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THE MOLSONS BANK.  
Paid up Capital, \$2,500,000  
Reserve Fund, 2,350,000  
ASSETS—OVER TWENTY-THREE MILLION DOLLARS.

Savings Bank Department—Interest compounded every six months.

## FRATERNAL.

AYLMER LODGE No. 84, I. O. O. F., meets every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock sharp in their hall upstairs in the Walker Block. Visiting members of the order always welcome. Geo. Lemon, R. S., John Cline, N.G.

## AUCTIONEERS.

R. H. LINDSAY, Licensed Auctioneer. Sales promptly attended to in any part of the Province. Charges satisfactory to all. Full arrangements can be made at this office, or with W. Warnock Aylmer.

ROSS H. LINDSAY, Auctioneer. Arrangements can be made at this office or with Mr. Warnock at his bank, where dates of engagements will be kept.

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Baseball, football, lacrosse, tennis and cricket supplies at Caughell's.

Found—On the Public School grounds a gold ring. Owner can have same property by paying for this ad.

The Rev. A. B. Farney, rector of Trinity church, will spend a couple of months' holidays in England this summer.

Strayed—From the premises of the undersigned, lot 14, con. 4, Malahide, a black sow. Finder will please notify T. S. Hare.

On Friday afternoon at 4:15, a children's meeting will be held in the Mission hall. Miss J. Parks will address the meeting.

If you want something real nice send your order for hanging baskets, window boxes, etc., to Lindsay's greenhouse, Tillsonburg.

R. H. Lindsay, of Copenhagen, Francis Leeson, John Farr and R. Harrett, of Aylmer, were in St. Thomas last week, in the capacity of jurors.

The importance of an add in the sale register of THE EXPRESS is fully recognized by everyone. No sale within 12 miles of Aylmer can be as successfully without the use of it as with it.

Mr. Clarke Johnson, who has been spending the winter with his parents, left last week for Toronto, where he will resume his position aboard the steamer "Chicom" of the Niagara River Line.

H. Miller, dentist, Charlton block. Money to loan, in any amounts from \$100 to \$100,000 if security is satisfactory. Interest ranging from 4 1/2 to 6 per cent; expenses moderate. Land bought and sold, real estate valued, rents collected, assignee, trustee, etc. J. Miller, Brown house block, Aylmer, Ont.

A. J. Anderson has the largest assortment of wool carpets in town.

No doubt the many shareholders in the Traders Bank in this vicinity will be pleased with the dividend notice for the half year, which appears in another column. The Globe has this to say about it: "Traders' Bank stock is today placed on a 7 per cent. dividend basis by the declaration of a dividend for the current half year of 3 1/2 per cent. This is the result of the steady growth of the business of this bank for some years, through the hold it has on popular favor."

Keep your chickens out of gardens by buying poultry netting, all sizes kept at John H. Glover's.

You will find the best spraying materials at Richards'.

Clifford L. Ellis, of Calton, started on the 21st inst., for Medicine Hat, N. W. T., for a few months.

Found—A small pin. Owner may have same by calling at this office, proving property and paying for notice.

Mrs. Moser, of Detroit, sister of the late Mrs. Smith, is spending a few weeks in town with Mr. Geo. M. Smith.

We have the very latest patterns in Wilton, Axminster, Tapestry and Brussels carpets. A. J. Anderson.

Miss Lydia McKenney was visiting friends in St. Thomas a few days last week.

Special sale of wall paper at Caughell's on Saturday and Monday. Read ad on back page.

Mr. Charles Campbell, of Hagersville, has accepted a position with Mr. Russell Caughy, harness maker, of this place.

For reliable fire insurance, guaranteeing prompt and liberal settlements in case of loss, go to D. C. Davis, office, Marshall block.

Messrs. Stevens Bros., of Port Bruce, can go Mr. Jos. Harp one better, having three pigs on the farm with 41 little ones by their sides.

Get your sale bills at this office, and sale register free. If you desire to get bills elsewhere, it will pay you to use THE EXPRESS sale register.

Rev. Mr. Wright, of Brantford, exchanged pulpits with Rev. A. B. Farney last Sunday, the latter's little son, Arthur, accompanying his father to Brantford.

Our outside correspondents will please notice that by the recent changes in the postal regulations, only one cent is now required on correspondence sent in to the paper, provided envelope is left unsealed.

Girl wanted—One who can do ordinary cooking and help with light house work—no washing. Home in Hamilton. Railway fare paid. For further particulars write F. E. Tobias, No. 2, Toronto St., Toronto.

The results of the Queen's University Arts examinations, just issued, show the following candidates for this section were successful: Miss Cora Miller, Aylmer; W. Malcolm, Tillsonburg; H. Amoss and E. C. Kilmer, Aylmer.

Preserve your furs and woollen goods. Fibre Moth Bags at J. E. Richards.

Mr. E. S. DeMiller, evangelist for Ontario for the Disciples, is expected to begin gospel meetings in Aylmer next Lord's Day, May 8th. Mr. DeMiller is not a total stranger in Aylmer, he having held a very interesting meeting here in December, 1901. A hearty invitation is extended to all to hear him.

Keep Friday, May 1st, for the oratorio at the Methodist church.

Mr. A. A. Leslie is hard at work putting the skating rink into shape for summer entertainments, and when he gets through will have it looking as beautiful and appropriate for the season as it does in the winter. He is putting in raised floors, seats, a fine large stage, dressing rooms, etc., and will probably have an entertainment every Friday evening during the warm weather.

Gus deserves success for his enterprise in furnishing entertainment for the people of this town and vicinity, as he spares no expense to secure the best of everything.

We are selling best china salad dishes regular 30c, for 20c at Conn's Fair.

Do not fail to hear Mrs. Savage, provincial secretary of the King's Daughters and Sons, on Thursday evening in the Baptist church at eight o'clock.

Mrs. Savage is a woman of deep spirituality and consecration, and therefore speaks with much power. Those intending to unite with the Aylmer Circle and wishing to obtain a form of the admission service to be conducted by Mrs. Savage on the evening of her address may do so by applying to any of the members.

Carpets made and laid free of charge at A. J. Anderson's.

The New Canadian Cannery's Consolidated Co. begins actual work on May 1st, and Mr. D. Marshall has been elected general manager. No better choice could have been made, and if Mr. Marshall cannot make the venture a success there is no use of anyone else attempting it. We are glad to know that the acceptance of this responsible position will not necessitate the removal of Mr. Marshall from Aylmer, an event which would be deeply regretted by every citizen. The head office of the company will be located at Hamilton.

More 9¢ wall paper at Caughell's on Saturday and Monday.

Roller window shades at 35¢ each at Caughell's.

Mrs. Stewart has returned after spending a few days with her son, J. Stewart, of St. Thomas.

Have you tried "Queen's Navy Cut Plug." Mild and cool smoke. Large package for ten cents.

Miss Ethel Rowe returned last week, after visiting friends in Sarnia a few days.

Notice—All accounts due J. H. Strachan will please be paid before May 1st, as the firm will be changed to Strachan.

Miss Long, of Minneapolis, is in town visiting her sister Mrs. John A. McCausland, who is seriously ill.

Fresh Nitro Oxide Gas always on hand, and painless extraction guaranteed. Kennedy, dentist.

We have 97 piece dinner sets, good porcelain, with pretty designs, regular \$12, selling for \$9, at Conn's Fair.

Miss Cleary, of Windsor, who has been the guest of Mrs. (Dr.) Smith, returned home last week.

Ladies' Institute meeting May 6, at 2 p.m. Miss Shepherd will be present as usual.

## ORATORIO.

Methodist Church, Aylmer, Friday evening, May 1st, 1903.

Chorus of seventy voices, orchestra of fifteen. Admission 25¢ and 35¢.

If the parties who took the rose bushes from Mr. Meynard Charlton's residence near Lyons will return them they will save considerable trouble.

Dr. R. M. Linton and Dr. Cecil Linton of Grand Rapids, Mich., have been spending a few days in town on business in connection with the L. A. & N. S. Electric Road.

Waterworks Notice.—All parties wishing lawn service for the season of 1903 will please call at once at the clerk's office and sign lawn service book. JUNIUS BRADLEY, clerk.

Our outside correspondents will please notice that by the recent changes in the postal regulations, only one cent is now required on correspondence sent in to the paper, provided envelope is left unsealed.

The Simcoe baseball team have invited the Aylmer team to play in Simcoe on May 25th, and the London team have written offering to come to Aylmer and play. No final decision as to the action of the club has yet been made.

The East Elgin Farmers' Institute have arranged to run a big excursion to the Agricultural College, Guelph, on June 11th, and no doubt hundreds of farmers will take advantage of the opportunity to visit the college and farm at this interesting season.

Two strangers hired a rig from one of our local livery stables last week, apparently with the intention of driving to a near-by town, but it was found they were going beyond their destination. Suspicion being aroused, a hunt for the rig was made, with the result that it was found in one of the hotel barns in Tillsonburg.

A meeting was held in the Central hotel last Thursday evening to organize the Aylmer baseball club. A committee was appointed to look up the property of the club, and anyone who has any of this property will kindly leave it with John Wilson. The committee was also to ascertain the number of senior players who could be secured.

We can save you \$50 a year in doctor bills for \$1. Rival Herb Tablets cost only half a cent a day and your money refunded if they fail to cure any disease of the blood, stomach, liver and kidneys—the greatest of all spring medicines. One box does the work. Mrs. T. Wilson, of Kingston, writes Mrs. Ward: "Rival Herb Tablets are a grand preventative as well as a cure, and a Tablet taken in time will often ward off a serious illness. They keep my whole family well, and I would not be without them for five times their cost." For sale in Aylmer at Conn's Fair.

Have you seen the value A. J. Anderson is offering in carpets?

Beachville lime, any quantity at J. E. Scott, Talbot st., west.

W. C. Talbot was in London this week securing another baker.

Go to Cronk & Palmer's for parlor suites and couches.

Mr. Fred Rutherford, of London, was visiting his parents for a few days last week.

Yonell & Wrong are showing some great bargains in curtains and carpets. Read this week's ad.

Mr. Wm. Crosby and daughter, of Buffalo, were the guests of Mrs. Simmons, Water street, a few days last week.

Everyone knows about the Oratorio to be given in the Methodist church on Friday night, and it is only necessary for us to remind you of the date.

On account of the change in connection with my hardware business, all accounts due me must be settled as I need the money. W. Conn.

The public school board met on Saturday night and decided to reseat at least two of the rooms, as after May 1st the price of school seats are to be advanced.

"Queen's Navy" tobacco is made from the finest selection of Canadian leaf. Take no other, as "the same" or "just as good."

Mrs. Davis, of Bobcaygeon, and her daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) Baker and son, of the same place, are the guests of the former's daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) Sinclair.

Our clubbing season is now over, but we will be glad at all times to procure any outside paper for our subscribers at the lowest possible rate.

Mr. R. E. Simpson, who has been in the London hospital for the last few weeks, was able to return home last Saturday.

You cannot afford to miss the Oratorio "Christ and His Soldiers," in the Methodist church to-morrow night. Sixty voices, full orchestra, noted soloists.

THE EXPRESS will be sent to any address in Canada or the U. S. from now to Jan. 1st, 1904, for 50 cents. We know of nothing you could do that would please your friends at a distance better than to send them THE EXPRESS for the balance of the year.

A man passing down the alley at the rear of Talbot's store noticed a blaze in the woodshed and gave the alarm. The fire was soon put out, but if it had not been for the timely warning, it might have been a disastrous fire. Some articles had been placed in the rear of the store and in some way a fire started from this in some boxes and barrels.

About thirty of the town people attended "Princess Chic," in St. Thomas, last Friday evening. The Journal says: "Princess Chic," presented at the New Grand Opera house, before a large audience, was one of the best offerings seen in this city in some years. It was brimful of beautiful music and splendid songs, and clean comedy of the finest kind."

We mentioned the fact last week of Mr. Wm. Simpson, of Orwell, having a stroke of paralysis on the previous Tuesday, and are sorry to report this week that he never regained consciousness, but passed away on Friday in his 77th year. Mr. Simpson was one of the best known citizens of this section, and owing to his genial nature and happy disposition, was a general favorite with everyone. Coupled with this was a high sense of christian character, and all other qualities of a good citizen, and Mr. Simpson will be sincerely mourned by an unusually large number of people. He was born in Northumberland county, and at the age of 23 years moved to Malahide and settled on a farm near Copenhagen. He did not remain there long however, but moved to Orwell where he engaged for a few years in the carriage business, and then bought the farm just east of the village, where he has resided ever since. He was twice married, his first wife being a daughter of the late Wm. Teeple. She died in 1864 leaving two sons, J. W. of Lacrosse, Wis., and C. O., of Algona, Iowa, both of whom were home for the funeral. His second wife who survives him, is a daughter of the late Lewis Clarke, and two sons and one daughter are also left, viz: Herbert, of New Sarum, Harry and Mary at home. Mr. Simpson was a Reformer in politics and a consistent member of the Aylmer Baptist church. The funeral services on Sunday were attended by one of the largest assemblages of relatives and friends ever seen in this section, the interment taking place at the Orwell cemetery.

On Saturday and Monday we are selling 7¢ paper for 4 1/2¢. Read ad on back page. Caughell, druggist.

Buy your carpets at Cronk & Palmer's and save money.

Sugar beet, mangie and garden seeds in bulk. China T House.

Dr. J. Ashbaugh, of Windsor, was in town on Tuesday last.

Crown Native Herb Cure, good for that tired feeling. 25¢ a package at J. E. Richards.

Miss Johnson returned to her home in St. Thomas this week after spending that tired feeling. 25¢ a package at J. E. Richards.

Golden glass, 4 piece table sets, regular \$1.50, selling for \$1.25 at Conn's Fair.

Mr. T. Kelly, travelling superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., is in town this week assisting J. L. Haggan, their local representative.

When wanting fire insurance place your application where it will be looked after promptly. None but the best companies. T. Bruce Nairn.

An unusually large number of St. Thomas people drove down last Monday night, the exceptionally fine weather probably attracting them.

A nice new set of harness would add greatly to the appearance of that horse of yours. R. Caughy, Mansion House block, makes the best.

Window shades, remnants, three and four of a color. While they last, at 15¢ each, with spring rollers. Youell & Wrong.

Miss Winnifred Messmore, who has been spending the past few days with Mrs. D. H. Price, has returned to Simcoe.

For 50 cents we will send THE EXPRESS from now to Jan. 1st, 1904, to any person living in Canada or the U. S.

Our stock patterns of dinner ware are now in stock. Make up your own set. You do not have to buy a lot of pieces you don't want. China T House. Young & Caven.

Everything is in shape for the Oratorio on Friday night of this week, and it will be the greatest musical treat of the kind ever given in Aylmer. Do not miss it.

Robert Gibson, who has been employed in the Laidlaw-Watson shoe factory for the past four years, left this week for London, where he will reside in the future. Bob will be missed by many friends.

On the advice of Engineer Bell in consultation with Engineers Browlee and Stewart last week, the pump was started at the flowing wells on Monday morning last at four o'clock and will be kept going continuously day and night all the week, and the result watched carefully. The water is being maintained at the 8 ft. level, where the pipes will be put in, and up to Wednesday 250,000 gallons of water had been pumped every 24 hours. The amount required to supply the town is 145,000 gals., so there is a good margin up-to-date. The pumping has resulted in stopping the flow at 5 or 6 wells within a distance of about 3 miles. This may or may not be a bad indication. It shows that the body of water extends over a large area at any rate. This will be the best and longest test made yet, and we hope it will prove satisfactory, although it will be a guess in any case to put the pipes in on anything short of a six months' test. This cannot be made, however, and the council will have to take action at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Partial Welter have the sympathy of everyone in the loss of their bright little eighteen months' old boy, who died on Thursday night last from a very unusual cause. On Wednesday morning he got hold of some matches in some way, and ate the sulphur end off of some twenty-one of them before noticed. He came down stairs, however, and ate his breakfast all right, and as there did not seem to be any bad effects more than a little sickness of the stomach, simple home remedies were used, and no uneasiness was felt by his parents, especially as no serious results were seen during the day. Towards night, however, he was seized with convulsions and Dr. Smith was hastily summoned, but on learning the cause of the sickness, at once pronounced the child beyond human aid as there is no known antidote for phosphorus poison, and no hope after it has been in the system for a few hours. This will probably be news to some as it was to us. Instances are on record where two matches have caused the death of a child, and the dangerous nature of the common sulphur match is not generally known. The remains of the little fellow were laid away on Sunday and a large number of relatives and friends gathered to show their sympathy.

Cronk & Palmer for all kinds of furniture.

Wall paper—If you want the nicest, cleanest and best value in the market go to John H. Glover.

A meeting of the Lord's Day Alliance was held in the Baptist church last night, but the particulars were too late for the press this week.

Our millinery has captivated the ladies. Something new this week for the girls and little ones at Youell & Wrong's.

Are you carrying an accident policy? You know you have been thinking about it lately. Let me arrange it for you. T. Bruce Nairn.

A meeting to organize the bowling club for the season will be held at the office of D. C. Davis this evening at 8 o'clock and all interested in the game are requested to be present.

Mr. H. 3 Balcom is putting a new roof on the back part of his mill, and raising the centre portion, which will add greatly to the appearance and lighting of the building.

On Monday, May 1st, at 2 o'clock, the drawing for the gold watch will take place at Harris' barber shop. Coupons given with every 25¢ purchase of tobacco, pipes or cigars.

On Sunday evening, May 10th, the members of Aylmer lodge No. 84, I. O. O. F., will parade to the Aylmer Methodist church, where they will be addressed by Rev. Bro. J. E. Milyard. This is the 84th anniversary of the foundation of the order and all members are requested to be present; meeting at the lodge room at 6:30. The I. O. O. F. band will march at the head of the lodge on the parade.

For several weeks letters had been stolen from an old-fashioned mail box on a rural route, Springfield, Ohio. The matter was reported and an investigation made. The missing letters were found scattered over a plowed field, and when the mail box was examined a blue jay's nest was found in it. Evidently the bird had objected to the letters being placed in the box, so carried them away, and dropped them in a field.

The Oratorio—Commended.

Through the kindness of the conductor of the Oratorio of "Christ and His Soldiers," I was permitted to attend a full rehearsal on Tuesday evening. All the singers were in their places except Mrs. Calder Stock, of London, whose presence in the leading soprano parts, will add much to the attractiveness and interest of the oratorio when it is given to the public.

The orchestra are well disciplined and keen. They show much skill in the use of many different instruments, and present a variety of music, grave, martial and triumphant. The orchestra will be a glad surprise to the people of Aylmer and vicinity who are privileged to hear them on Friday evening.

In the absence of Mrs. Stock, Miss Boomer sang with much sympathy and pleasing effect the soprano solo, Mr. Perry Newcombe, of St. Thomas, who has a well trained voice, with much richness of tone, sang with growing interest; and in the last of his four bass solos, touched the tender chords in "When Our Heads are Bowled in Wee." The two contralto solos were everything that could be desired, clear in articulation, faultless in expression, and both very touching.

Our Mr. Bridgman did himself much credit, in his two tenor solos, both difficult to sing, and to the writer, has second number, "The Son of God goes forth to war," was specially fine.

But why specify? Every part was good, the solos, the quartets and the choruses were all of the best order. It was a pleasing sight to see the seventy singers and the sixteen musicians take their places for the evening's recital. Under the guidance of Mr. Monteith, who has spared no pains in training his great choir, they gave an evening of sacred song of which Aylmer will have much reason to be proud.

All lovers of good music—all who desire to encourage noble and useful effort, all who wish to see Aylmer take a stand among the foremost in musical circles, and all who want to give encouragement to your leaders in sacred song to provide similar entertainments in the future will be present on Friday evening. There should not be a vacant seat in the Methodist church that night.

J. W. RAE.

LYONS.

Miss Mabel Brook, of Aylmer, spent Sunday the guest of Mrs. T. Putman.

Mr. Gardner, of the Bell Telephone Co., has made arrangements with Winder Bros. to put a telephone in their store connecting with Springfield.

A meeting in the interests of the Co-operative Pork Packing Co. was held in the town hall on Tuesday evening. The attendance was not large, but those present were much interested, several taking more stock. Mr. Vanloon addressed the meeting.

Miss Laura Simpson has accepted a position as school teacher at Larn's school house, to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Rapelgie leaving to accept a similar position at Yarmouth Centre.

Steele Briggs' garden seeds bring the best results. For sale at Caughell's.