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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Sleighing continues good and business brisk.

Mr Harkness bought 23 horses at his fair here on Wednesday of last week.

Hot water bottles, just what is wanted for cold feet, inflamation, etc. W Turner & Co.

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

All kinds of school books and school supplies, desks, globes and maps. W Turner & Co.

Mr W K Harkness will be in Markdale on Tuesday next, 11th January, to buy horses. See posters.

A large number of the young people of Markdale will go to Rocklyn skating rink Friday evening. To-morrow night.

The Agricultural Society will hold its annual meeting in Haskett's hall on January 12th at 1 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

Rev H Berry late of Walters Falls but now of Vallentyne married four couple in December.

The new skating rink at Rocklyn will be formally opened Friday evening, January 7. A huge time is expected.

Every officer was in his place last Monday night at the A O U W installation and the Grand Lodge officers officiated in a systematic and pleasing manner.

Teacher Wanted.—For S S No 2 Holland and Euphrasia, 3 miles from Markdale. Applications received up to the 13th January. J J Richardson, Secretary.

Have you used Turner's condition powder for horses and cattle? Hundreds have. It always gives satisfaction. Made and sold by W Turner & Co, Markdale.

The annual meeting of the Liberal Conservative Association of East and Centre Grey will be held in Markdale on Friday the 14th January at 1 o'clock. Come and bring your friends.

Roch Marion the Montreal horse buyer is billed to be in Markdale Wednesday the 12th January to buy two car load of horses. He wants one car heavy fat ones for which he promises good prices.

Little Red Riding Hoods Rescue, an operetta, will be given by the children of Christ Church Sunday School in Marsh's hall, Friday, Jan 7th, '98. Admission 15c. See postors for particulars.

On Wednesday the 12th January, 1898 there will be offered for sale by public auction fifty acres of land being west half of lot No 15, in the 10th concession of the township of Glenelg. For particulars see bills or enquire of Mr P McCullough, Markdale.

Any amount of money to lend on mortgage security at the lowest rate of interest. Expenses low. No fines. Properties valued personally. No waiting for convenience of inspectors. W. L. Young, Markdale, Appraiser for Canada Permanent Loan Company.

Correction—In our report last week of the Presbyterian S S entertainment at Berkeley an error occurred making the name Miss Dowling read Mrs Dowlery. It was a printer's error and we take the blame hoping some time in future to be correct in saying Mrs.

A social under the auspices of the Methodist Ladies Aid will be held at the home of Mr Andrew Beattie, Orange Valley, on Wednesday evening next, the 12th January. Conveyances will leave town from 6.30 to 7.30 for the transportation of those who wish to attend. Admission 20 cents.

A successful Christmas tree and entertainment was given by the Methodist S S of Holland Centre on Xmas eve. The church was filled almost to its utmost capacity. The tree was beautifully decorated and laden with appropriate presents. Miss Norton and Mr Eli Anderson are to be congratulated for the excellent training of the children. Com.

Under the auspices of L O L No 1045 Markdale an entertainment will be given in the Marsh Hall on the evening of Thursday the 13th January. Hon N Clarke Wallace M P and Dr Sproule M P are to deliver addresses. Miss May Smith a talented vocalist of Toronto is to sing. I B Lucas will take the chair at 8 o'clock. Tickets 25 and 15 cents.

The monster skating rink is to be formally opened in a very few days. This is a magnificent building 80 feet wide by 180 long. It is being fitted up with waiting rooms and all necessary conveniences, lighted by electricity and is a credit to Mr Minnis the proprietor as well as to the place. It has been built at large expense but we have no doubt that it will prove a paying investment.

We find in the Methodist Young People's Paper Onward the following eminently true expression about the Canadian Press. We agree with Onward in saying that the Press of Canada, taken for all in all, is as high-toned as that of any country in the world. Our readers will have no difficulty in recognizing the Montreal Witness as the paper specially referred to. "Nowhere, we think, is there a press of "higher moral tone than that of our "beloved country. It possesses, we "think, the unique distinction of having a leading journal in its largest "city which for over fifty years has been "a moral crusader, a champion of reform. In all that time it has not "published one liquor, or tobacco, or "theatrical advertisement. At the "sacrifice of much money it has stood "true to its high principle, and stands "foursquare, a tower of strength, "against all the winds that blow."

Mr F A Baker the new tailor has his rooms over F T Hill & Co's store in town now fitted up and extends a cordial invitation to the citizens of Markdale and vicinity for a share of their custom. The latest fashion plates on hand to choose from and satisfaction guaranteed.

The January number of the Delineator is called the Holiday Number. The following list of the contents of this issue will give some idea of the wealth of matter contained in the twelve copies furnished on a yearly subscription, and also of its variety and general attractiveness: Some Popular Russian Modes for Ladies; Fashionable Skirts; House Furnishing and Decoration; Day and Evening Waists; Novelties in Sleeves; Stylish Waist-Decorations; Ladies' Fashions (illustrations and descriptions); Styles for Little Folks (illustrations); Styles for Boys (illustrations and descriptions); The Work-Table; Millinery; Fashionable winter taxtiles; Stylish Trimmings; Seen in the Shops; Some Stylish Designs in House-Robes; Dawn (story) Helen Choate Prince; Social Observances, Mrs Cadwalader Jones; Tatting (illustrated); Knitting (illustrated); Dressmaking at Home; Social Life in London, Lady Jeune; False Economy in the Household, Emma Churchman Hewitt; Blue Print Photography, No 1, Sharlot M Hall; On Board the Yacht Syrinx (Clive Rayner's Adventures), Martin Orde; The Tea-Table, Edna Witherspoon; Decorations for Church Festivals, Emma Haywood; For the Children; The Common Ills of Life, No 1, Catching Cold; Grace Peckham Murray, M D; Lace-Making (illustrated); Crocheting (illustrated); Simple Entertaining: Children and Their Ways, No 1, The Naughty Child, Mrs Alice Meynell; The Flower Garden, E C Vick, Netting (illustrated); Drawn-Work (illustrated); Children's Parties, Mrs Edward Lenox; Among the Holiday Books. Order from the local agent for The Butterick Patterns, or address The Delineator Publishing Co of Toronto, Limited, 33 Richmond St W, Toronto, Ont. Subscription price of The Delineator, $1 per year or 15c per single copy.

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.

School Meeting

About 25 ratepayers of S S No 14—the new school section in the suburbs—met at the house of Mr Thos Mercer on Wednesday of last week. Mr Wm McLaughry was elected chairman and Mr Thos Elliott Secretary. Messrs T Elliott, Herb Purvis and C W Bowler were elected as trustees of the newly formed section. A meeting is to be held this week to organize the board, select a site and commence preparations for the erection of a school house.

Municipal Elections

Markdale all by acc as reported last week; Artemesia, see Flesherton correspondence; Euphrasia, J M Davis reeve by a majority of one, council elected by acc; Glenelg, old council re-elected all except one, Mr Jos Firth takes Mr Geo Lamb's place; Holland council all elected by acclamation.

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.

From Melita, Man

The Standard had a friendly call on Monday from one of its esteemed subscribers from the prarie province in the person of Mr Thos Freeborn of Melita, son of Mr Andrew Freeborn near Berkeley. Mr Farrived last week on a visit to his mother who is ill. He is a prosperous farmer in one of the best parts of that fine province. His neighbor Mr G L Dodds, formerly of this place, has again been elected reeve of Arthur municipality, having defeated by a large majority one of the strongest men of the place.

Business is Business

Every young person should fit himself or herself for the practical realities of life. Many are deprived of the full benefits of education, and realize their great loss only when too late in life to procure too necessary mental training. Those who have any intention of entering any line of business should not fail to secure a course in a business college and in this line there is none in our fair Dominion better equipped or enjoying a better record and reputation than the Northern Business College of Owen Sound, of which C A Fleming is the able and competent manager.

Personal Mention

Mr Geo Potts spent Xmas at Tara.

Mr J G Matthews and family spent Xmas in Durham.

Mr and Mrs W A Tuck spent New Year's day in Shelburne.

Mr Isaac Brown is visiting his brother Mr Thos Brown of the suburbs.

Mrs Bertrand of Sturgeon Falls is visiting her parents Mr and Mrs W G Pickell.

Miss Frost of Owen Sound returned home this week after visiting the Misses Irwin in the suburbs.

Miss Lena Rutledge left Monday for a term in the Northern Business College, Owen Sound.

Mr Frank McMannus and his mother Mrs R J McMannus of Shelburne were visitors at Mr T Boland's over Sunday.

Rev Mr Fallis of Dundalk and Rev Mr Simpson exchanged on Sunday. It was missionary Sunday on both circuits.

Rev and Mrs J F Clarke of Clinton are visiting Markdale friends.

Mr Jos Bradley from Muskoka spent Xmas at Jas McNally's of Traverston.

Mr and Mrs John Wright of Durham and Mrs Dean were visiting the former's daughter, Mrs J G Matthews, New Years.

Mrs Henry Green of Ridgeville, Man, paid the Standard a friendly visit Monday. She sees many changes in the place in ten years' absence.

Mrs Young of Blyth spent New Year's in Markdale returning home Tuesday, Master Willie Haskett, came with his aunt after spending a year in Blyth.

A Jubilee Christening

The Queen's Jubilee was a year long to be remembered at least in some respects and by certain people. Rev Mr Fallis of Dundalk officiated at a genuine jubilee christening Thursday of last week. It was at the home of Mr Wm Acheson, one of Proton's pioneers. Mr Acheson had nine of a family, all of whom are married, three of them having been united in wedlock by this same Rev Fallis in the summer of '95. There was an increase in six of the families during Jubilee year one of the young loyal Britains arriving on Jubilee day. These six together with one a few months older, made the scriptural complete number, which seven were baptised by the pastor as above. This was an event sufficiently rare to be long remembered by those immediately concerned.

S S Anniversary

On New Year's evening the Presbyterian S S of this village held its annual entertainment. The night was cold, but there was a large and enthusiastic gathering of children, also of parents and friends. The order was perfect with the exception of a little pea and bean throwing by some of the worthies of the village whose parents doubtless had given them 5 cents to spend in such amunition. The program was received with enthusiasm by the school and was varied and interesting throughout. It consisted of recitations, songs and dialogues by the children. The first marching song was very pleasing as was also the very pretty bell pieces. The Irish recitation by Lilian McIntyre and the "Two Stockings" by Mabel Plowes were remarkably well done. The snow shoe duet by Jennie Hunter and Lilian McIntyre was pretty, and in short all filled their part with great acceptance. The lantern exhibition of views of the Land of the Shamrock and Thistle, the life boat and several laughable comic scenes were both interesting and amusing. The climax of the entertainment was the coming of Santa Claus in his reindeer sleigh who was received with wonder and a great ovation. His sleigh was filled with presents for the children which he handed over to them. The proceedings closed by the audience singing God Save the Queen. Proceeds $24.26.

To the Farmers of Canada

The annual distribution of samples of some of the best varieties of seed grain to farmers, for tests in the different parts of the Dominion, has, during the past ten years done much to direct attention to the importance of sowing the best sorts of seed, and in many sections of the country this introduction of new sorts has resulted in a decided improvement in the yield and quality of the grain produced. Nearly all the varieties sent out are grown on the Experimental Farms and are selected from among those which, after being submitted to careful and repeated tests, have produced the largest average crops of grain of good quality.

Having received instructions from the Honourable Minister of Agriculture to continue this useful work and make another distribution during the coming season, I shall be pleased to receive applications from all who desire samples. As heretofore, one sample of one variety only can be sent to each applicant, and the distribution will be confined to samples of wheat, oats, barley, field pease, Indian corn and potatoes.

Among the varieties of grain to be distributed during the coming season will be some of the more promising of the new cross-bred sorts which have been produced at the Experimental Farms. All the grain sent out will be carefully cleaned and true to name. To prevent the disappointment which occurs when parties receive samples of varieties they already have, it would be well for each person applying to name two or three sorts which he would prefer, arranging them in the order of preference; when, in case the stock of the first named variety is exhausted, the second or third could be substituted. As it is proposed to only send these samples on personal, single application, it is important that every farmer who desires a sample should apply for himself. Lists of names will not be considered. All letters addressed to the Central Farm at Ottawa may be sent free of postage, and the samples weighing three pounds each will be sent free to all applicants, through the mail. The distribution will begin early in December, and as the stock is limited and the applications will be filled in the order in which they are received, those sent in early will have the advantage. Applications may, however, be sent in at any time before the 1st of March; but after that date the list will be closed so as to ensure the sending out of all the samples in time for early sowing.

WM. SAUNDERS,
Director, Experimental Farms.
Central Experimental Farm,
Ottawa, Dec. 8th, 1897.

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The rink is ready for the skaters and so are we. We received 100 pair of skates, sold 50 pairs, 50 more to sell. Call and see them. We can suit you in price, kind and quality.

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Hockey sticks and pucks for men and boys. A full assortment.

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Village Fathers

The last meeting for 1897 of Markdale council was held in the council chamber on Thursday evening the 30th ult. Members present, Reev Jackson and councillors, Messrs Benson, Halbert Sproule.

Minutes of former meeting read, approved and signed.

On motion of Messrs Benson and Halbert the following accounts were passed: Minnis Bros, lumber, $81.20, G S Mathews, wood, $3.50; J Trefford nails, $16; C W Rutledge, printing 6 months $10.25; Alex McCutcheon, truant officer, $3.50; Wm Lucas, salary and exchange, $13.45; A Macpherson, salary, &c, $46.70; Thos Pendleton for ringing curfew 6 mos, $5; Brown Bros, stationery, $3.40.

The work of the year being cleared the council adjourned sine die.

A Sad Calamity

London, Ont, Jan 4—A wholesale tragedy only equalled by the stupendous Victoria disaster of 1881 which put almost every home into mourning, occurred here last night at an election meeting. A crowded platform in the hall gave way and nearly thirty men were carried down to death.

The election was one of rejoicing over the election of Dr John D Wilson the Conservative candidate for Mayor. The hall was jammed to the doors and the Mayor-elect sat on a raised platform surrounded by newly elected aldermen. A great deal of election congratulation was going on. About 10 o'clock the crowd called for Barrister Richard Toplis and he was pushed forward to the platform. At once as into a mighty pit the platform and the floor beneath sank downwards into the City Engineer's office on the storey below. Two hundred men went down with it and on top of them fell a heavy iron safe and a large steam coil. The killed are said to number as many as 28 and the injured will total 150. An indescribable scene of horror followed. A general alarm was sent out and the fire and police departments were soon on the scene. Those who were first to the rescue were sickened by the awful sight which met their gaze. Under the ponderous safe was a lifeless mass of men, and under the beams everywhere were pinned down the unfortunates who went down in the crash.

Broken Bonds

The four act drama "Broken Bonds" was presented last Wednesday evening as advertised, before a large and enthusiastic audience. Marsh hall was comfortably filled when the curtain rose in the first act, and from then until the singing of the national anthem the interested attention of the audience was not for an instant. As we predicted, though the weather and roads were not of the best, our friends from the country were well represented. They have begun to realize that the people of Markdale can get up a good entertainment and the members of the Dramatic Club wish to thank those who came so far in order to be present. The plot of the play like so many of the most popular productions, hinges upon the American civil war. It opens with a gambling scene, in which Richard Montrose, a villian and his accomplice rob a man of his hard earned savings. A quarrel ensues over the spoil and the villian shoots his accomplice dead and, as he thinks, succeeds in fastening the crime upon the victim of their wiles, forcing him to flee for his life.

The second act sees the family of the exile Montrose in straitened circumstances whilst the villian Wilke comes into possession of a valuable plantation and accidentally of a young lady, Clara LaBelle, who having some African blood in her veins, comes under the law of of slavery.

In the third act, the war opens and Edward Montrose the son is anxious to join the federal forces. He is kept at home however, for an old miser, Deacon Gimp, who holds a mortgage against their little home threatens to foreclose. The old Miser's schemes are frustrated by a friend of the family, Sam Robbie, who redeems the mortgage and the boys go to the front. In the course of events and by the help of the Darky Pete they arrest Captain Dick, (Alias Richard Montrose) and they succeed in rescuing the fair Clara from the villian just at the moment when she is to be sold as a slave.

The fourth and last act opens with a confab between Sambo and Pete. By far the most interesting scene of this act however, is the re-union, Richard Montrose, his wife and daughter. return together after the war. Clara with them and is warmly welcomed by his wife and daughter. At the supreme moment the villian appears on the scene with a file of soldiers and denounces Richard Montrose as a murderer. Imagine Wilke's surprise when he himself is arrested as the real murderer and is convicted with Jack Ward, a former servant who knows of his guilt and who tried to put out of the way. The villian is led away in chains and Sambo finds a fitting close in the capture of the elder Montrose upon his estate and the joy amongst whom are the rescued Miss Clara LaBelle and the redoubtable Sammy Robbins.

Cast of characters: Richard Montrose, who receives [illegible], Mr C Munshaw; Edward Montrose, son, Mr H E Douglass; Jos Robbie, auctioneering villian, Dr L G [illegible]; Deacon Gimp, a miser, Mr [illegible]; Jack Ward, a troublesome [illegible], Mr A Sproule; Pete, some [illegible], Charlie Crowe; Sam Robbie, [illegible] prime minister and Bill Ames, [illegible], Mr J H Stephenson; Clara [illegible] a victim of the law, Miss A M [illegible]; Eleanor Montrose, wife of [illegible], Miss M Lucas; Patty Montrose, [illegible] daughter, Miss C Richardson.

The play certainly contains a moral, showing as it does that truth and right however trampled on and oppressed for a time, must always triumph in the end while deceit and wickedness, although it may temporarily flourish, must eventually give way.

Should this club decide to play to Rocklyn, as we have heard rumored, we again predict the success which always attends determined concentration.

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Balance of this year free for all weeklies.

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There are People

Undoubtedly who are attracted by the large hysterical advertisements which fill the papers now-a-days. The greatest absurdities and most preponderous pretentious find those who give them credence. This advertisement does not appeal to that class but to a sensible and discriminating public, which, after all is said comprises the majority. Price quotations may mean anything or nothing, but our prices this week leave no mistake as to what is intended.

Mantles, Ladies' Mantles

We have all our left while they last they go at these prices:

Mantles	that were 6.00	now	4.25
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Capes	" [illegible]	"	2.75

These are all new make and up to date styles.

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Men's Frieze Coats that	were 8.00	now	5.75
"	" 7.50	"	5.25
"	" 7.00	"	5.75
"	" 6.00	"	3.75
"	" 5.00	"	3.50

We have 2 Men's Fur Coats left A1 quality, at a price that will tempt you.

Women's Shawls that were 5.00 now 3.50
" " 4.00 now 3.00
" " 3.50 now 2.75

All our stock of Men's Underwear consisting of top shirts, men's gunsey drawers, sweaters at prices that will astonish you. Come and see your Flour and Feed and Corn Meal, Coal Oil, Salt Fish and Salt Water Herring, Salmon Trout, White Fish, Cranberries, Oranges, Lemons, Dates, Figs, Prunes, Syrup.

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HAMMILL—SAUNDERS—On the 30th ult at the residence of the bride's father, Mr George Saunders, by the Rev Holland Dyer, Mr Erskine F Hammill and Miss Sophia Saunders, all of Holland township.

RODGERS—JOHNSTON—In Christ Church rectory on Dec 22, by the Rev M Goldsborough, Robt. Rodgers of Ic of Osprey to Martha Johnston of the 11th line Egremont.

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