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C. W. Rutledge, Proprietor. MARKDALE, DEC. 22 1887.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas is again near, and let us try and make it as significant as possible of our deep gratitude by showing our good will to all both in word and deed, by banishing all feelings of resentment from our hearts, and by making amends for the wrongs we have done our fellow men. Unhappily many persons believe that Christmas good-will can only be expressed by costly or showy gifts. They mistake the spirit of the day. It is not the cost of the gifts but the spirit in which it is given. Our great Christmas festival is not made of by us as it should be. We should all try to do something on that day to make others happier, and we will chair. find their happiness reflect back on our hearts two fold. There is nothing in this life which gives as much real others good. Don't be afraid to ex-

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

periment.

Markdale Mechanics' Institute is now incorporated, and if we may judge from the executive abilities together with financial, social and moral standing of its officers, which are given below, we may forecast an institution of prosperty and permanence. We hope to see all pull together and each cheerfully aid in making in a genuine success by assuming a due share of responsibility, and work for the good of the Institute and thus make it a value to the town as well as to individu-

OFFICERS. Mr. Wm. Lucas, President. Mr. W. A. Brown, 1st Vice Pres. Ur. Brodie, 2nd W. L. Young, Treas. T. L. Moffat, Secretary.

DIRECTORS. A. Turuer. Wm Brown. P. McCullough. Geo. Haskett. A. McFarland. A. Dinsmore. J. G. Anderson. S. Hill. C. W, Rutledge.

MUNICIPAL.

We understand there is to be opposition, in Glenelg, to the re-election of Mr. Moffat as reeve, in the person of Mr. James Skene. Mr. Moffat has been an excellent public officer, sparing no trouble or time in promoting next. The output of the factory this the best interest of the township, and thus he in our opinion, richly merits \$9,045,37. The total expences were the confidence and hearty support of the ratepayers. We have nothing to say against Mr Skene, but when we have a man in the most important position of the township council who has filled that position with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people, we cannot see the wisdom of displaceing him by one untired. Mr. Moffat will be elected without a doubt.

Mr. Geo. Lamb is retiring, and a vacancy will therefore be made in this Ward. Mr. L. has been an efficient officer, and retires with a good record.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

-Woodstock is taking steps to be. come a city.

-The British Parliament is to meet on Feburary 7.

-Diphtheria is increasing its ravages in Montreal.

-The Ontario Legislature meets Jan. 25th. -The Dominion Parliament will

meet on the 31st January. -The next Provincial Exhibition will be held in Kingston, September

10th to the 15th. -It is rumored that the Northern Railway will pass into the hands of the Grand Trunk on the 1st February

-A number of gentlemen interested in the raising and breeding of Canadian draught horses met in Toronto last Thursday and formed "The Improved Canadian Draught Horse Association."

Pleaherton.

Standard Correspondence.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY .- On Saturday night last burglars attempted to effect an entrance to M. Richardson & Co's Store, by way of the front door, by marks upon the door it is evident a determined effort was made to gain an entrance. The door was firmly fastened by a strong iron bolt. The bolt keeper was burst which allowed the door to spring open a little, but a still stronger and firmer fastening inside foiled the attempts of the plunderer then, and no other was apparently made.

The Oyster Supper held under the auspices of the Ladies Aid in the Methodist church, on Tuesday evening the 13th, was but poorly atten ded: Plenty of Oysters for those present; after supper a brief and interesting program was gone through, R. J. Sproule, Esq., occupied the

The High School Entrance Examinations which are to be held in ed in the new school house which happiness as a consciousness of doing will be ready for occupancy at that

> In the suit of Atcheson vs. Stewart LIABLE GOODS. in the county Court at Stratford last week, in connection with the cheese factory here, small damages (fifteen dollars) was granted Atcheson.

A serious accident and break up occurred on the gravel road about a in Brown, Black, Granett and Navy mile east of the village to one of our Blue. farmers coming to market with a load of grain. After crossing what in inches wide 90 cents, at McFarlands. commonly known as Boyle's River much the worse for the shake up but or Long Wrapps, at McFarland's. the wagon suffered seriously. Such New Ottoman Cords, New Astricans, dangerous places should be well New Motolassas, New Meltons. Our posts firmly set in the earth.

Extensive preparations are being at marvelously low prices.

a short time since, and a few mornings their out-fit from us. leaving the steam horse to overtake money to meet a pressing engagement him on the way. Since his sudden sold them cheap, come in and see departure a few of those interested in them from \$3.50 up. him are singing:

"Where O where has he gone."?

Plesherton Cheese Factory.

On Thursday the 7th inst., the patrons of this factory met in Flesherton to close up the business of the present year and to make some arrangements for the pair. year has been 88,1021 lbs cheese made from 926,863 lbs of milk realizing in all \$1,876,17. The following were elected directors for next year :- J. McKee, D. Thompson, J. Teeter, T. McArthur, W. Gloves. Wilcox, T. Wright, D. McMullin, R. Oliver, and S. Pedlar,

The next meeting will be held on the 1st of March next.



This powder never varies. A marvel for purity, strength and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kinds, and cannot be sold in competition with the multitude of low East, short weight alum or phosphate powders sold only is case, BOYAL BAKING POWDER CO. 106 Wall St., N. Y.

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Just opened at McFarland's for the early Winter's Trade, Heavy All Wool Ottoman Dress Goods 25 cents yard,

Think of it! All Silk Plushes 18 A Nice Xmas present one of Mc-

the road being icy the wagon com- Farland's Golden Brown, Electric menced sliding and in a moment of Blue, Steel Grey or Granett Marveletime the wagon team and driver was aux Silk Dresses 85 cents, sold in over the embankment and to the Toronto for \$1.25; Economy is the gully beneath a distance of about 20 Road to Wealth, you can save money fect. Neither team nor driver were by purchasing your Walking Jackets

guarded by a strong railing with Girls are working day and night, turning out lovely Jackets and Mantles

ago left our town, not by an early | Special; 50 Mens' Persian Lamb | train but somewhat earlier than Caps received by express from a train time, just stepped on ahead Manufacturer who in order to realize

> 100 Overcoats cheap. 100 Men's Suits cheap. 100 Boy's Suits cheap. 100 Youth's Overcoats cheap.

100 Ladies Fasinators cheap. 50 dozen Women's All Wool Black and Colored Hose, a bargain 25c. per

100 Ladies Wool Shawls cheap.

Handsome Gent's Mufflers. Handsome Gent's Silk Handker-

Handsome Gent's Silk Ties. Handsome Gent's Fur Top Kid

Handsome Gent's Suitings. Every housekeeper should know that McFarland keeps Crockery and Glassware in Dinner Setts, Tea Setts, Glass Setts, Goblets, Fruit Dishes, &c., &c., in large variety in the Basement not having sufficient room up stairs.

All Wool 4lb. 6lb. 7lb. 8lb. and 9lb. Bed Blankets at wholesale prices. A Room full of Navy Blue, Scarlet

and White Flanels, that knocks competition cold. One Cord Shirtings.

One Cord Cottonades. One Cord All Wool 50c. Tweeds Heavy and unterable. See them, See them.

Men's, Wemen's and Boy's Wool Underware warranted to keep Jack Frost at a respectable distance.

Don't wait until Christmas week to buy your supplies of Raisins, Currants, Peels, Spices, Iceing, Sugar, Coffee and Tea. No Housekeeper who values reputation can afford to be without McFarland's TEA, it is Strong, Sweet Flovoured and warranted absolutely Pure. When you come to Markdale don't go past the Old Reliable House of

Direct Importer, MARKDALE.



numerous patrons and the public generally that we have just opened the LARGEST, CHEAPEST and BEST, Assortment of Christmas North of Toronto can goods ever brought into Markdale. this village this week, will be conduct show you BETTER Having purchased from the best GOODS, CHEAPER houses in Toronto, Hamilton and London, for SPOT CASH we defy competition.

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Childrens Dolls and Picture Books, Ladies Satchels, Purses and Plush Goods, Gents Moustache Cups, Shaving Mugs and Wallets, Albums, Vases, China Cups and Saucers. Bibles, Proyer Books, Prize Books, &c., &c. Call, examine and be convinced. Special terms for Christmas Tree lots.

A new Stock of the Laurance Celebrated Spectacles just received. We have the most complete sight test ever invented.

A. TURNER & CO., MEDICAL HALL

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made for a good anniveasary enter-tainment by the Presbyterian Sabbath School here on Monday evening the 26th inst. Tolmeton lately in livery Our Millinary Rooms are lun of charming Hats and Bonnetts to please the most exacting. Those Contemplating Matrimony would do well to call at McFarland's for their

has the nicest selection of Moss ware, China ware, Colored sets, Glass ware, engraved or plain, just see our \$4.75 china tea sets or our \$2.50 colored tea sets, they will surprise you.

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In Fur our stock is complete, with quality and prices right.

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anywhere, in fact everything for a real good Xmas and Newyears trade.

IN CLOTHING!

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Featherbone and Featherbone corsets.