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# The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1909


## BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS.

—Wroxeter now has a local paper—the Planet.

—Not much complaining now that the ice crop will be short.

—The Mercury dropped to slight below zero on Sunday night.

—The snow on Friday and Saturday gave another spell of sleighing.

—A fine new piano was installed in Knox Church School Room last week.

—The annual tea-meeting will be held at Boston Church, Esquesing, tomorrow evening.

—A fine new sign was erected on their building in the Warren Block last week by the Merchants Bank.

—The funeral of the late John H. Chisholm will be held this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Interment at Fairview Cemetery.

—Mr. John Treanor has sold his hotel. The license will be transferred at the next meeting of the commissioners.—Georgetown Herald.

—The debtate between the Georgetown and Acton Leagues, which was to have taken place next Monday evening, has been postponed till the 15th inst.

—The Council is advertising for applications for position of Municipal Officer. Salary will include those of Assessor, Collector and Collector of Electric Light Revenues.

—His Lordship Bishop DuMoulin has appointed Rev. L. W. B. Broughall, M. A., of Oakville, dean of Halton county, to succeed Rev. A. J. Belt, whose term of office has expired.

—John R. Ray was sentenced at Guelph to two year's imprisonment for setting fire to the barn of Mrs. McGuire. He pleaded in excuse that he had made love to the widow and had been rejected.

—The evening service for the Methodist Church has been withdrawn for next Sunday evening to permit the congregation to fraternize with Knox Church congregation on the occasion of their anniversary services.

—An anti-treating league has been organized at Acton. The treating system has long been recognized as one of the most baneful influences at work in connection with the entire liquor traffic.—Oakville Review.

—Mr. G. A. Hemstreet, Milton's book-keeper and collector of the electric light, has presented his annual report, showing receipts for 1908 to have been $8359.81, and expenditures $8589.70, leaving a balance on hand of $770.11.—Reformer. The receipts include an allowance of $1200 for lighting the town's streets and town hall.

### HALTON UNION INSURANCE CO.

**Annual Meeting Last Friday in Acton The Officers Elected**

The annual meeting of Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. was held in the town hall last Friday. The President, Mr. John Ramsay, Eden Mills, occupied the chair.

The annual report of Mr. Colin Cameron, Secretary, showed that the year's business was very satisfactory; all claims were met and there was a balance of upwards of $3,300 in the Treasury.

Three directors were elected for the ensuing term of three years: Messrs. Geo. E. Fisher, Burlington; Wallace Lasby, Nassagaweya; and R. B. Young, Erin; Messrs. Lasby and Young taking the places of Messrs. Wm. Dredge and Geo. Ellenton.

The Board is now composed of the following:

John Ramsay, Eden Mills, President.
James Kirkwood, Erin, Vice-Pres.
H. W. Cook, Trafalgar; N. F. Lindsay, Acton; Richard Graham, Ashgrove; Geo. Gastle, Nelson; Geo. E. Fisher, Burlington; Wallace Lasby, Nassagaweya, and R. B. Young, Erin.

Colin Cameron, Eden Mills, was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The company has now policies aggregating $5,800,000 in force.

### GOOD HOME RECIPE

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A druggist here at home, when asked, stated that he could either supply the ingredients or mix the prescription for our readers, also recommends it as harmless.

A naval seaman has once every day to salute the quarter-deck of his ship, even if no officer is upon it. "Salute" Tea is in such popular favor that many people feel like saluting a packet wherever seen.

## NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT.

**Acton the Victor at Hockey**

The seniors of Georgetown came up on Thursday evening last and lost to Acton in a score of 8 to 4. On Monday night the Brampton Juniors visited Acton and after an exciting game retired with a score of 5 to 4 in Acton's favor.

**The New License Inspector**

Mr. W. A. Ferrah, of Oakville, the new License Inspector, was in town yesterday and created very favorable impressions. Mr. Ferrah says he has no desire to be harsh with the hotelmen of the County, but they must observe the law and "keep hotel."

**Lumber Contract in New Ontario**

Instead of placing his saw mill on the fifth line, Esquesing, Donald Duff has taken a big contract to cut into lumber the timber on the homestead of J. P. Bush, Eden, in New Ontario, twelve miles northwest of New Liskeard. He will remove his mill there early in the spring.

**One of Our Oldest Subscribers**

Mr. Thomas Perryman, sr., called on Monday to renew his Free Press subscription for the thirty-fourth year in succession. The old gentleman is in his 83rd year, and judging from his present rugged health will be spared to celebrate his next birthday on the 8th October. He takes a delight in keeping the pavements clear of snow on the whole of the 198 feet adjoining his premises.

**Beginning of the Campaign**

Sunday next will be temperance Sunday in Georgetown. Representatives from the Alliance will occupy four of the pulpits in town. A mass meeting will be held in the Methodist Church in the evening.—Herald. It is proposed in some quarters that a campaign be opened in Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing with a view to a vote on Local Option at the January elections next year.

**Rev. Mr. Macpherson's Church Grows**

The annual reports of Chalmers' Church, Toronto, of which Rev. H. A. Macpherson, formerly of Knox Church, Acton, is pastor, showed a year of great progress. The receipts from all sources was $14,321.39. The missionary offerings increased by the adoption of weekly offerings for missions from $1,100 in 1907, to $2000 in 1908. During the past six years the church has raised $20,000 over and above the ordinary revenues. The membership showed an increase during the year of 75, the total now being 1,038. Rev. Mr. Macpherson's salary was increased at the annual meeting to $2,000 per year.

**The Canadian Almanac**

The 1909 issue of the Canadian Almanac, which forms the sixty-second of the series, is unusually valuable, and is indispensable to every office and library in the Dominion. Many of the lists given are not found elsewhere, and in no other volume can so much information about Canada be found in so small a space. The Canadian Almanac has been published continuously since 1848, and is highly useful to every Canadian engaged in professional or business life. 400 pages, Price 50 cents. Published by The Copp, Clark Company, Limited, Toronto.

**Knox Church Anniversary**

The fourteenth anniversary of the opening of Knox Church, and the sixty-fourth of the organization of the congregation, will be held next Sunday and Monday. On Sunday Rev. Albert E. Mitchell, B. A., of Knox Church, Hamilton, will preach morning and evening. Monday evening the annual tea and entertainment will be held. Mr. R. G. Stapells, organist Deer Park Presbyterian Church, and his mixed quartette will provide solos, duets and quartettes. Miss Jessie Irving, of Hamilton, one of Canada's best elocutionists, will render her newest numbers. Tea will be served from six to eight o'clock.

**Large Addition to Epworth League.**

About the middle of January the Epworth League decided upon a campaign to bring into membership the young people of the church. The members were divided into two groups for the canvass, and were respectively red and white bows to indicate the workers. The result of the work was seen at the meeting of the League on Tuesday evening, when sixty-seven members were received and subscribed to the active or associate pledge of the League—thirty-four names being handed in by the reds and thirty-three by the whites. A Valentine social will be held next Tuesday evening, at which the whites will provide the refreshments and the reds the programme.

**Teachers' Salaries at Oakville.**

The Oakville Board of Education held a special meeting on Saturday evening to consider a couple of resignations. Miss A. E. Pierce of the High School staff wrote the board saying that she had been offered a salary of $1,000 to take a position on the staff of the Strathroy collegiate institute, but would remain there if the board would grant her an increase of $50 in salary. It was thought advisable to grant Miss Pierce's request, dating her increase from the first of this year, which would make her salary $900. Miss Jessie Ralston tendered her resignation as one of the public school staff, explaining that she had been offered a much larger salary to take a position on the staff of the Alma Ladies' College, St. Thomas. Her resignation was accepted with sincere regret.—Oakville Record.

**An Up-to-Date Advertiser**

The Maclean Publishing Co., publishers of trade papers, Toronto, some time before Christmas offered prizes for the best advertisements of hardware stores and photos of the best dressed windows, the contest being confined to towns under 10,000 population. Mr. R. F. Johnstone, Acton, was a competitor in both contests. For best advertisement he was awarded first place in the list of commended advertisements, and for best dressed window, he took third place, with photos of the well-remembered scene of Santa Claus before a fire-place and a skilfully arranged display of holiday goods. The first prize was won by Peart Bros., Regina, and the second by J. L. Fenn & Sons, Bracebridge. Mr. Johnstone's prize advertisement appeared in the Free Press on December 10th and its artistic composition was executed by Mr. Charles A. G. Matthews, our foreman.

## THE CHARACTER OF HAMLET

**Very Helpful and Interesting Lecture by Prof. J. H. Reynolds, Guelph**

The Acton Shakespeare Club not only gained very valuable information for themselves in the study of the play of Hamlet, but they provided a most interesting literary evening for their friends, in engaging Prof. J. H. Reynolds, of Guelph, to give a lecture on the character of Hamlet last Friday evening.

The school room of Knox Church was well filled. The chair was taken by Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A., and Rev. G. W. Barker offered prayer.

Prof. Reynolds was given a very cordial reception. He said in his introduction that Hamlet's character was a very difficult one to study, but among all the plays of Shakespeare it is the one that has attracted most students. He showed three aspects of the character of Hamlet: 1st, Before the opening of the play—the original Hamlet; 2nd, The mad Hamlet—feasigned, and 3rd, The unpretending Hamlet of the play. He is a man of faith, of religious faith, of faith in manhood. He is a man of hope with a bright outlook of life. He sees goodness or greatness in others. He is a courteous gentleman, thoughtful for the rights and feelings of others. He is a scholar, just home from the university and has a disposition to reflect. He is a student and an accomplished swordsman. But withal there is a trace of the fierce vindictive blood of his Danish ancestors in his makeup.

To illustrate the various phases of the character of Hamlet, Professor Reynolds read numerous selections from the various acts and scenes, in which he gave a vivid and highly interesting interpretation of Shakespeare's great play.

Immediately upon the conclusion of the lecture little Miss Muriel Barker proceeded to the platform with a large bouquet of carnations which she presented to Prof. Reynolds on behalf of the members of the Shakespeare Club.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Wilson then very gracefully moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Professor for his splendid lecture. She felt that the members of the Club would now continue the study of the play with greater zest, and an added pleasure. Mrs. W. H. Stewart ably seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

### BANNOCKBURN

Results of January examination:

Sr. IV—Hubert Mann 175, Maggie Henderson 154, Tena Henderson 119, Rota Cole 117, Willie McDonald 100, Pearl McDonald 71. Total 200.

Jr. IV—Mae Lindsay 93, Marion Lawson 53. Total 100.

Sr. III—Harvey Rath 148, Willie Moffat 128, Victor Harding 111, Martin Moffat 100, *Donnie Mann. Total 200.

Jr. III—George Henderson 90, Maud Cole 68, Jack Sahli 68, Wilfred Harding 65, Helena Mann 40, Mary Watson 40. Total 100.

II—Joan Lindsay 73, Harry Parton 70, Edgar Rath 70. Total 100.

Sr. Pt. II—Anna Lindsay 100, Myrtle Clarridge 89, Ninian Lindsay 69. Total 100.

Jr. Pt. II—May Moffat 81, Minnie Cole 68. Total 100.

Those marked thus * were not present for all examinations.

MISS L. MCMURCHY, teacher.

### TEACHER-TRAINING TEXT BOOK

A new teacher-training text book is finding much favor among the leaders of the Sunday School hosts. It is a composite volume by four practical leaders in as many departments of the Sunday School, known and esteemed everywhere. Doctor Schauffler, in twenty lessons, treats of the bible; Mrs. Lamoreaux deals with the pupil; Doctor Brumbaugh talks with the teacher, and Marion Lawrence discusses the practical work of the school. The Rev. Charles E. Oliver furnishes a prelude on "Organizing and Conducting a Teacher-training Class"; Doctor Price tell briefly "How the Bible Came to Us," to which is added "The Gist of the Books," thus rounding out Doctor Schauffler's theme. This is one of the best text books that has yet been issued and deserves to be widely circulated and used. Messrs. McClelland & Goodchild, Toronto, are the Canadian agents. Price cloth, 50 cents, paper, 35 cents.

### CHURCHILL

Mr. Isaiah Atkinson, of lot 5, con. 4, Erin, was sadly bereft on Monday, by the death after a brief illness of his wife, who came to this locality a bride in June, 1867. Mrs. Atkinson was the daughter of Mr. John Brown, Crewsons Corners, where she was much beloved. Since her marriage, Mrs. Atkinson has endeared herself to all in the neighborhood of her new home. The funeral yesterday afternoon was very largely attended. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

The anniversary tea-meeting in the Congregational Church on Monday evening was a pronounced success from every standpoint. The splendid programme consisted of solos by Mrs. E. A. Robertson, Mrs. W. S. Chisholm and Master Joe Swackhamer, Acton; duets by Misses Near and McDonald, Acton; quartettes by the Cedarvale Quartette; addresses by Rev's G. W. Barker and J. C. Wilson, Acton; and recitations by Messrs. Roy Hindley, Eramosa, and Hugh McMillan, Erin. Master Joe Swackhamer brought down the house with his Irish character song, "Top O' The Morning." The Acton Methodist Sunday School Orchestra rendered a number of enjoyable selections. Rev. R. A. G. Willoughby, the pastor, occupied the chair. The receipts were over $12.00.

### THE NEW LICENSE INSPECTOR

The Oakville Record says: "On Monday morning of this week, W. A. Ferrah of this place received his official documents from the department at Toronto appointing him License Inspector for the county of Halton, to succeed J. A. Tracy, resigned. That Mr. Ferrah will make an excellent officer everyone who knows him will freely admit. If there are any license holders in Halton who do not "keep hotel" in the proper way, the people may expect to hear of it."

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Sophie Coleman is spending a few days this week in Toronto.

Ex-Warden John Wrigglesworth, of Ashgrove, spent Friday in town.

Mr. T. E. Price, of Toronto, was in town for a day or two during the week.

Prof. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds, of Guelph were guests last week at Mosscroft.

Mr. Albert Blaxill, of Abingdon, was a guest during the week of Rev. G. W. Barker.

Mr. Alva Stafford, of St. Thomas, visited friends in Acton and vicinity the past week.

Mrs. H. L. Gardiner, of Victoria Harbor, is visiting at the home of Mr. Wm. Johnstone.

Rev. H. A. Cook, of Port Dover, was a guest at the Methodist Parsonage last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Showers, of Aylmer, are guests of their daughter at the Methodist Parsonage.

Mrs. Lawrence Hunter, of Toronto, visited at the home of her brother, Mr. W. H. Denny, during the week.

General sympathy will be felt for Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Lindsay, Toronto, in the death last week of their dear little three years-old daughter, Edna Isabel.

Mrs. (Dr.) Dryden and song, returned home on Saturday after spending the week with friends here. She has almost entirely recovered from her recent serious illness.

The Presbyterian Church of Petrolea has extended a unanimous call to Rev. Dr. McNair, of Oakville, to become their pastor. A salary of $1,200 and free manse goes with the pastorate.

At St. Joseph's Hospital Mr. Geo. Dills, of Acton, is improving surely but slowly from the effect of his injuries and is now able to leave his bed for a short time during the day.—Guelph Mercury.

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### BALLINAFAD

The Farmers' Institute meeting held in Ballinafad, judging from the large attendance both afternoon and evening, and the intense interest shown at both meetings, proved a great success.

Beginning at two o'clock a judging class was conducted scoring what Mr. Jno. Gardhouse considered a typical clyde horse, and shorthorn cattle, which were provided for the occasion. Mr. Gardhouse showed himself to be a man of long experience among draught horses and shorthorn cattle and his experience as a competent judge in the show rings throughout Canada was very manifest on this occasion.

After Mr. Gardhouse's instructive demonstration and the discussion in connection, Mr. Groh, the second speaker of the afternoon, gave a very interesting lecture in the hall on "The Care and Management of the Dairy Herd." His address was one in keeping with the advanced ideals and requirements of the industry.

At the home of Mrs. Harry Shortill Miss Duncan gave a lecture in the afternoon on "The Cooking of Meats and Vegetables and Their Respective Values as Foodstuffs," after which followed a discussion among the ladies. Before leaving the ladies were favored with an instrumental duet by Mr. and Miss Shortill. Tendering Miss Duncan a vote of thanks, and thanking Mrs. Shortill for her hospitality, all went away pleased with the meeting.

In the evening Mr. Dice presided in the hall, where excellent addresses were given by Miss Duncan, Mr. Gardhouse and Mr. Groh. A musical and literary programme was provided by Ballinafad Literary Society amalgamated with the Farmers' Institute for the evening.

Mr. Dice, the President, and Mr. Nixon, the Secretary, are favorably known here, and are always welcomed in their yearly visits as among the most energetic and earnest institute workers in Halton County. The deputation left very much pleased with the institute meeting here considering it one of the best they have held in the county.


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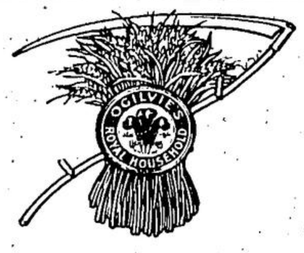


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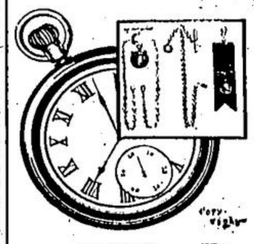

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# THE MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA

**Report of the Directors submitted at the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders, held on 16th December, 1908.**

Your Directors beg to submit the Annual Statement of the affairs of the Bank at close of books on November 30th last, covering the year's business. The net profits amount to $738,597 19, which is less than those of a year ago, but it will be borne in mind that conditions have been less favorable. Our interest-bearing deposits have grown to a considerably larger sum latterly, while our call loan funds—nearly $11,000,000—have likewise greatly increased under a slowing down of trade activity, the latter yielding a substantially less return than at any date for many years back.

After paying the usual dividend of 8 per cent., we have disposed of the surplus earnings by writing down Bank Premises Account $100,000, contributing $25,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund, and carrying forward the balance to Undivided Profits Account, which has now reached the total of $400,997.94.

All the Branches of the Bank have been duly inspected. We have found it desirable to close the sub office at Douglas, Ontario, which did not justify being continued. We have opened Branches at Melville, Sask., Wainwright, Alta., and in Toronto on Parliament Street.

With reference to the world-wide monetary stringency experienced the past year, bordering at times on panic conditions, without claiming undue prescience, we had early indication of the coming storm and prepared for something of the kind well in advance, so that our course through the growing pressure was made much easier and without stress to our extensive discounting clientele. Meantime, a clearer financial outlook has supervened, and we look from this on to a gradual revival of general trade following upon an excellent crop in the North West, and good prices.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. MONTAGU ALLAN, President.

## The Merchants Bank of Canada

**Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ending 30th November, 1908.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| The Net Profits of the year, after payment of charges, rebate on discounts, interest on deposits, and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to | | $ 738,597 19 |
| The balance brought forward from 30th November, 1907, was | | 367,400 75 |
| Making a total of | | $1,005,997 94 |
| This has been disposed of as follows: | | |
| Dividend No. 82, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum | $120,000 00 | |
| Dividend No. 83, " " " | 120,000 00 | |
| Dividend No. 84, " " " | 120,000 00 | |
| Dividend No. 85, " " " | 120,000 00 | |
| | | 480,000 00 |
| Written off Bank Premises Account | | 100,000 00 |
| Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund | | 25,000 00 |
| Balance carried forward | | 400,997 94 |
| | | $1,005,997 94 |

**Statement of Liabilities and Assets at 30th November, 1908**

LIABILITIES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1.—To the Public. | | |
| Notes in Circulation | | $1,740,478 00 |
| Deposits at Call | $12,514,562 52 | |
| Deposits subject to notice (accrued interest to date included) | 25,880,153 87 | |
| Deposits by other Banks in Canada | 2,933,156 29 | |
| | | 41,327,872 68 |
| Balance due to Agents in Great Britain | | 8,412 15 |
| Dividend No. 85 | | 120,000 00 |
| Dividends unclaimed | | 865 00 |
| | | $16,197,627 83 |
| 2.—To the Stockholders. | | |
| Capital paid up | $6,000,000 00 | |
| Reserve Fund | 4,000,000 00 | |
| Balance of Profits carried forward | 400,997 94 | |
| | | 10,400,997 94 |
| | | $56,598,625 77 |

ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Gold and Silver Coin on hand | | $1,569,822 58 |
| Dominion Notes on hand | | 3,013,220 00 |
| Notes and Cheques of other Banks | | 2,376,483 88 |
| Balances due by other Banks in Canada | | 4,756 93 |
| Balances due by Banks and Agents in United States | | 12,625 78 |
| Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks in Canada | $1,957,782 71 | |
| Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks elsewhere than in Canada | 8,958,351 07 | |
| | | 10,916,133 78 |
| Dominion and Provincial Government Securities | | 609,071 50 |
| Municipal, Railway and other Debentures | | 6,344,274 22 |
| | | $24,746,377 75 |
| Current Loans and Discounts (less Rebate of Interest reserved) | | 29,799,622 31 |
| Loans to other Banks, secured | | 486,889 89 |
| Loans and Discounts overdue (loss fully provided for) | | 86,798 01 |
| Deposits with Dominion Government for security of Note Circulation | | 240,000 00 |
| Mortgages and other Securities, the property of the Bank | | 53,704 88 |
| Real Estate | | 40,368 69 |
| Bank Premises and Furniture | | 1,118,685 03 |
| Other Assets | | 17,089 21 |
| | | $56,598,625 77 |

W. S. CHISHOLM, Manager Acton Branch.

E. F. HEBDEN, General Manager.


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Up to 75 miles from Hamilton on purchases of $50 or more

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10 prs. Boys' Heavy Felt Lined Boots, suitable for winter, regular $1.75 for ... 1 40
7 prs. only, Boys' Long Legged Tedd Shoes, regular $3.00 for ... 2 38
11 prs. Youths Long Legged Tedd Shoes, sizes 11 to 13½, regular $2.35, for ... 2 00
9 prs. Women's Split Bal. regular $1.50, for ... 1 18
7 prs. Misses Split Bal. regular $1.25, for ... 1 10
17 prs. Men's Ideal Overshoes, regular $1.40, for ... 1 25
11 prs. Women's Wide Toed Rubbers, regular 60c, for ... 42
18 prs. Misses Peb. School Shoes Warranted Solid, regular $1.45, for ... 1 15
20 prs. Heavy Gum Rubbers, regular $1.00, for ... 1 38

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