

**Special
AT
Mercer's
for
Christmas**

Men's Mocha Gloves Lined at \$1.00 pair.
Silk Scarves silk embroidered in black, white and blue silk elastic special \$1.00.
Gents new shaped Tea fancy silk at 25¢ worth 40¢. See them.
Men's Bracelets heavy or light, elastic special at 10¢ and 15¢.
Gents Cashmere Neck Scarfs at 25¢ and 50¢.
Gents Shirts colored front and collar or all one color, special at \$1.00.
Men's Gloves were Rose plain or ribbed 50¢.
Men's Fine Heavy Pl. Frieze various special 50¢ and 75¢.
Ladies' Swiss embroidery 15 only. Dress Linings, fancy textures, no two alike special at 3.50 each.
Silk Handkerchiefs plain hem stitched at 35, 50 and 75¢.
Men's Angora Beaver Caps at \$2.25 worth 35¢.
Men's German Cozy Caps, special at \$1.25.
Best quality Grey Lamb Caps, \$2.50.
Special imitation Cashmere Vest Satin Backs, silk inside in dark and green colors, at \$2.50.
Children's White Wool Bonnets each, extra lengths.



Markdale Standard.
G. W. Rutledge, Proprietor.

MARKDALE, DECEMBER 25, 1897

GENERAL NOTES

Mrs Nancy Allison McRobie mother of the President of the United States, died at her home in Canton, O., last week. The President and members of his cabinet attended the funeral.

Mrs Robert Manning, the youngest sister of Thomas Carlyle, the famous author, and the last of her family died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Laing in Teaneck, N. J., last week, in her 85th year.

Two contestants for the Kingston Penitentiary for the next twelve weeks, one year each, have been selected. To their surprise, and that of many spectators, and even the condemned犯人, it was given to the one who had already long term of twenty years.

Prof Arthur Galloway, professor of Latin and public speaking in Princeton College, Dublin, Ireland, died there last week. Prof Galloway, a distinguished son of Cork, Ireland, and the son of the late Prof Arthur Galloway, rector of Cuala, a canon of Dub.

The P. R. G. has enormous increase this year over last in the freight handled at our port in grain there having increased of seven hundred and sixty-four thousand bushels, and the average freight amount to over 1,000,000 bushels.

At the corner of Main and First streets, on the St. Clair Island, which occurred a short time ago, whereby two employees were separated from a truck returning from the Grand Trunk Railway Company, the pulling too-heavily-loaded truck through the tunnel, and for making prompt action in rescuing the men, he lost their lives.

At the regular meeting of the Paris Presbytery last week a motion was carried condemning the views of the Rev. Dr Grant of Kirkton on the prohibition question. It was hotly debated it an imperative duty to give no uncertain sound in relation to its entire adherence to the existing law by the General Assembly of the church on the prohibition of beer.

The Globe's editor in a recent issue says, "The United Presbyterian Church branch here have the views of the recipients of a number of samples of welding clacks, and however, the loving couple is not to be faulted for failing to do their duty, however receive the end of the world if they do not pay the postage paid. The soldiers are continually created with having no easy luxuries, and that the clerks take the care."

The Queen, Empress and Princess of Wales, Duke and Duchess of York and other members of the royal household attended the funeral service held at Frogmore on the 10th being the anniversary of the death of Prince Consort of Prussia Alice. On the same day a touching dedicated ceremony took place at Windsor Castle which bid a final adieu to the interesting historical portion of her life.

Entertainments

Misses L. and M. Murphy are home from the U.S. on their second visit.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. E. Taylor is still in a critical condition. Hope soon to be able to report her recovery.

There has been a few cases of measles in our burg.

Mr A. Torrie of Sullivan spent Saturday and Sunday in our city.

Two trustees to be elected who will be? They will have the handling of your money for three years. Get your best men, say we.

I think Bob's greys are just the thing. Don't you? That new one is just a dandy.

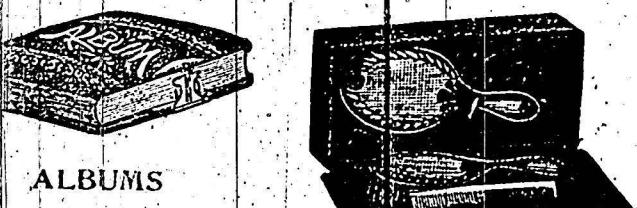
We don't hear of any Christmas tree this year.

Some people have a strange idea of our whereabouts we got a peep at a letter that came to our office with an American post stamp on it and addressed as follows:

Mrs. Hawkeye Park Toronto Province of Ontario Canada.

HOLIDAY Headquarters

Scarcely more than a week till Christmas—This year more than ever our customers are shopping early—you have more time to select what you want—You have a larger assortment to select from—wise buyers shop early—Don't leave everything till the last day. Our stock was never more complete nor so large. Sunday schools buying large lots should do so now. Come and see us, we will be pleased to show you goods and quote prices. Fancy Goods MUST be cleared out this month.



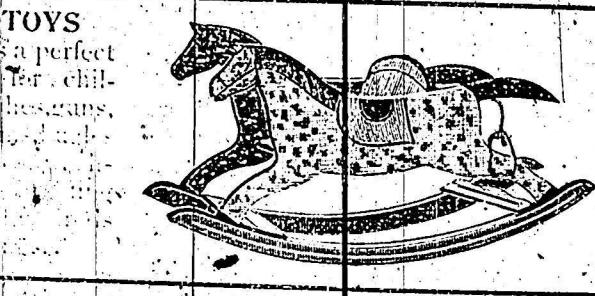
ALBUMS

Make useful presents. We have a magnificent assortment of wonderful prices. A splendid Celluloid and Plush Alligator holds 24 photos, for Good.

COMBS AND BRUSHES

In cases, Combs, Brush and Mirrors out of Cases, Collar and Cuff Cases, Jewel Cases, Writing Desks and Portfolios, Travelling cases, Manicure Sets (something fine), Photo cases.

Big Dolls, Little Dolls, Dressed Dolls, Rubber Dolls, Cloth Dolls, Leather Dolls, Doll's Carriages, Doll's Trunks, every kind and every thing for Dolls.



TOYS, TOYS

Our store is a perfect fairland for children, dolls, puzzles, trinkets, hobby-horses, top, etc. of all kinds.

BIBLE. Splendid Xmas gifts. Never had we a larger variety. Thick, leather bound, gilt edges, for \$1.75.

BOOKS. A very large assortment, beautiful binding and value, just what is wanted for Sunday school presents. Books for boys and girls—regular price 75¢. See and \$1, you choice for 50¢.

PERFUME makes one of the most appropriate Xmas presents.

Hundreds of other handsome gifts can be found among the stock we carry.

Holly and Mistletoe, Green Wreaths and Rosettes for Decorating.

W. TURNER & CO., MARKDALE

Osprey.

Winter has returned in full form which regular. Mr. John Clinton moves to Peterborough soon.

Professor Bush, horse dealer and dentist, has been doing extraction some bad teeth.

Mr. Sharpe of Thorold, is visiting friends here.

Reverend meetings are being held at the Union Appartments.

Wortobone. The sheathing is leather business.

Mr. Willey is busy shipping his butter.

New slugs and grubs factory here and are causing trouble to our hawks.

Our village has been very busy for a few days, because of the ice tamers.

Miss Edith Lawson is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. A. Turke of Shadow Lake.

Miss Robinson of Toronto is visiting among friends here.

Berkley. Stone she has been at the cradle and the probability is that the best girls will get a share in Xmas.

It is with feeling of interest that the news of Mrs. Allan from our midst is received. She has been a resident of our sixteen years and is universally known. She has disposed of her residence to Mr. Sweeny, who takes possession next Tuesday. Mrs. Allan is instead residing in Markdale.

Mr. Robinson returned from his holiday with his wife and son, Mr. McKeon shipped a large number of hogs.

Mr. Souter and family return to the vicinity of Flamborough.

Mr. Roland, our next M. is we heard a Liberal remark, viz. our most respected citizens who after the sealed envelope which someone else says Mr. Roland carries concealed beneath the covering of his pedal extremities we know not but really we thought the two were quite "chumy" considering that they belong to opposite sides in politics.

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W. J. MCFARLAND & SON

DIRECT IMPORTERS

Christmas Greeting

We wish our friends and customers many happy returns of the festive season. The season of gladness is the season when all hearts should be more glad. It has been a great season for THIS McFarland's Greatest Direct Store never having had such a large number of sales, nor such a large number of visitors, nor have we had so many happy hours, such are bargains, such enthusiasm, such happy crowds as just now. But we expected a larger business this Christmas time—planned for it gathered stock at least 20 per cent larger than we ever did; and made greater preparations for the greater volume of business. We have had a large and varied trade and visitors have made it the busier and best in this part of Ontario, and we're growing every day, and we're bound to grow, our large business of last season is more than eclipsed this season. Our business this Xmas time will be hundreds of dollars more than last year, and we're looking forward to a great future, in view of farm produce of securing such dependable merchandise at the very lowest possible cost, and with more salespeople, and such fine expectations will be more than realized.

Christmas 3

Millinery

Wings, in all colors, new Ribbons for trimmings and all colors, reg. price

Our milliners have had an extremely busy season, but for Christmas week offer these attractions:

Ladies' Flat Walking Hats in all fashionable colors, reg. price \$1.40.

Ladies' Flat Silhousette in all colors, reg. price \$1.25 each, clearning at 25¢.

Wings, in black, newest imported goods, reg. price 10¢ to 25¢ each, clearning at 25¢.

Wings, in pink and satin goods, reg. price 10¢ to 25¢ each, clearning at 25¢.

We have just passed into stock 37 pieces new season's Dress Goods, hands from the manufacturers for just cash at a big saving, especially for our Xmas trade, we single out three lines particularly.

10 pieces Bouche Seringe in two tone effect.

fawn and royal, reg. price 60¢ to 100¢.

Six pieces shot effects in all new shades, weight 32¢ yd., special price 32¢ yd., our Xmas special price is in dress lengths of 4x5, 1.85¢.

15 pieces Heavy Tweed Dress Goods all colors, our special price is in dress lengths of 4x5, 1.85¢.

Our wholesale price 20¢, our special price in dress lengths of 4x5, 1.85¢.

Time and again we have received our orders for Ladies' Jackets. Still, every good line is just as we come now as at the opening of the season, with styles and designs just as exclusive and prices most reasonable.

New designs in men's and women's hats, many in Beaver Cloths, brown, fawn, black, tan, etc.

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Xmas Handkerchiefs

We are ready with the most complete assortment of handkerchiefs for men, women and children. The direct importers cannot easily be equalled much less surpassed either for variety or in the excellence of quality, as far as value to the dollar goes.

Judges as by these handkerchiefs, hemstitch, large, small, with scallop edge, special 30¢, 35¢, 40¢.

Ladies' pure silk handkerchiefs embroidered with colored silk.

Ladies' lace handkerchiefs with initial worked in colored silk.

Ladies' or Gentle page silk handkerchiefs, hemstitch, large, small sizes special.

Ladies' or men's pure silk handkerchiefs, plain or colored, with scallop edge, special 30¢, 35¢, 40¢.

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In conclusion, we have many customers who continue to patronize us for the simple reason that we are very proud of the service we render, and that we have been doing so for over a year, and we are well satisfied to make our customers happy and well satisfied.

Thanking our customers for their patronage in the future.

Respectfully yours,

W. J. MCFARLAND & SON, MARKDALE

Business is booming here now since we got the snow.

brighter as though the wind.

The municipal hall is being built and we are getting the annual hand shake.

On village hall the appearance of a lumber camp for a few days last week.

Mr. Lawrence had a dozen engaged drawing shirts to leather station. The timber is for the States.

In conclusion, our cattle fair was not very large attended on Monday night, but the cattle offered.

Mr. Wait of this place had an auction sale last Monday, and this division up to the present and intends to meet the rest of the month.

Mr. Neil McLeod returned from Holland.

He is now here working for the last two years.

We understand that Mr. McLeod has rented his grist mill for a term of five years to a man named McEwan who will be pleased here at the time.

He is a keen business man.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Scott is recovering after a severe attack of influenza.

Rev. Mr. Mahan of Flesherton and Mr. McQuarie of Stratford also Rev. Mr. McLaren B. D. of Temple Hill is expected to be present. There will also be a number of recitations, readings and lots of good music both vocal and instrumental all for the small sum of 25¢.

Tea for adults and children 15¢ cents.

Ten served in the orange hall from 5 to 7:30 o'clock. Program will be given in the C. O. O. Hall. Every body is invited to be present and spend a pleasant evening.