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James Gardiner and Major James Cannon were also directors of the Sydenham Mutual Fire Insurance Company. One of the agents, William Thomson walked to the Annan Church from Lot 17, Concession 2, South Centre Road. He married a woman of 16 years, and they had a family of 13 children. Mr. Harkness was given a cane on February 11, 1892, for his valuable assistance to this company. It was taken over by the Wawanesa Fire Insurance.

Grey and Bruce Trust Company

The Grey and Bruce Trust Company originated in 1889 as the Owen Sound Building and Savings Society of which Captain John Trethewey was President and A. J. Spencer was the Manager. The list of directors of the Owen Sound Grey and Bruce Loan and Savings Company formed at approximately the same time was: President-William Roy, Vice-President-A. J. Parker, and Manager-William P. Telford, and directors were Robert McKnight, Hugh Taylor, Robert Whightman, Alex Ramage, Robert Thomson, James Gardner, William Q. Brown and Robert Edgar. It is apparent that some of the members of the Farmer's Loan and Deposit Company and the Owen Sound Grey and Bruce Loan and Savings Company were the same.

The Owen Sound Building and Savings Society and the Grey and Bruce Loan and Savings Company amalgamated as the Grey and Bruce Loan and Savings Company in 1926, and became a Trust Company in 1927. It was in 1950 that Grey and Bruce with offices in Owen Sound and Peterborough and the Victoria Loan and Savings Company with offices in Lindsay, Cannington and Belleville decided to amalgamate and so became the present Victoria and Grey Trust Company.

On September 14, 1965, the shareholders of both the Victoria and Grey Trust Company and British Mortgage and Trust Company voted to merge as one company, this to become effective October 1, 1965, and to be known as Victoria and Grey Trust Company.

The departments are Savings, Investments, Retirement Savings Plans, Mortgage Loans, Safety deposit Vaults, Estates, Trusts, Agencies, Trusteed Pension Plans.

There are 25 branches including Hanover, Meaford and Owen Sound.