

A Very Satisfactory Annual Financial Statement

The annual statement of the Merchants Bank of Canada for the year ending April 30 is one of the most striking exhibits of strength in cash and realizable assets that has ever been presented by any bank in this country or elsewhere.

Such an exhibit of strength could hardly be secured without some sacrifice of profits. In fact actual banking profits are some \$253,000 lower than last year, and are further curtailed by war tax, patriotic donations, and an appropriation for depreciation of securities.

WATFORD COUNCIL.

Watford, June 7, 1915. Regular meeting of Council. All the members present. Minutes of last regular meeting and court of revision read.

Hawn-McKercher, that we grant the request of Chief Chatterton to procure a new uniform, not exceeding twenty-five dollars.—Carried.

McKercher-Johnston, that the application of R. B. McKay for license for public pool room be not entertained.—Carried.

Johnston-McKercher, that Edward Clark be appointed caretaker of the cemetery, in keeping with by-law regulating same.—Carried.

Finance committee examined accounts and recommended payment.

Chas. Van, G. T. B. demurrage oil..... 2 00 Walter Scott, labor, Reeve's div..... 3 50 Bell Telephone construction..... 1 50 Roy Hollingsworth, draying..... 3 00

Wm. Tanton, day road scraping..... 14 00 C. Lang, labor on street..... 77 50 Geo. Chambers, for cinders..... 2 50

N. Chatterton, salary caretaker..... 60 00 Imperial Oil Co., Toronto, acct., road oil, 280 78

Robt. Logan, labor on streets..... 4 00 Treasurer Public Library, current..... 60 00

Treas. Board of Education, Public School, 309 00

M. McCoshlan, 3 days and team on streets..... 7 50 H. Pearce for cement walk..... 49 00

J. Dobbin, scraping street and rolling..... 11 50 Geo. Chambers electric light acct..... 77 50

R. H. Parker, labor on streets..... 3 50 Wm. Anderson, draying acct..... 3 50

Wm. Phair, cleaning north drain..... 25 25 Treas. Corporation, Glenora..... 15 00

A. B. Peaseley, sanitar streets..... 4 00 McKercher-Hawn, that accounts be passed and Reeve grant his order.—Carried.

Hawn-Doan, that we adjourn.—Carried.

W. S. FULLER, Clerk.

BROOKE

Mr. and Mrs. George McCabe left on Tuesday for Palmerston and Varney for a week's vacation.

David Barron, who lives on the old Hillis farm, has purchased a team of imported Clydesdale mares, that have won many prizes, from R. B. Pinkerton, of Colchester, Essex county. The price paid was \$900.

The annual lawn social, under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of Christ church, Sutorville will be held on the lawn of Mr. Richard Williamson on Thursday evening, June 17th. Supper served from 6 to 8 p.m. Harry Bennett, the talented comedian, of Toronto, is engaged for the evening's program.

Tupperville Quartette and the Petrolia Orchestra will be present. Addresses will be given by J. E. Armstrong, M.P.; Dr. Martyn, M.F.F.; D. Pickering and others. John Farrell will occupy the chair. Admission 25 cents.

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Petrolia ladies have shipped to date 2,000 pairs of socks for the comfort of the soldiers.

John Schafer, a Parkhill hotelkeeper, was fined \$10 and costs for supplying liquor to an "Indian lister."

Clinton Kelch, of Thamesville, lost his jumping off a G. T. R. train which he thought was not going to stop at his station.

In North Middlesex many fruit trees are badly affected with caterpillars, and the wire worm has also been at work in the grain crops.

There are some mean people in Wyoming. A miscreant sneaked into the Red Cross rooms and stole several silk flags. Must have been a German.

The Universalist churches at Blenheim and Orlinda, the only two in Ontario, have tendered a unanimous call to Rev. Geo. J. Porter, of Chicago.

A prick from a pineapple on the first finger of his left hand, caused blood poisoning to set in which has laid a Leamington man up for over a week.

Major Mullen was the recipient of a parting gift of a compact and complete shaving set from the Sarnia Reserve of Officers of the 27th Regt., prior to his leaving Thursday to report for duty at Ottawa.

The Excelsior Band, of Forest, is making preparations for one or more Sunday afternoon or evening sacred concerts, during the summer months, at which a collection will be taken up for patriotic purposes.

There is a division of opinion in Kingsville as to the value of a summer half holiday, some of the merchants believing that it injures trade, and as a result the early closing movement has been discarded entirely.

Countess Madaline Hunyadi of Hungary, is the godmother of 37 children of men who have died in battle, and the countess will pay for the bringing up of all these babies, which she now regards as a part of her own family.

Henry Williamson, Thedford, died last week after a long illness. He was born on the 2nd con. Bosanquet, 61 years ago, and with the exception of three years has been a resident of Bosanquet all that time. He was a councillor for several terms.

Some Kent county farmers have such a large supply of potatoes on hand that they are cooking what they do not need and feeding them to the hogs. The farmers find it impossible to market them, although they are of a superior quality, being free from rot or scab.

Pretty girls of Windsor and Walkerville will visit every factory in the two municipalities June 12th to sell roses in aid of patriotic work. The day has been designated "Alexander day" by the members of Border Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, which organization will have charge of the work.

TEN REASONS WHY Swift, Sons & Co. Should Get Your Trade

LARGEST Stock in Western Ontario to choose from for your Spring and Summer needs. Later goods will cost more. Buy as early as possible. Get the styles you want now.—SWIFT, SONS & CO.

Table listing various clothing items and prices: Middies for kiddies, 40 pieces English Print, Ladies' W. P. Coats, etc.

Our counters will be piled up with June Bargains. Call every time you are in town. See what is going in Dress Goods and Clothing. Look in our windows for specials every day. We will show new things all the time.

DIRECT IMPORTERS SWIFT, SONS & CO. DIRECT IMPORTERS

WANT COLUMN.

CORNER store to rent, suitable for jeweler or grocer. Apply at Postoffice, Watford.

WORN OUT horses and fallen animals of any kind bought.—LETT BROS., fur ranchers, lot 18, con. 13, Brooke; Rural phone 4821. Watford P. O.

FOR SALE—Four Kill Evaporator at Wyothing, with equipment, centre of good apple district. No opposition. This special opportunity to buy cheap. Good reason for selling. Apply to JOHNSON BROS., Forest, Ont.

FOR SALE—Double corner lot with good frame house, stable, fruit trees, situated corner McGregor and Simcoe streets, Watford. Also good frame house and stable on St. Clair St. Apply to J. F. ELLIOT, Watford.

A considerable amount of private and other money to loan on mortgages on farm property at lowest rates. A few dwelling house properties in Watford for sale. Apply to W. E. FITZGERALD, Watford.

LAMBTON FARMS WANTED

A sixth list of farms for sale in Lambton County will be published by the Lambton Publicity Association on the 7th of August, 1915.

These who have farms for sale will please send a full description, the price and post office address of owner to the undersigned, in order that the parties inquiring may be brought into personal touch with those who have land to sell.

There will be no charge or commission of any kind, and the parties furnishing descriptions are not bound in any way. Give details as to situation, acreage, roads, improvements, soil, distance from churches, schools, towns, railways, telephone service, etc., etc., that would be of interest to prospective purchasers at a distance.

When sale of farm takes place please notify secretary so that it may be struck off the list. Parties offering large farms, suitable for fruit growing would do well to offer them in lots of 15 to 50 acres. The Publicity Association exists for the purpose of advertising Lambton County and for no other purpose. It consists largely of the members of the County Council and the expense of the advertising is paid by the county.

The information is wanted for the purpose of placing a list of farms in the hands of those who wish to buy and who have written to the Secretary in answer to general advertisements and description of Lambton which have been published in various newspapers in Canada, the United States and Britain.

The description may be sent by mail to R. Sturte, Petrolia, secretary of the association, not later than Saturday, August 7th, 1915.

BORN.

In Bosanquet, 6th con., on June 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stubbs, a son.

DIED.

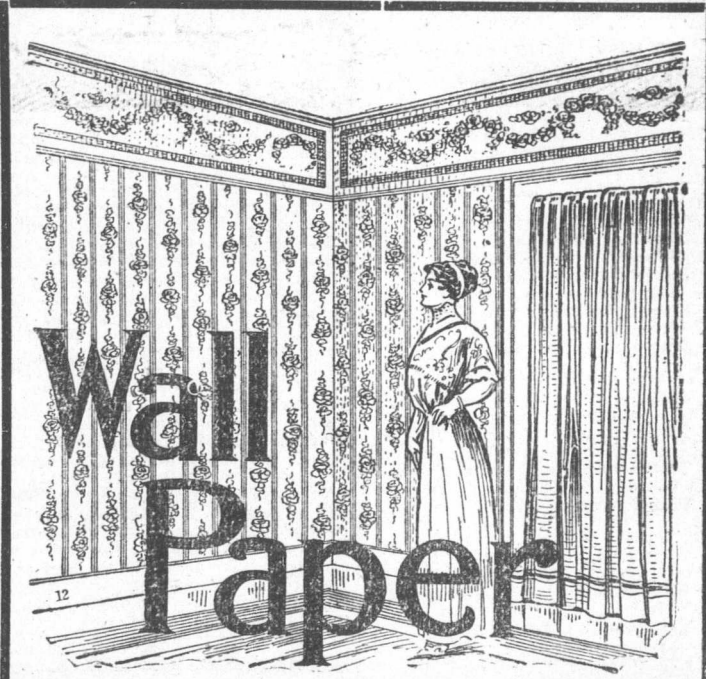
In Edmonton, Alberta, on Sunday, May 30th, 1915, J. W. Angus Cairns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. L. Cairns, of Plympton, in his 56th year.

In Warwick, on Sunday, June 6th, 1915, Andrew Macalpine, in his 74th year.

IN MEMORIAM

POLLACK—In loving memory of my beloved mother, who departed this life June 10th, 1912.

Not gone from memory, nor from love, but gone to her heavenly home above. When days are dark and friends are few, Dear mother, how I long for you! Your sorrowing daughter, KATE.



REDUCED PRICES

WALL PAPER

During the Month of June

Women's and Children's Oxfords and Pumps at Reduced Prices to clear.

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SAVE, Because--- The rising generation must be trained to look with aversion on unjustified expenditure.

J. W.

ARKONA

Mr. John Logan and sister, Mr. of Thordale, are renewing old places in and around the Ark.

All stores close Wednesday during June, July and August.

Mr. James Utter, of Coronation is spending a few weeks with his family around the Ark.

Mr. Will Clark made a business London Tuesday.

Ladies' white wash waists, values, \$1.00.—Brown Bros.

Mrs. Harris, of Springfield, is going a few days with her sister, M. Crone.

Don't forget the Baptist Ladies lawn social, to be held on A. E. times lawn on Monday evening 14th.

The Arkona basket factory con operations last week, a staff of being employed.

A large number of delegates attending the Baptist convention Forest this week.

Ladies' and men's combination wear at Brown Bros.

Mr. J. Brown attended conference at St. Marys last week.

Mr. Jos. Crone and his daughter P. Beers, and Miss Addie Beers friends in Sarnia last week.

Mr. Howard Downham, of St. spent Sunday at his uncle's, Mr. Huntley.

A large number of women of Baptist church attended the session of the Middlesex and 1 Association, devoted to mission and bands, on Tuesday.

We have a large range of sh colors in plain and fancy vo flowered voiles.—Fuller Bros.

Mr. Roy Miller, who has been his parents here, returned to D on Saturday.

Arkona court of revision will on Monday next, June 14th, at 10 The anniversary services of the church will be held on Sunday 13th. The Rev. T. W. Charles Parkhill, will occupy the pulpit.

Mr. Ethelbert Dunham, from Northwest, and little daughter, at ing his father, Mr. Robert Dunham.

Misses Leona Harper, Mattie and M. Dodds, of Watford, spent with Mrs. Robt. Riggs, St.

Mrs. Spearman, of Bosanquet, ing her niece, Mrs. Robt. Riggs, J day with friends in Lobo.

Report of Primary Room, Arko May. Percentage given.—Joyce 97, Iva Johnston 83, Florence Aust Sara Hostetter 78, Elma August 78, Eastman 76, Queenie Ken Kathleen Copeland 69, Nellie Lau Lois Baldwin 67, Thelma Geor Peter McNaughton 52, Elsie Wee 49, Kenneth Herrington 46.

Par Harold Wilson, Harry Richer, Stephenson, Florence White, Smith, Ena Smith, Mary Co Arnold Lucas, Niven Watt, Johnson, Charlie Baynes, Willie Jo W. Thoman, Class 1.—Sr.—J Herrington, Howard Meadows, F Martin, Willie Baldwin, Marvin man, Jr.—Doris Kemp, Rhea Wi Doris Huffman, George Holmes, Morningstar, Marion Wilson, Connolly, Paul Hostetter, Leath R. M. Brown, Teacher.

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J. W.