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A Merry Christmas and a bright New Year to one and all.

Come in, everyone buying or not and see our fine lines of Holiday Goods

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Are facts demonstrated here every day. We recognize the importance of having better selections of goods and at lower prices than anyone else—it makes selling easier and much more satisfactory to all concerned.

Here are some good sized stocks of good good's that TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE may take advantage of before Xmas. Will you be one of them?

OVERCOATS

14 Boy's Heavy Frieze Overcoats, half belt [illegible] and slash pockets, deep storm collar, tweed lined, silk [illegible], special, each	$2.95
12 Men's Heavy Frieze Overcoats, half [illegible] side pockets, deep storm collar, tweed lined, silk stitched, special, each	4.65
16 Boy's and Young Men's tweed Overcoats, tweed lined, perfect fitting; worth up to 6.00, clearing at [illegible] to	3.48
24 Men's Beaver and Fancy Tweed Overcoats, well made, best trimmings, worth up to 10.00, clearing at 3.75 to	6.50

MEN'S SUITS

Gents' Fine Serge Suits, perfect make, good trimmings, decidedly special value	1.85
Gents' Mackinac Suits, fine all wool, best inside pocket, very warm and splendid wearing, special	5.00
Gent's Tweed Suits, heavy all wool, neatly made and well trimmed have been great sellers at	6.75
Gent's Scotch Tweed Suits, double breasted, farmer's satin lined, a great wearer, has no equal at	8.75
Gent's Fine Cheviot Suits, double breasted, farmer's satin lined, best trimmings throughout, easily worth $12. Our present price should induce you to buy	9.25

LADIES' MANTLES

A few days ago we bought at a ridiculously low price, a clearing out lot, of Ladies' Jackets. This list mentions but a few and prices attached represent only about half their actual value. If you require a Mantle do not purchase without first seeing these.

Ladies' Blk. Cheviot Jacket, extra heavy, very prettily made, deep storm collar, 3 large buttons, silk stitched, seams all bound, only	4.65
Ladies' Blk. Knotted Serge Jackets, extra heavy, all wool, deep, Slashed Storm Collar, prettily braided on back, front, cuffs and collar, double stitched seams	4.25
Ladies' Blk. Cloth Jacket, deep collar with fancy braid edge, seams all bound, only	3.45
Ladies' Blk. Knotted Serge Jackets, braided edge, new style collar, double stitched seams, will give you entire satisfaction, only	5.25
Ladies' Blk Cheviot Jackets, fine all wool material, nicely braided, has no competitor, at only	2.95

Should nothing in this list either in Over Coats, Suits or Mantles appear to be what you require, remember we have scores of others just as good values, which for want of space are not advertised. We think it will pay you to spend half an hour looking through our stock. Suppose you try it.

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See our 5 cent poets, 6 for a quarter, by W T Stead, Stephen's drug store.

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See our Xmas sets of cloth and hair brushes. Stephen's drug store.

Photo albums and beautiful water sets. Stephen's drug store.

Chinese Sacred Lillies and Hyacinth Bulbs at Stephen's drug store.

Wanted.—Industrious men of character. The Linscott Company, Toronto.

The best people eat the best bread. If you don't believe it watch Matthews bread cart.

McFarland & Son wants immediately 1000 pounds No 1 goose feathers and 700 pounds duck.

Correspondents may now let loose as the pressure on our space will be relieved after this week.

Try Stephenson the Jeweller for Watches, Clocks, Jewellery and Silverware suitable for Xmas presents.

Purchase your silver and flatware, Christmas and wedding presents from W. J. Shortill. A fresh stock of Roger's best goods.

John Ruskin, Wodehouse, has this week added to his Shrops a fine sheep from the flock of Hon John Dryden, Brooklyn Ont.

The STANDARD has issued a calendar for 1898. All subscribers who pay for the coming year before the 31st of this month will receive a copy.

Don't miss the best entertainment of the season, "Broken Bonds" in Marsh Hall next Wednesday evening, 25 cents, reserved seat 10 cents extra.

A Christmas Tree and cantatta will be given by the Methodist Sunday School of Holland Centre on Christmas eve, December 24. Admission 15 cts.

Wanted—We can employ thirty men and women upon salary or commission as agreed to represent us around home. The Book and Bible House, Brantford.

If the village people would do their shopping in the forenoon, this week at any rate, it would greatly relieve the rush and give our country friends a chance.

The program of the SS entertainment in the Methodist church Christmas evening will be under the generalship of Principal Rowe, a master hand among children.

If the roads are good next Wednesday evening so the country people can get in to see and hear "Broken Bonds" take a wise man's advice and go early if you want a seat.

Tuesday last, December 21, is said to be the shortest day. The Standard staff claims that Monday was the longest. They worked like trojans from 5.30 a m till 12.30 p m.

Pew holders in the Methodist church who desire to retain their sittings for 1898 can do so any time before the end of this month by calling on C W Rutledge the pew steward.

A report of Irish Lake school entertainment which would make over a column came to hand, but was quite too lengthy for our limited space and we haven't time to boil it down.

Those who delay in buying their reserved seat tickets for "Broken Bonds" must not complain if they find the best seats taken up. Seats now on sale at J. H. Stephenson's jewellry store.

On Monday evening next, 27th Dec, the Presbyterian Sabbath school of Berkeley will hold its annual Christmas tree entertainment. A pleasing and interesting program will be rendered by the children. Admission 15 cents. Children free.

Our village is thronged this week, and our citizens will do well to avoid shopping from 11 till 4 o'clock so as to give those who come from ten to twenty miles a chance. Have consideration dear people, for those who come from a distance to trade with us.

The Ladies' Aid of the Holland Centre Methodist church have posters out announcing their annual New Year tea-meeting to be held Monday evening, Jan 3, 1898. A good program is promised and sumptuous tea assured. 25 and 15 cents. Tea served from 5 to 7.

Mr Smith, proprietor of the Shelburne Economist is to be congratulated on the excellent Christmas number issued last week. It is printed on superior paper profusely illustrated with supurb cuts and ably written historical sketches of present and past people and place. It cannot but prove intensely interesting, especially to pioneers.

The Ladies Aid Society of Wesley church, Meaford Road, will hold a social in the church on Wednesday evening Dec 29th, '97. Tea served from 6 o'clock p m till all are served. An excellent programme is being prepared. The ladies are sparing no pains to make this one of the best entertainments of the season. Admission, adults 15c, and children 10c. Mrs R Douglas President

Mr Bert Thompson, Presbyterian student who spent one summer in Swinton Park supplying that charge has been accepted on the teaching staff of the christian scientists. He is now in New York at the alliance missionary institute teaching. He expects to go to China as an alliance missionary. We understand that his brother Will and Mr B Coleman, English church student intend to join him at New Years.—Dundalk Herald.

The annual Sabbath School anniversary of the Presbyterian church will be held in the Rink hall on the evening of New Year's day when a good program will be given by the children consisting of choruses and duets, recitations and magic lantern scenes, the entertainment to end by Santa Claus coming in his reindeer sleigh. Come and have a good night's enjoyment and encourage the children. Admission 15 and 10 cents. For further particulars see posters.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Methodist Sunday school in this place will be held on Christmas evening, the program to consist of readings, recitations, dialogues and singing by the school. A patriotic dialogue entitled the "Seven Sisters" representing the seven provinces of the Dominion will be rendered. Christmas presents will be distributed through a post office erected for the occasion. Admission only 15 cents. See posters for further particulars.

Wanted

Seven order writers. Salary or commission to suitable persons. Drawer 29, Brantford.

Agents Sell "Klondike Gold Fields"

Like a whirlwind. Prospectus 25 cents, worth $1.00. Big pay. Capital unnecessary. The Bradley-Garretson Co, Limited, Toronto.

For Sale.

Having decided to quit farming for the present I will dispose of by private sale my farm stock, implements, &c. J. W. Gallagher, Lauriston.

Agents

"The best Life of Her Majesty I have seen," writes Lord Lorne about "Queen Victoria". Agents make five dollars daily. Outfit free: The Bradley-Garretson Co., Limited, Toronto.

Divine service on Christmas Day

There will be a full service with holy communion on Christmas morning, at half past ten o'clock in Christ church and the same in St. Matthias church, Berkeley at three o'clock, p m.

Horses Wanted

Mr Harkness is booked and billed to be in Markdale on Thursday the 30th Dec to buy an unlimited number of horses. He wants a lot of big good shaped horses for which he promises to pay high prices.

Changed Hands

The Mt Forest Confed has again changed hands, Mr Van Blaircom who purchased it some fourteen months ago having sold out to one Mr Jas Fisher. The Confed under the late management became one of the brightest weeklies on our exchange list.

"Lucky Jim"

Having just received a large consignment of new furniture I give the following prices: Combination bedroom suits $7 worth $9; bedsteads $1.25 worth $9; rockers, 50c and up; dining room chairs $3.50 set; diningroom tables $4 and up; springs $2; matresses, wool both sides, $2.50; fancy chairs and other goods suitable for Christmas presents. I will not be undersold. Call and be convinced. Wishing my numerous customers the compliments of the season. Yours respectfully, J. W. Sproule.

Court Markdale 991, I O F

The annual meeting of Court Markdale, Independent Order of Foresters was held on Wednesday evening of last week when the following were elected as officers for 1898: C W Rutledge, C R; Thos Elliott, V C R; J W Whitby, R S; F J Ritchie, F S; R D Bigger, Treasurer; W R Burnett, Chaplain; A McCutcheon, S W; R C McNally, J W; W A Armstrong, S B; G W Armstrong, J B; G M Haskett and M Armstrong, Trustees; Thos Elliott and W Turner, Finance Committee. The Court is in sound financial standing and good working order, with 33 members being an increase of 8 for the year just ending.

School Arbitration

The result of the arbitration mentioned two weeks ago is a new school section comprising, as we understand it, two hundred acres from the valley school, viz: McCormack's farm and the farm opposite, and all the lots on both sides of the back line east, Artemesia, from there to two lots past the sidroad at Elliott's cheese factory and that portion of Markdale section lying east.

Entertainment Notices

The Standard makes a uniform nominal charge of 25 cents for a reading notice up to ten lines, and 2½ cents for each additional line or insertion; if however posters, programs or other printing is done for said entertainment, then twenty-five cents worth of locals at above rates will be inserted free for every dollars worth of such job printing. This applies to all church, society, school and other entertainments.

Anniversary

The 12th anniversary of the opening of the Methodist church of this place was held last Sunday. The weather was fine, the sleighing tolerable and the attendance fairly good. Rev A Brown of Owen Sound, chairman of the district preached able and much appreciated sermons morning and evening. The offerings to the building fund amounted to $105.27. This was a free-will offering in the true sense as no person was canvased for a contribution. The treasurer's report was very satisfactory and encouraging.

Markdale Lodge A O U W

The above lodge held its election of officers on Monday evening last. The hall was well filled, two new candidates initiated, making 27 for 1897 and several more propositions, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: M Armstrong, M W; W A Munshaw, Foreman; Alf Smith, Overseer; C W Rutledge, Recorder; W N Haskett, Financier; T Mathews, Receiver; W J Shortill, Guide; Shep Boyce, I W; Jos Dodds, O W; trustees, W Dundas, R McNally and F Sarjeant. Representative to grand lodge, M Armstrong; alternate, E Rutledge; Medical examiner, Dr Ego. This lodge winds up the year with a membership of 85.

Personal Mention

Mr Wm Theaker of Shelburne visited his son the photographer here last week.

Mr and Mrs. J. W. Rutledge and son Orle were over from Chesley on Saturday.

Mrs John Lyons returned last week after a prolonged visit with friends at St Mary's and Toronto.

Mrs John Brown and son Herb left Tuesday morning to visit her daughter Mrs Will Hurst, Barrie.

Mr and Mrs Geo Steer of this place were 50 years married on Monday of last week. They have the Standard's congratulations and best wishes.

Mrs M Sullivan and family are this week moving to Hespeler where they will reside. The Standard wishes them the compliments of the season.

Mrs Burnett returned from a visit in Toronto two weeks ago. Mrs R H Gordon and little son Melvin accompanied her mother. Mrs G has been in delicate health but is improving.

Mr and Mrs Jas. Burnett and son Master Willie of Napinka, Man, arrived here last Saturday and will remain most of the winter. Mr B has done well in the prarie province, having been out there nine years. He intends purchasing a number of horses to take back with him.

Markdale Council.

The statutory meeting of Markdale Council on the 15th December was opened at the usual hour in the Council chamber, all the members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and signed.

Moved by Messrs Halbert and Sproule that the acct of Jno Marshall, $5.50, Municipal World, $3.33 and George Noble, $13.50 be paid;—Carried.

Lyons—Halbert—That the collector, Mr A Smith, be and is hereby granted an extension of three weeks to finish the collecting of taxes for the year '97—Carried.

Lyons—Benson—That we the members of the Municipal Council for the village of Markdale having carefully examined the treasurer's statement of receipts and expenditure for the year A D 1897 up to the 15th day of December inst. hereby approve of the manner the said financial accounts are kept and accept the same as correct.—Carried.

A Macpherson, clerk.

Kimberley.

The flour roller mill is now in good shape. Mr Joseph Henderson hit the nail on the head by securing Mr Geo H Musgrove as head miller formerly of Hamilton and also Mr D McWhirter as second miller and under two such skilful men it will sure to be a success. The mill was greatly in need of repair which has been thoroughly fitted up since his arrival here. The chopping rolls are sent away to be recorrogated so people wanting work done in that line will find it to their advantage to call. Manitoba wheat is on the way to insure the best of satisfaction to the public in the gristing trade.—adv.

The roads are now getting in good shape again. A heavy fall of the beautiful was the means of doing away with the muddy roads.

Honor Rolls

Report of S S No 6, Glenelg, for Dec 1897.

4th, Lottie Symes; Laura Wiggins.

Sr 3rd, May Watson, Nellie Symes, Gorden Arrowsmith.

Jr 3rd, Maggie Love, John Baird, Myrtle Watson.

Sr 2nd, Fern Watson, Martha Love, Mary Wiggins.

Jr 2nd, Walter Arrowsmith, James Baird, Tom Symes.

Pt 2nd, Della Watson, Maggie Wiggins, Walter Wiggins, Everard Walker, Bella Leitch.

Sr 1st, Jean Baird.

Jr 1st, Gertie Walker, Garfield Arrowsmith, Willie Love, Jessie Fox.

Full marks for good conduct: Laura Wiggins, Lottie Symes, May Watson, Myrtle Watson, Maggie Love, Fern Watson, Martha Love, Mary Wiggins, Everard Walker, James Baird, Walter Arrowsmith. Ella M Cook.

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Spend Good Money

on useless toys when you can purchase something useful that will give you service? We have a special line of Silverware, Furniture & Hardware that we are going to give special bargains on from now until after Christmas. This is genuine we mean what we say and invite all to come and inspect our stock. We have a large variety of goods for Christmas trade. I thank you kindly for past favors and trust you will have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

J. E. Trelford
HARDWARE & FURNITURE.
MARKDALE ONT

Maxwell.

The Illustrious Degree of the Royal Scarlet was opened here on Dec 14th by the district master, Bro Wm Menaghan.

Miss Crosby, of Nottawa is visiting her aunt Mrs W Kerton.

Mr Thos Gamey, M P P, having recovered from his recent illness, left a week ago last Tuesday for Toronto to attend to his parliamentary duties. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Aggie Gamey.

Rev. Mr Fleming preached in the Presbyterian church last Sunday and will continue to conduct the services here for the next two months.

Miss Fee of Collingwood has been visiting friends in the village.

A grand concert in connection with S S No 9 was held last Wednesday a good time was spent. Programme consisted of recitations, dialogues and singing by the children.

Mr Jerry Kinghorn from Manitoba is visiting his friends in this locality.

A grand box social in connection with the Methodist Sabbath school will be held on Jan 6th at Mr C Field's residence. Admission adults 15c children 10. A good time is expected.

There was a business meeting in the Methodist church on Thursday of last week.

There was a business meeting in connection with the Presbyterian church here on Tuesday evening.

Meaford Road.

Public School Examination and Entertainment.—The annual examination and entertainment in connection with the Vandeleur school, came off on the 17th and was a most brilliant success. The school house was filled notwithstanding the stormy day and rough roads. The examination was held in the afternoon. The Rev Mr McLaren of Temple Hill, Dr Bennet of Rocklyn, Miss Stewart of Epping and Mr John Hanna of Eugenia were among the visitors and helped with the work taking up in turn the several classes. Messrs Bennett and McLaren each gave a short address complimenting both teacher and pupils on the proficiency of the work and the marked progress of the school as a whole. At the close of the examination all present repaired to the Forester's Hall where tea was [illegible] taken of provided by the ladies of the section. The evening part of the entertainment was held in the school house which was beautifully decorated for the occasion with evergreens, pictures and a goodly number of the flags that have braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze. The entertainment rendered principally by the pupils of the school was of a superior quality and was pronounced by those present to excel anything of the kind they had ever heard in a public school. Mr Thos Kells the oldest pioneer of the school present occupied the chair. Miss Annie Kells furnished the music for the kitchen [illegible]. The program was lengthy and varied consisting of over thirty selections which were interspersed by instrumental music by the Vandeleur band who were enchored to the echo. Near the close of the program the teacher Miss Gilray was made the recipient of an address accompanied with the presentation of a work basket in the shape of a stand and a silver jewel case. The address as follows was read by Miss E Pritchard.

DEAR MISS GILRAY:

It is with feelings of pleasure as well as of pride that we now address you. The pleasure is derived from the knowledge of the past that you are to be our teacher [illegible] for another year. The [illegible] that we have one of the [illegible] teachers in the county, [illegible] your class [illegible] Miss Gilray, [illegible] public school [illegible] in some [illegible] you are held [illegible]. Therefore allow us in the name [illegible] pupils of Vandeleur public school [illegible] present you with this work basket and jewel case with your name [illegible] as a small token of our appreciation of your worth as a person and teacher. And now we retire after our [illegible] day's work hoping that we have [illegible] something to your credit as well as to your pleasure.

Signed on behalf of the school.

Elizabeth Pritchard
[illegible] Holly.

The singing of the national anthem and distribution of well filled bags of candies to the children and others by

HOLIDAY SHOPPING
AT BENSON'S

This is by all means the store for you to buy your XMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS. Carrying, as we do, by far the largest assortment in Markdale you are sure to get better suited here than anywhere else.

Come to us for your Oranges, Lemons, Dates, Figs, Prunes, Almons, Walnuts, Peanuts, Brazils, Pecan Filberts, Cranberries, Onions, Spices, Peels, Pickles, Extracts, Mixed Candies, Hoarhound, Lozengers, Bulls eye, Chocolates, Gum Drops, Sugar Stix &c. BISCUITS, Sodas, Graham Wafers, Fruit, Lemon, Wine, Ginger Nuts, Jam Jams &c

Fancy China Consisting of Water Sets, [illegible] Sets, [illegible] Sets, Shaving Mugs, China Cups and Saucers, [illegible] Sets, Bride Sets, Mantle Sets, Butter Pads, [illegible] hundreds of other useful articles too numerous [illegible].

Nobby Furs We have [illegible] the nobbiest Ladies [illegible] ever been shown in Markdale. Now is your [illegible] bargain, as we must [illegible] them out before [illegible].

NOBBY FUR CAPS [illegible], Otter, Beaver, Seal, [illegible] and Astrachan.

MEN'S FUR COATS [illegible] Coon, [illegible] and Russian [illegible] at prices which will tempt you [illegible].

BOOTS, SHOES AND RUBBERS

Fancy Ladies' and Gentlemen's [illegible] for a nice Xmas present.

MANTLES AND CAPES

From now on we clear them out [illegible] cost. We have about [illegible] left, the prices [illegible] will surprise you. Come in and look [illegible] see all this years make [illegible] up-to-date styles.

Don't forget that we handle [illegible] Roller [illegible] Flour [illegible] or bring us your [illegible].

WISHING YOU THE COMPLIMENTS [illegible]

R. H. Benson & Co

[illegible]

Fall Wheat	[illegible]	[illegible]
Spring wheat	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goose wheat	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barley	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pease	[illegible]	[illegible]
Butter	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eggs, fresh	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hay, per ton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Potatoes, per	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wool	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beef	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pork	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hides	[illegible]	[illegible]
Geese, per	[illegible]	[illegible]
Turkeys, per	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ducks, per	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chickens	[illegible]	[illegible]
Apples, per	[illegible]	[illegible]
Flour, per	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bran, per cwt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shorts, per cwt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chop, per cwt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sheep Skins	[illegible]	[illegible]

Pure Blood

[illegible] the starting point [illegible] Dyspepsia, Constipation, [illegible], Liver and Kidney Complaints, [illegible] and [illegible] in the human system. [illegible]

Blood

[illegible] long [illegible] Burdock Blood Bitters [illegible] purifies the blood [illegible] and [illegible] more quickly and surely than any other remedy. If you want pure blood and good health take

Burdock Blood Bitters

[illegible] the evening's entertainment [illegible]

Glad to meet, sorry to part;
Happy to meet again.

MARRIED

[illegible] Dec [illegible] Miss Isabella Theaker [illegible].

[illegible] residence of W J Stevens [illegible] Mr [illegible] S Arnold, M. Bradford of [illegible], and Ida A Stevens formerly of this place.