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NEW ROYAL BANK PREMISES EMBODY LATEST IMPROVEMENTS

A new branch of The Royal Bank of Canada, which opened for business on July 14th at the corner of Main and Mill Streets, offers interesting contrasts when compared with the traditional branch bank of earlier days. Gone are the towering metal grills, the dark forbidding wood-work, and massive chandeliers. Instead, the new branch bank is a model of modern efficiency, a bright and airy business office finished in fresh light pastel tones, with furniture to match, fluorescent lighting and even sound-proof ceilings. The whole general effect is one of spaciousness and friendliness, factors which have already been favourably noted by many citizens who have called to inspect the new premises.

This new branch of the Royal Bank occupies what was formerly the building of the Old Merchants Bank. Little change has been made to the magnificent solid stone exterior walls, but the interior has been completely renovated and redesigned. All heavy wainscoting has been removed, and the walls from ceiling to floor painted in the same soft colour. All metal grill work has been eliminated and in its place has been provided a new type glass counter top. The latest fluorescent style lighting has been installed which gives the feeling of sunlight even on the dullest days, and the ceilings have been covered with a sound deadening material for greater quiet. Feature is the modern safe deposit vault with boxes of various sizes for customers, and ample space nearby for use of safe deposit box renters.

The manager of the new branch is Mr. Frank E. Benner, who joined The Royal Bank of Canada in Woodstock, Ont. Mr. Benner gained his banking experience at a number of branches in Ontario and was on leave of absence for military duty from 1942 until the end of the war when he rejoined the bank in Toronto, his appointment as an Assistant Manager at the Main branch following shortly after.

Through this new office of The Royal Bank of Canada, business men and private individuals in Georgetown will have at their disposal the complete facilities of a bank which has become one of the great financial institutions of the world. In the 78 years since its founding, this bank has grown from a small local institution in Halifax to one of international importance, with its own branches in every large city in Canada, in hundreds of towns and villages and with important branches abroad in Cuba, the West Indies, Central and South America, New York, London and Paris. The Royal Bank of Canada today operates more branches abroad than any other Canadian bank and enjoys as well close and friendly business relations with other important banks in all parts of the world. As a consequence, through the Georgetown branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, it is possible for anyone to conduct any type of banking business in every civilized corner of the globe, a factor of major importance, particularly to business men, engaged in trade outside Canada and to travellers who may be going abroad on business or pleasure.

The total assets of the Royal Bank of Canada today are well over the \$2,000,000,000 mark, making it one of the first 13 banks in the world. The growth of this financial institution reflects the growth of the country itself, for the two grew up together. At the turn of the century, for instance, The Royal Bank of Canada had only 40 branches; today these number over 680, of which 71 are in countries outside the Dominion. Total assets at that time were only \$19,000,000; today they are well over 100 times that amount. Total deposits in 1901 were

\$13,363,000; today they are \$1,963,000,000.

In many respects the story of The Royal Bank of Canada is the story of Canada itself. In the bank's early development is reflected the country's transition from pioneer days to the opening of the west, and the Pacific Coast, the industrial development which followed two world wars, and the growth of Canada's importance as one of the leading trading nations of the world.

The bank's new premises in Georgetown will reflect the modern, friendly, outlook of this leading Canadian bank, its prestige as an international institution and the progressive atmosphere of Georgetown itself.

Mervyn Kirby and Margaret Coburn Wed in Erin

At a ceremony in All Saints Church of Erin, Ont., on Saturday, August 2nd, at 7 p.m., Margaret Elizabeth Coburn, Reg. N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coburn of Erin, became the bride of Mervyn Nixon Kirby, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kirby, Glen Williams. Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson performed the double ring ceremony and Mr. Donald Bellway, Erin, was the organist.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Norman, wore a wedding gown of white brocade satin with long train and veil and carried a prayer book with white streamers and rosebuds. Her sister, Miss Ethel Coburn of Toronto was bridesmaid, wearing blue brocade satin and carrying a cascade bouquet of Tallman roses. The groom's niece, Sandra and Karen Scott of Georgetown were junior bridesmaid and flower girl. They wore blue silk and yellow silk Jersey respectively. Their headresses were flowers and net and they carried blue and mauve sweet peas. All attendants wore locketts, the gift of the bride.

During the signing of the register Sandra Scott sang "O Perfect Love." The groom's brother, Vernon Kirby, was best man and ushers were Gordon Lingard, Toronto, and Art Scott, Georgetown.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Jack Coburn, Erin, where her sister, Miss Elsie Coburn received wearing robin egg blue lincine with a corsage of orchids. The groom's mother, who assisted, chose brown checked Jersey with brown accessories and corsage of yellow roses. For going away, the bride donned a white sharkskin suit with navy blue accessories and red rose corsage. They are spending their honeymoon at Ascot Cottage, Barrillia Park, and will live in Georgetown on their return.

Glen Summer Resident Dies Suddenly

Mrs. John N. Murray, for many years a summer resident of Glen Williams, died in her sleep early Sunday morning at her summer home there. The former Lilla Nora Bates, she was in her 86th year, and had come from Toronto the day before with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Vogan to spend the holiday week-end there. She was predeceased by her husband six years ago. The Murrrays built their home in the Glen across from the William Kirby residence several years ago and spent a great deal of time at it. This year, however, it had only been occupied on week-ends. Funeral services were held today from her Toronto residence, 3 Lynwood Avenue, with interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.



AMONG THE VISITORS on opening day was Mayor Jos. Gibbons. Here he is shown chatting with J. E. McArthur, Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, Brampton; Mr. Benner, Manager of the new Georgetown branch and O. C. Boyce, Supervisor's Department, Toronto.

Georgetown Will Have Artificial Ice This Year

The Ontario Municipal Board has approved an expenditure up to \$30,000 for installation of artificial ice in the Georgetown Memorial Arena and if present plans materialize the ice plant will be in operation before the end of the year. The Board of Parks Management are at present negotiating with two firms for the work, both of whom it is understood can guarantee installation. Georgetown will have the only artificial rink between Toronto and Guelph and we can look forward to a busy hockey season this year.

LIMEHOUSE

Those enjoying holidays away from home include: Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Noble and Mr. Jack Noble, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Meredith with relatives at Mantoulin Island. Miss Mary Kirkpatrick near Orillia and Miss Margaret Kirkpatrick with friends at Cheltenham last week. Mrs. Smethurst and Mrs. Paul at Barrie. Mr. and Mrs. O. Mulder at Grayenhurst last week. Mr. and Mrs. John Glynn and Peter with relatives at Sarnia last week. Little Judith Johnson in Toronto this week. Anna Spitzer is with the Sanford's at their cottage at Westbushen. Carol Lane with cousin Kay Norton.

Recent visitors include: Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Newton of Barrie with his parents on Sunday. Mr. Ansell of Toronto with the Beeneys.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Proctor of Toronto with the Mitchells. Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hadley and Bobby of Lindsay with the Bensons. Mr. and Mrs. Lowden and daughters of Windsor at Miss Ivens. Mrs. Christie and Bobby and Mrs. Okabe of Thorold with the Kirkpatricks.

Miss Rutherford and Mr. Henderson of Toronto with their cousins, the Gales on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Storey, Mrs. R. B. Storey and Mrs. H. McDowell of Toronto at the old home here. Mr. and Mrs. E. Merritt and son of Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shipman of Oxford, Michigan, with the Wrights this week. Mr. and Mrs. Hayward of Kingston, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Ross of Detroit, Mr. Ridout and Miss Ridout, Mr. and Mrs. McKinley, Mr. and Mrs. Lithfield, all of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall of Newfoundland with Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson recently.

Gravelling operations are suspended this week at the local pit for holidays of a number of workmen.

Mr. Wm. Shebourne hooked a sixteen inch brown trout weighing one and three-quarter pounds in the Credit river last week. All that with a hook baited with a dew worm.

Mr. Thos. Kennedy is making satisfactory progress following another operation in Toronto General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Johnson spent a couple of days in Toronto this week. Mr. and Mrs. H. Norton and children motored to Kincardine with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lane on Sunday.

New Dominion Store Manager Here

Mr. Russ Marrin of Barrie took over the management of the Dominion Store in town this week replacing George Bell, who has returned to Niagara Falls. Mr. Marrin has been acting for several months as a relieving manager and comes here from the Orangeville Store.

Halton County Championships Promise Big Sports Day Here

THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor: The following summary shows the weather is still with us, although a lot of folks must have wondered what was up last week when the low temperature dropped to 44. But a year ago, August had several drops in the 40's; the Average Min. Temperature for August is 55.

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	RAIN
July 28	80	60	
July 29	86	61	
July 30	88	67	
July 31	77	62	
Aug. 1	70	44	
Aug. 2	72	45	Trace
Aug. 3	79	51	
Average	78.85	55.71	

Plans are already shaping up for the biggest track and field meet ever to be held in Georgetown when the Georgetown Recreational Council and the Gladstone Athletic Club of Toronto combine to present the Halton County Championships on Saturday, September 20th in Georgetown Park. The meet, which is sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, will feature a 30-mile relay race for the magnificent International Silver Trophy, and teams mentioned as competing include Gladstone, Hamilton Olympics, Galt, Guelph, West End 'Y', North Toronto and Goodwill A.C., as well as several American teams.

Another special feature is the tug of war and we understand the Toronto Police Force team will challenge the present holders, Branch 120, Canadian Legion, for the MacCormack Cup. Rumours are that the Hamilton Police Force are also interested in this event.

Public and High School athletes throughout the county will enter the special school competitions which include selected events in racing, high and broad jumping. There are also open events and an open discus throw. The mixed 440 relay, a novelty race which is becoming very popular, is a high school event and also an open one, and the Toronto Malvernettes are definitely interested in this.

Syl Apps, Maple Leaf hockey star and Ontario Athletic Commissioner will attend the meet and former Olympic "greats" such as Bobby Kerr, Alf Shrubbs, Percy Weyer and Art Key are being invited to attend. The town may also be honoured that day by the presence of the new Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. Ray Lawson, who is now a county resident.

The GRC is having its own die cast for the meet and engraved 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals will be presented to winners, as well as individual cups for the tug of war and trophies for High and Public School championships.

Flight Lieut. and Mrs. Gordon McDonald Will Live in England

On Saturday, August 2nd, in Calvin Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Rev. Ross K. Cameron officiated at the marriage ceremony of Ruby Lois Nielsen, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Albert M. Nielsen of Georgetown, and Flight Lieutenant Gordon Alexander McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McDonald of Georgetown. It was the anniversary of the wedding day of the bride's parents.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an English sport of white crepe with short train and headpiece of gardenias. Her cascade bouquet was of white orchids and gardenias.

Miss Mary Murrer as bridesmaid wore a floor length gown of steel blue crepe and lace, a headpiece of roses and gladioli, and carried a cascade bouquet of gladioli and roses in graduated pink tones. Major Robert Early was groomsmen.

A reception was held at Prince Arthur House, the reception room decorated with pink and white gladioli. The bride's mother received the guests, wearing grey crepe and lace with pink and white accessories and a corsage of white carnations, pink and blue cornflowers. The groom's mother assisted, wearing steel blue crepe with blue and white accessories and a white orchid as a corsage.

For a honeymoon trip to Northern Ontario, the bride chose a going-away costume of a white linen suit with all white accessories and a corsage of white orchids.

The groom leaves on August 28th for England where he has accepted a commission with the Royal Air Force, and Mrs. McDonald will join him later there.

GLEN WILLIAMS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Crawford, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMenemy returned home on Saturday after spending a week's holidays at Midland. Miss Janet Preston and Miss Ann Preston of Montreal West, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beaumont.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner of Winnipeg, Mr. and Mrs. Brock Beaumont and Judith of Sarnia, Miss Edith Turner, Mrs. Turner and her sister of Toronto, were week-end visitors with Mr. Lindsey Beaumont.

Janior Beaumont spent last week holidaying at Wasaga Beach. Jack Gilbert attended the centennial celebration at Alliston, on Saturday.

Betty Lowe of Uggington and Earl Wilson of Oshawa, were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gamble and Jeanie are holidaying at Welland.

Donald Hancock, Eugene Logan and Gerald Ingles have returned home after spending a week's holidays motoring in Northern Ontario.

Mrs. Walter Rigg has returned home after spending a week at Hotel Belvedere, Muskoka.

POST BOXES COMING

As we go to press we learn that approval has been given for installing drop letter post boxes at several points in Georgetown.

Welcome Neighbour

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Johnson

Coming from Halifax, N.S., to make their home in Georgetown, are Mr. and Mrs. F. William Johnson, who moved last week into their house on Edith Street purchased from William McNally. Mr. Johnson has just retired from his position as Maritime manager of the Northern Electric Company, concluding thirty-seven years service with that organization. Born in England, he was with Northern Electric in Montreal, Calgary and Toronto, enlisting from that city with the 180 Sportsman's Battalion serving overseas as a field postmaster in the first Great War. After the war, he was in publicity work with the firm in Montreal before going to Halifax.

Mrs. Johnson is the former Epa Pearson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pearson of Acton, where her father was at one time reeve of the town. They have one daughter, Norma, wife of Wing Cdr. W. H. Stapley of Ottawa, and a granddaughter, Pamela.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were both prominent in Halifax community life. He is a past president of Halifax Rotary Club, past president of the Nova Scotia Kefnel Club, member of St. Andrew's Masonic Lodge, honorary member of the Supreme Council of the A.N. & A.S.R. and life member of the Telephone Pioneers of America (Acadian Chapter). He is fond of curling and was pres. of Halifax curling Club during the war. Mrs. Johnson served as committee chairman for hospital supplies for the Red Cross during the war years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy

Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy, who have been living in Glen Williams since they came to this district a few years ago, have purchased a house on Wesleyan Street from Mrs. Agnes Watson of Toronto, and moved in last week. Prior to taking a position with Provincial Paper, Ltd. here, Mr. Kennedy and his wife made their home in Wardville. They are natives



OPENING DAY: Members of the staff pose with visiting officials from Toronto for a "family" portrait. Left to right - S. A. Duke, Supervisor, The Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto; Harold E. Ornes, Accountant; Mrs. Joan Hoare, Ledger Keeper; Miss Wilma Chan, Stenographer; Arthur Reinhardt, Teller; O. C. Boyce, Supervisor's Department, Toronto; Frank F. Benner, Manager.



FIRST CUSTOMER: distinction of being the first depositor at the new branch fell to Wesley Rutledge of Terra Cotta. In the teller's "cage" is Arthur Reinhardt.