
spending all night to make this the very
best Cantata that the school has given.

Next Sunday Rev. Mr. Macpherson

preaches in Knox Church, Hamilton,
to the United Masonic Lodges of that
city. The pulpit here will be occupied
by Mr. J. G. Cheyne, of Knox
Church.

The Gladstones of Entertainment.

A well-arranged and highly creditable
Christian Entertainment was given
in the Disciples' Church on Tuesday
evening. The programme included
a variety of pretty choruses, dialogues,
recitations etc., and will be rendered in a
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St. Albans & B. Entertainment.

A merry Christmas Entertainment
was given in the town hall on Monday
evening by St. Albans Sunday School.
The programme consisted of choruses,
cards, dialogues, recitations, and
but, very interesting to the
scholar, the distribution of Christ-
mas presents and sweetmeats. Rev.
Mr. Brown was master of cere-
monies and the proceeding, presided
over by him.

A Pair of Plus Fat Animals.

Mr. John Kinnaird delivered to Mr.
Robt. Holmes, draper, last Thursday,
a pair of fat hens—a steer and a
heifer, which were much admired as
they were two years old and weighed 3,000
pounds. Mr. Kinnaird received a
handsome figure for these fine animals,
but this was not surprising for he is
an expert fowler and breeder, and is
accustomed to receiving the best
prices the market affords. The "plus
fat" went to Port Perry to spend Christ-
mas.

Christmas Turkeys Galore.

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their employes with Christmas
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one each on Thursday night and the
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A Happy Home Dinner.

The Immanuel Church, Georgetown,
held a dinner for the benefit of
the Methodist Parsonage last week.
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Stewart
went to Port Perry to spend Christ-
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A Christmas Wedding.

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