

**Markdale Standard.**  
C. W. Rutledge, Proprietor.  
MARKDALE, MAR. 1 1888.  
INCORPORATION.

The question of incorporation has been the principal topic for a week past. A deputation consisting of Messrs. Wm. Brown, W. J. McFarland, Wm. Lucas, Geo. M. Haskett, W. A. Brown and C. W. Rutledge, waited on the Private Bills committee of the Ontario Legislature in Toronto last week with a petition signed by one hundred and nineteen ratepayers asking for a special Act to incorporate Markdale as a town. A contra petition with some twenty signatures was presented, by Mr. McCullough accompanied with an affidavit from Samuel J. Coleman to the effect that said S. J. Coleman had recently taken a proper census of the village and that the population of the village and territory of the proposed town of Markdale was seven hundred and twenty and not more. This affirmation was considered glaringly incorrect in as much as none of the members of the deputation then present (with many others) had been visited by said S. J. Coleman in reference to finding the number of their household, and even the names of all the deputation (each of which are heads of families) were not to be found on this sworn census. Notwithstanding this fact, the deputation were not in a position to then take a correct census in order to rebut the above affidavit, thus it went to a vote and was lost by the chairman of the committee voting twice.—We may here say the chairman has a right to vote always with other members, and when there is a tie, he has of course the casting vote.—The deputation however had the privilege of amending the bill, which they did making it read Village instead of Town, and trimming of a small portion of territory on the north, and the Bill thus passed since without a division, so that the village incorporation comes into effect on the first of May 1888. This we believe is preferable after all, as the village will have all the privileges and powers of a town and be relieved from the cumbersome municipal machinery, as five members in all that is necessary for a village while eleven is required for a town, thus it is all for the better that the Bill was burked, even by false witness.

**NOTE AND COMMENT.**

—Halton county votes on the repeal of the Scott Act to-day Thursday.  
—In spite of the strenuous opposition of Prof. Gregg, the Presbytery of Toronto has approved by a large majority of the proposal to amend the Westminster Confession of Faith so as to obviate the necessity of excommunicating men who marry a deceased wife's sister.  
—Seven divorce cases will come before the senate at Ottawa this session.  
—An extensive and very successful revival of religion has been in progress in Ottawa since early in January under the labors of Rev. Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, evangelists. Seven hundred and seventy-five have professed a determination to lead a new life, Sir John A. Macdonald, the premier among the number.  
—At St. Thomas, on Monday, twenty city hotel-keepers pleaded quietly to a second offence against the Scott Act and paid \$100 fine and costs. Two others paid \$50 and costs each for a first offence.

The Ontario Hotel, Chesely, was burned on Tuesday of last week.  
Mt. Forest Presbyterians have adopted the use of the Hymnal in their church by a vote of 155 for and 73 against.

**Traverton.**  
**Standard Correspondence.**  
Mr. Delaney is home for a few days.  
Miss M. Darcy is home from Toronto.  
Mrs. Hastie is visiting friends in Hamilton.  
Mr. J. Reed is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. Hunt.  
Mr. Isaac Elder who had his hand severely injured a few week ago, is improving.  
Mrs. Delaney has been seriously indisposed for the past week.  
Our Poet, while laboring under the delusion that the late warm spell was the first appearance of spring; wrote a poem entitled "The first Robin." His friends are of the opinion he is color blind and saw a jay, hence we will not publish it.

**Proton Station.**  
A very successful tea-meeting was held in the Presbyterian church here last Friday evening. Abundant provision was made by the good ladies of the congregation for the wants of the inner man, after which an excellent programme was rendered, consisting of musical selections by the Dundalk Glee Club, and appropriate addresses by several gentlemen among whom were: Mr. Morgan, Dundalk; J. W. Henderson, Esq., Toronto; A. R. Fawcett, Flesherston; Mr. Spurr and Rev. Mr. Ross, Dundalk; Rev. A. Wilson, Markdale; and the chairman Rev. Mr. Coll. The proceeds were satisfactory and at the courteous suggestion of Mr. Haines a subscription was taken up and in a short time sufficient was realized to wipe out the remaining debt on the church.

**Has Many Wives.**  
Meaford cor. in Empire.

A well-laid plan which if successful would have resulted in life-long misery to one of the persons interested has been frustrated in an almost providential manner. It appears that a man who gave his name as John Scott, and who is a tanner and currier by trade has been working at Carson's tanner here since November last and boarding in the house of a man named Mexlow. The servant girl at the boarding house, who is about 22 years of age and of rather prepossessing appearance, was approached by Scott with a view to matrimony, and his advances not being repelled, love ran smoothly until the early part of this week, when Scott asked leave from his employers ostensibly to go to Guelph for a trunk, which he claimed to have left there, but in reality to leave with the girl and get married. This fact coming to the ears of one of the employmen in the tannery, and who had a slight knowledge of Scott's character, led to his exposure, and it was learned that the name he went by here was only an assumed one, his proper name being Douglass. It was further learned that Douglass, some twenty-four years ago, had married a woman who is yet alive and living at Brantford. A few years after the first marriage he assumed the name of Scott, and while working at Owen Sound married a girl there, who afterwards lived with Judge Morgan's family in Newmarket, and went from there to Toronto with the family, where she now resides. Scott or Douglas, as his name is, was informed that communications was being held with the family of Judge Morgan, and he immediately made preparations for departure, leaving Meaford on foot on Tuesday last at noon, proceeding towards Owen Sound, as no attempt has been made to follow and arrest him he will doubtless continue on his career of bigamy. He is of rather a pleasant appearance, smooth shaven, which gives him an appearance of youth which does not belong to him, his head is almost bare of hair, has sharp features, is not addicted to any of the vices kindred to men, such as drinking, smoking or swearing, and in ever particular except the one indicated is rather an exemplary character. It is possible he may have other wives living than the two mentioned, as some 3 or 4 years ago, when working for one Davis, of King, a message was received by that gentleman from Tiyerton to have Scott arrested for bigamy. He was for nearly two years in Guelph before coming to Meaford, and if he allowed his propensity sway while there probably another wife only-in-name may be found there. He gives his age as 41 years, but those who know him best place the figure up in the fifties. The public should be on the lookout for him, and want-to-be-married young or old girls especially.



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Notice is hereby given that the above named JAMES GEORGE ANDERSON has made an Assignment to me under the provisions of Chapter 26 of 48 Victoria Ontario Statutes, of all his estate and effects in trust, for the benefit of his creditors.  
A Meeting of the Creditors of the said estate is hereby convened and will be held at the Law Offices of BAIN, LAIDLAW & Co., Imperial Bank Buildings, Wellington Street East, Toronto, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of MARCH 1888, at three o'clock in the afternoon, for the appointment of Inspectors and giving of directions with reference to the disposal of the said estate. All creditors of the said estate are hereby required to file their claims with my Solicitors, BAIN, LAIDLAW & Co., Toronto, as directed by said Statute, on or before the day of such meeting. After the 20th March, 1888 I shall proceed to distribute the said estate having regard only to such claims as I shall have notice of, and I shall not be responsible for the assets of said estate or any part thereof, to any person or persons whose claim or claims shall not have been filed.  
Toronto, Feb., 23rd, 1888,  
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380-9  
JOSEPH YOUNG, Traverton.

**STRAYED.**  
To the promisee of D. J. Lewis, lot 3, con. 2, St. Vincent, about the 1st November, 1887, two sheep. The owner is requested to pay property pay charges and take them.  
D. J. LEWIS,  
387 90  
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**MARRIAGE.**  
The arrival services conducted by Mr. Hunter and Rev. M. J. Macdonald have been very successful during the past six weeks. The Dominion Methodist Church was to have been broken up on Tuesday, Feb. 21. It is often as two and three times as often as they have excited in all society has been great, and it is to be regretted that Sir J. Macdonald have been a very perceptible thrill went to the audience as the Premier's address, with Lieut. Col. Macdonald and Mrs. Dewdney, Governor Aikins and Mrs. Chas. Watson and other members of the church, and proceeded during the course of preliminary exercises, your correspondent learned that the event was attended with Sir John, when all sincerity that he had expressed a change of heart. His wife wore a rather serious expression as he took his seat. He took part in the neighborhood, who were observed to be not surprised when, in an appeal by Mr. Hunter that he should become Christians. He had been the prayers of the audience, the Premier of the in whose name has so long been a synonym of iniquity in many minds, arose with his hands a distinct sensation. Later the pastor of the church, Mr. Carson, made a speech which he said had been his secret for two days, to the effect that evangelists be besought to return to another week, although he was due in Belleville almost immediately. One thousand names were given, and of those five hundred belonged to denomination of the Methodists. Three hundred and forty had been added to the church alone. The speaker, Sir John, in his own name gentleman in the audience, and the Statesman did it.  
The question, "All who love Sir John to his friends and evangelists decided on the same. The collection for the amount to \$500, contributed by the understanding that it should be a charge of the services.

**MELITA.**  
MELITA, Man., Jan. 28.—We have through the storm of the worst, settlers say, since 1881. We have reason to be thankful that we have been cast in a land where not so severe or of such a nature as those of Minnesota, Dakota, etc. Our weather in South Carolina is properly adjusted to our climate, and atmosphere clear and bright. The balance of our time will be a busy time with our marketing their last year's crop. They will not be done till the end of the year. This South Carolina river is a fine stream. There is a large quantity of lumber for home steading in Township 4, 5 and 6, in range 10. We are still without settlers in the range town of Melita. General stores, school and mill are present. We have a post office and blacksmith shop. Postmaster is a well known man. Mr. L. Dodds has been the manager of marriage in Melita, representing Messrs. Landon & Co., Montreal. He visited and did some business about a lynx a few days ago.

**MARRIAGE.**  
—In Toronto, Ontario, B. A., a young man of Markdale, Ontario, was married to a young lady of Markdale, Ontario, on the 28th of March.