

Christmas—A. Turner & Co.  
Farm for Sale—John Rowe.  
Bakery—John Montgomery.  
Markdale House—Mrs. Rutledge.  
Berkshire Boar—Chas. Littlejohns.

## The Standard.

MARKDALE DEC. 6, 1888.

### RAILWAY EXTENSION.

#### From Durham to Meaford via Markdale.

A scheme to extend the G. B. & W. Railway to the Georgian Bay.

At a meeting of the council of the town of Meaford held on Monday evening the 26th ult., Mr. McMullen M. P., was present, and an interesting discussion took place in reference to the above railway extension. Mr. McMullen is a member of the board comprising the G. B. & W. Railway and is strongly in favor of having that line extended to Meaford or some point on the Georgian Bay. The Mayor and council are favorable to the project and are taking steps to that end. The scheme is no doubt in its infancy, but is looked upon, we believe, with general favor. The distance is some 39 miles, and we believe there are no serious, engineering difficulties to contend with so that the cost of building a road through this section would be moderate. There is a great amount of timber of various kinds in Glenelg and Euphrasia townships which is now almost worthless, which would find a ready market at paying prices in the event of this extension being made. We expect to be in a position to give further particulars next week, and in the mean time invite ratepayers to give expression to their views through the columns of the STANDARD.

### HARD TIMES.

What is the cause of hard times? the only explanation at all worth anything for a general financial embarrassment is what explains the same trouble with an individual, extravagance in living and speculation. If people would only live within their means, and would not try to make rich by speculation instead of by production there would be no hard times, much less a panic, there could be none. Some think that hard times must come about every five years, why should it, as a general thing people bring the hard times upon themselves, they picture out for themselves abundant crops and high prices for their produce, and make calculations accordingly, should their expectations not be realized, there is a pinch, debts have been contracted with a hope of abundant crops and when pay day comes there is a deficit. Live within your means and hard times will never come.

### CHANGE IN BUSINESS.

Mr. Wilson Benson, of the Belfast House (wholesale liquor and grocery establishment) has sold his business together with stand and buildings for \$3,000 cash. Mr. Thos. McNea, the purchaser, took possession on Tuesday last, and is making preparations to move into that portion of the premises occupied recently by Geo. Grant as furniture store. The business will be carried on as heretofore, but on a larger scale. We wish him success in his new business.

### Correspondence.

NOTE.—We wish it distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

To the Editor of the Standard.

SIR.—I very much concur with your remarks on "too much government" in your last issue. It is but just to say that in the Grey County Council the feeling is pretty general, the deputy-reeves nearly all of them falling into line. More than once there has been an attempt to reach the ear of the Government, with no success; other counties, I presume, holding op-

posite views, strongly support the present system. Wherever the cause for perpetrating the present system exists it is a certainty that Gray is not to blame. But the world was not created in a day and the reforms to meet advanced thought in municipal matters requires time to develop. The duty of the hour is perseverance until the necessary changes be made. Whilst in the subject of municipal matters allow me to state briefly that the present year has not been a very propitious one for Artemesia. The excessive freshets have caused the council to dip deeper in the treasury than for many years past. Bridges have had to be built and repaired involving an expenditure of nearly \$1000 over and above the ordinary outlay. This necessitated extra taxation to extent of one mill in the dollar, not much to be sure, but when to be paid by frozen crops the burthen is considerable. And I presume could the council have foreseen the frost they would have rather borrowed the amount for one year than have collected the extra tax, but as it is it is to be hoped it will be borne patiently. As the time for election draws nigh, topics general and local are being mentioned, one regarding myself is noteworthy, viz: that I am too penurious, too careful of the funds, that enough is not spent on the roads, and such like. A view of this kind is rather absurd in the face of the fact that the reeve has only one vote in the council and am only responsible to that amount, but aside from this, is not this policy a correct one? If it were our own money we could do as we liked with it, but it is not and that makes the difference, or should do so. And, therefore, that council is the wisest and most prudent who husbands the ratepayers' money. Even with the most careful policy, as represented by the Artemesia council, we are not on either hand annually with a cry of excessive taxation. As a rule those who say we ought to spend more money than we do they are comparatively few in number, and of those some have important axes to grind. The bulk of the ratepayers are satisfied with the principle of economy. Intelligent ratepayers taking in the whole ground of what is being done are satisfied that notwithstanding the no-expenditure cry, solid improvements are yearly made. It is within say four years that increase of statute labor was obtained by the advanced assessments, amounting to perhaps twenty-five per cent. in previous years. This certainly is equal to money, at least it is so to industrious farmers who are careful to employ every possible day to farm purposes. And not only this but in nearly every road division the council has placed a scraper which increases the value of statute labor very materially, so that personal experience testifies that our roads have improved proportionately. Now why should money be taken from the treasury to accomplish what, that kind of labor can amply do? I can see no reason for it at all. The township of Artemesia is heavily handicapped with a railroad tax, it being about fifty per cent. of all taxes exclusive of school rates, this year amounting to \$2,800 approximately and is to continue for at least seven years more. The railroad has benefited the township to that extent no doubt, but even this is not a prevention of frosts, freshets or drouths, and many are of the opinion that no increase of importance should be added, until that score be wiped out and from the general knowledge possessed of the township I am obliged to concur with these views. There are one or two objects which would be very desirable to obtain and if done would certainly add to the importance of the township. The chief these is the improvement of our leading roads to the principal villages and railroad stations. The worst roads are generally found within three miles each side of a village or railroad. Perhaps the worst in the township is found east of Flesherton station, and the council is constantly pressed as individuals to take up the scheme. The cost of these requirements and their localized positions are very important points to get over. To take such a large sum from the treasury all at once would not be entertaining, and yet in view of the large percentage of taxes paid by the village of Flesherton annually, entitles it to very generous consideration. So it is believed by many, it is proper to say that she pays about one-seventh of all the taxes, or thereabouts except school taxes. It is said that a sum of \$2,500 would if expended economically make deviations to shun hills, which are such enormous impediments to travel and competition, and say they this alone would almost compensate for another railroad. This may be an exaggeration, but he must be dull indeed if he cannot see an immense advantage to the village and

the township, to some parts more than others it is true if carried out, and in addition outlying townships would seek a competitive market which they could be fairly started. But how can these results be obtained? I know of only two methods, first by application by petition of that part of the ratepayers desiring it to the County Council to pass a by-law to impose the rate, after a proper vote having been taken, or else for the council, if possible, to borrow the sum required for those extra and important improvements, paying the interest on it only until the railroad by-law lapses. The instalments on the principal coming in afterwards. Something similar to the Markdale School Section debentures one following after the other sums are paid. The payments on a sum of \$500 might be in five or ten years, if the latter the first payment with interest would be \$800, each year thereafter would lessen the interest until paid. Supposing then this to be the sum all things being equal, we would pay on an average less taxes by \$1,200 than we do now. A scheme like this looks feasible but then be it remembered no one is pledged in any sense to carry it out, and are here mentioned to elicit a full and free discussion on the day of nomination. There is another question of importance and that is what is known as the Valley Road. The writer has been sorely berated for views entertained and for the actions of the council herein. With many more I fully appreciate the importance of leading roads, and I am not sure this road is not one of the number, but circumstances exist which unless removed would according to the opinion of sound judges pronounced hindrances to the scheme. To be of material benefit to Artemesia, it should be an outlet to Euphrasia, or that portion of it known as the Valley. But notwithstanding the road in Artemesia is established conditionally to those township's line, Euphrasia refuses to take it beyond. And yet we are pressed to lay out cash to make the said road. If once beyond hundreds of dollars would not see it completed. The gentlemen most interested charges us with everything bad because the council cannot see its way clear to expend the people's money for his benefit. The road would accommodate but two or three families, every one of which have other outlets to market. Now if the Euphrasia council open a road on their side much of the argument would be in favor of gradually making this road until the soundest policy is to pass it for future consideration, or else repeal that portion of the by-law having referred to extension of the road beyond the 8th concession or to the limit of Mr. Hogg's property. It is to be hoped then points may be carefully considered and freely discussed for men elected as councillors should know the wishes of the people and should be prepared to carry out what the majority approve of. If any scheme be devised those most interested should explain its benefits and gain the assent of ratepayers, or otherwise pro or con. If anything further on township matters need be mentioned the new licensing system merits a brief notice. It is difficult to see how the Crooks' Act and the McCarthy Act are to work together, two sets of commissioners, two sets of inspectors, two licenses, one cannot now foresee the conclusion of the matter. I think no council could be accessory to fleece the inn keeper entirely; that allusions will occur between the diverse authority of the Dominion and Ontario Governments, are readily conceived, and strong to partizanship for either until the question be judicially settled would be extremely unwise. Whatever the result it is evident it will prove to be a subject requiring tact, ability and firmness to administer. Regard the county it may be said that the county valuation will be of immense importance, and will require careful digest and comparison. It is understood the gentlemen have accomplished their work; and without examination of their report would expect it to be fairly done. Since the last session of the county council it is learned that Owen Sound has threatened a writ to compel the county to build a bridge over the Potawatamie river. If this be urged and enforced then the whole question of bridge building is opened up, and every township in the county will claim pay for all township line bridges for the past eighty years, entailing a cost of thousands of dollars. Any persons therefore the township of Artemesia selects for her reeve and deputy should be no dolts or men void of experience or influence. Thanking you for so much space for these rambling remarks,

I am yours,

DR. CHRISTOPHER.

Euphrasia Dec. 1st, 1888.

To the Editor of the Standard.

The all absorbing topic at present is the proposed railway extension from Durham via Markdale and Rocklyn to Meaford. This township is yet, in a great measure without railway accommodation and I think this is our opportunity. There is perhaps no township in this county with as much timber to spare as this. I believe we could dispose of enough timber of different kinds to pay a bonus of \$5,000 per mile through the township, had we a market for it which market would be created by said railway extension. The bonus question may be said to be a thing of the past, and well it may in respect to securing competing lines, which competition has in many instances been destroyed by amalgamations and huge monopolies, but we can fear nothing of this kind, it is not a competing line we would expect, but simply railway facilities. The township of Euphrasia should be deeply interested in this question as it is one of vital importance, and I am of opinion she will not allow this opportunity to pass without an earnest effort to secure the desired object.

A RATEPAYER.

### MARRIAGES.

DEADMAN—McKENZIE—By Rev. A. Wilson, on the 29th ult., Mr. John Deadman, of Vaughan, township, to Miss Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr. Donald McKenzie of Artemesia.

READ—KING—On the 29th ult., at the P. M. Parsonage, by J. S. Corcoran, John E. Read, of Collingwood township, to Miss Amanda King, of Markdale.

PAUL—GORDON—On the 5th inst., at the Markdale House, by Rev. J. S. Corcoran, Mr. W. T. Paul, to Ruth Gordon, all of Osprey

### DEATHS.

RUTLEDGE.—At St. Thomas, on the 27th ult., Thomas, brother of the late Alex. and Edward Rutledge, of this village, aged 81 years.

### Credit Sale Register.

Parties getting their sale bills printed at this office will have a notice under this head free of charge.

WEDNESDAY DEC. 12th.—Mrs. Chadwick lot 12, con. 4 Euphrasia, near Kimberly, will sell by public auction on her premises on the above date a quantity of farm stock, implements, &c., will be disposed of, sale to commence at 12 o'clock. Having rented her farm the sale will be without reserve, terms 12 months on approved paper. W. J. Shephardson, auctioneer.

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An early spring pig for service at his pen, two miles south of Markdale. Terms, 75 cents a time of service, otherwise \$1.

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### FARM FOR SALE.

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### TORONTO MARKETS.

Fall Wheat, \$1.00 to \$1.10; Spring, \$1.00 to \$1.12; Barley, 50c to 70c; Oats, 37c to 40c; Peas, 70c to 75c; Hogs, \$6.00 to \$6.25; Potatoes, per bag, 90c to \$1; Butter, dairy, 18c to 20c; eggs, 22c to 25c.

### BOAR PIG.

CHESTER WHITE, The thoroughbred boar pen, Markdale, for with; a fine boar six months old. Terms—\$1, at time of service. 168-71 W.M. DOUGLASS.

### NOTICE.

The undersigned will be at the bank at Markdale from the 20th to the 23rd December for the purpose of collecting sale notes, as they become due at the above date. Those interested will please be prompt and save further trouble and costs. JOHN FORD.

Annan P. O., November 8th, 1888 166-69

### ESTRAY.

Came to the premises of the subscriber, lot East half 27, con. 7 Holland, about the 12th October last, four head of two year old cattle, one bull, one steer and two heifers, color mostly red. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take them away. Unless claimed by Nov. 30th, will be offered for sale. GEO. WATT.

Holland November 13th 1888 166-69

### TEACHER WANTED.

For School Section No. 17, Euphrasia, a male or female holding third class certificate. Duties to commence January 2, 1889. Apply stating salary to JOS. MANABEY, Sec.-Trustee, Rocklyn P.O.

### FARMS FOR SALE.

Lot 117, con. 1 west, T. & S. Road, Artemesia, containing 50 acres, 40 of which are cleared and under cultivation. Lot S part 15, con. 12, Holland 63 acres, 40 cleared; all necessary buildings thereon. Lot 13, con. 13, Glenelg, 100 acres all bush. For terms and particulars apply to

J. G. IRVING.

Markdale, Oct. 16, 1888. 16

### FARM FOR SALE.

Lot 89 and 90 second range west of T. & S. Road, Glenelg, 100 acres, 85 of which are cleared and under cultivation fit for reaper and mower to work on. Buildings and fences in good repair, soil clay loam, well watered, and in a good state of cultivation. This is a desirable farm and well located being 2 1/2 miles from the flourishing village of Markdale. For further particulars apply on premises or by letter to 162-72 Wm. METTRE, Markdale P. O.

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