

Stock Taking SALE.

During the month of January H. Mercer will sell all Winter Goods at cost, previous to stock taking which he commences on the 1st of February.

Men's Overcoats at cost.
Boys' Overcoats at cost.

Ladies' Mantles a few good ones left, yours at cost.

Fur Caps, Sealife Caps, Cloth Caps, &c., at cost.

Dress Goods at cost and less.

Mantle Cloths at less than cost.

Remanants of Prints, Factory Cotton, Drapery Goods, Tweeds, &c.

Men's Top Shirts and Under Shirts and Drawers at cost.

Cash buyers can save money by making their purchases at H. Mercer's during this month as he is bound to clear all heavy goods before stock-taking. Yours for bargains.

H. MERCER,
MARKDALE.



Markdale Standard

W. Butcher Proprietor
MARKDALE, JANUARY 13, 1897.

GOLD FEVER.

This is an age of boom, and gold mining seems to have now its innings. While Markdale is neither a "Rockland" or a "Gauldry," many of its citizens are taking more or less interest in Canadian mining.

A syndicate of Markdale capitalists purchased an interest in a gold mine up north : T. McNeil, formerly of our town is working his claims at Wadsworth, while several hundred shares have recently been purchased by tenementors in the Eastern Mining Syndicate and other gold promising concerns.

As a rule those who give up with both hands to such speculations are the safest in the end, but it is to be hoped that our many business men will not invest sufficient capital to affect the solvency of our financially solid town even if their investments should prove unprofitable.

For particulars re mining stock call on J. Caesar.

PRICEVILLE.

DR. J. Wednesday, January 6, Miss Maria Jane, daughter of Mr. A. Ostrander of the town line Preston, aged 13 years.

DR. J. Friday, January 8, Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McDonald.

Mr. Hector McDonald (bezig Hector) had a large wood bee (bezig) and a hop at night.

Mr. Wm. Marshall of Owen Sound, formerly of this place, paid old friends here a visit last week.

Last Thursday evening, being the closing of the quarter, the members of Division S. of T. were treated to sweet-meats by the loving side of the literary contest.

Mr. Ronald McMillan (south line) paid Thorpe County a visit last week.

Miss Jennie James and Miss Flora McMillan left here last week for Owen Sound there to attend the high school. It is understood that Priceville has a health plebeian, and Miss H. G. is not backward in stating her views at public meetings, but her practice is not always consistent with his professions.

FLETCHERTON.

The following are the officers to serve for the current year in the L. D. P. Court No. 99, here, Dr. J. P. O'Halloran, Court Clerk; Wm. Buskin, P. C. R.; Thos. Henry, C. R.; Mack Wilson, V. C. R.; A. M. Cullin, R. S.; R. Waller, F. S.; E. Cairns, Treas.; J. Adams, Chap.; F. Karsfeldt, S. W.; J. W. Talbot, J. W.; E. Blunt, S. B.; W. A. Armstrong, J. B.

The following are the A. O. U. W. officers in Fletcherston Lodge: No. 122 for 1897. P. Teader, M. W.; W. J. Bellamy, Financier; A. M. Gibson, Recorder; J. Blakely, Foreman; G. Johnson, Overseer; John Blackham, Guide; Jas. Chand, Inner Watchman; Isaac Sinclair, Outer Watchman.

The Methodist church choir purpose giving a social at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Armstrong Tuesday evening next week. Mrs. Armstrong kindly giving the use of her parlors that evening. An interesting musical program is being prepared and an enjoyable evening's program is promised for the fourth part of a dollar.

Messrs. Beecroft Talbot have added to their inaptly a new boiler and engine (40 horse power) which along with their water power makes things hum at the mill.

Rev. L. W. Thom of Arthur, preached excellent sermons in the Presbyterian church last Sabbath and will occupy the same pulpit next Sunday. Mr. D. W. Thompson is supplying Mr. Thom's pulpit in Arthur.

Among the holiday visitors whom we overlooked last week were Messrs. Alf. Munster and Vic Koster of the Toronto Junction Leader staff and Miss Libbie Thompson, Orillia.

Messrs. J. F. VanDusen and B. McDonald paid Collingwood friends a visit the beginning of the week.

Mrs. Miller and little son of Dakota are visiting their cousins Mrs. Dafe and Mr. F. G. Kastel.

Mr. D. F. Dafos is busily engaged preparing a large open rink which he expects to have ready in a few days.

Walter's Falls.

We have learned with a fall of the beautiful on Sunday night.

Mrs. Bands of Bowring Green, is the daughter of her brother, John Nixon this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones Nixon are very dear friends in this neighborhood this week.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Donald McDermid had the misfortune to have his leg broken last week. The bone was set by Dr. McCullough of Walter's Falls, and we are pleased to say he is doing as well as could be expected.

There was an addition to the population of this section Wednesday, the 6th, a young lady arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bradly and took up her abode for an indefinite period of time.

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Mr. R. McLaughlin exhibited that wonderful lamb and other rare collection of relics in our school house on Friday of last week. Some of the spectators saying it was the greatest curiosity they ever saw.

Mr. Robert Madill of Minnedosa, Man., is visiting his brother Mr. Tom this section. Mr. Madill has prospered in the west and has succeeded in building up a comfortable home for himself and family there.

Dr. Campbell, dentist, of Markdale, visited our village professionally on Thursday last.

Mr. Nicholas Walters who has been teaching in Scarborough for some time spent his holidays at home leaving for Toronto on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Clarke who have been spending a couple of weeks among friends in Toronto, Markdale and other places returned home on Tuesday of last week.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Albert Walters who has been very sick for over 8 weeks is a little better. We hope he may soon be fully restored to health and strength again. AB. is one of our most esteemed young men.

We have at present very cold weather and very good sleighing and the logs are coming in.

Mr. Jones of Bracebridge, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. David Brown of this place.

Mrs. Belle Walters of Toronto, is visiting under the parental roof for a short time.

ADDRESS AND TELEGRAMS.—A pleasing affair took place on Friday evening of last week when the Pastor, a number of his class mates, friends and neighbors of Mr. Henry Smith turned out and gave him a complete surprise by presenting him with an address and purse well filled as a token of esteem for him and for his untiring faithfulness to the church. Mr. Smith made a very fitting reply. He thanked his many friends for their kindness and he said he accepted this gift from his Heavenly Father. The address is as follows:

MR. HENRY SMITH:

DEAR FRIEND AND BROTHER.—We

your pastor, associate leaders, friends and neighbors, would embrace this opportunity of conveying to you our high appreciation of your moral worth and eminent usefulness in the various departments of church work in which you have always so cheerfully and gladly performed an important part; and more especially as a local preacher, class-leader and caretaker of the church.

We convey to you not only our esteem, but strong regard and affection for you which have only grown in intensity as the years have come and gone. Your attachment to the church of God, your consistent life, your earnest piety, your wise and loving counsels have been a great help and inspiration to us, and have endeared you to us, as we cannot express to you the regret which we felt when through age and infirmity you could no longer go in and out among us as formerly. We miss you in your accustomed place in the congregation; we miss your caretaker of the church, if which you took such a deep interest and performed the work faithfully for so many long years; we miss you on our streets; but more all, we miss your faithful, wise and loving counsels in the class-meeting in which, it seems your very life was wrapped up. Be assured that, though you cannot now move about among us, we do not forget you. You still live in our hearts, our sympathies and our prayers. We trust that while deprived of the public and social means of grace in which you found so much delight and comfort, that you will find God, Himself to be a sanctuary to you, and who hope that with returning spring your strength will return and that we may yet see you in your accustomed seat in the sanctuary, and if our fond hopes should not be realized, we pray that you may be abundantly sustained by divine grace, prove that the path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day, and that at evning time it is light, and when your voyage of life is ended may you have an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and may all meet you there.

Please accept this purse not as an equivalent for your very faithful and invaluable services but as a slight token of our high esteem and warm affection for you.

Signed on behalf of your classmates, friends and neighbors.

Berry, Pastor.

Jos. Taylor, Associate Leader.

Wm. King, Associate Leader.

Waters Falls, Jan. 8, 1897.

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