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THE OUTLOOK

Now for 1898. Nearly two weeks of it is already gone. The festive season with its happy anticipations, home gatherings, and greetings is past, Municipal elections over and people generally settled down to the stern realities of the new year. Hearts beat lighter and prospects are brighter than for some years. A wave of prosperity is in the land. Practical lessons have been learned from the experience of recent years. "Necessity is the mother of invention," says the adage, and few there are even in our favored country who have not been obliged to experiment, some in the wintering of stock on short rations and more in cutting down expenses for the necessaries of life. Many have expressed surprise at the results, and satisfaction on account of the useful lessons thus learned. Never was our fair Dominion so well or favorably known abroad as at the present time, and never did the loyal and patriotic sentiment permeate the masses with such vigor and spontaneity as was manifested during the Queen's Jubilee.

The year 1898 has, to say the least, a promising outlook. Within our country, or town, with undoubted evidences of returning prosperity tends to relax the strings which hinder the circulation of surplus funds, and capitalists of all degrees will invest in ways and means which will in turn give needed employment so that all will participate. Right here in Markdale building operations promise to be active and more extensive during the coming season than has been experienced for many a year.

GENERAL NOTES

Melanethon township carried in favor of local option with a good majority.

Sir William Meredith has written a very feeling letter to Mayor Wilson of London proffering financial assistance if contributions are needed for the sufferers in the late terrible accident in that city.

The Presbyterian church in Canada raised last year for missionary, benevolent and educational work the handsome sum of $443,399. The number of families reported as connected with the church is 105,975 and the number of communicants 200,872.

John F Troy, now serving a sentence in the Kingston penitentiary, and who was sentenced to be hanged on January the 14th for the murder of Angus McLeod a hotelkeeper in Napanee, has escaped the gallows by the commutation of his death sentence to imprisonment for life. Troy is declared by medical experts to be insane.

James Allison, the boy murderer of Mrs Orr in August last, and now under death sentence in Berlin jail has committed the confession of his guilt to writing in which he states that he first shot her and then struck her on the head with an axe that lay near by. He denies having made any improper proposals to Mrs Orr, but says he was mad because they would not let him go to Niagara Falls.

Theodore Durrant, convicted for the murder of Blanche Lamont nearly three years ago was hanged at the State prison, Cal, on Friday last. Durrant's trial lasted three months at the close of which he was convicted. Appeals have since been carried to every court in the State and all that the shrewdest lawyers in California could think of was done to stave off the fateful day. The condemned man proclaimed his innocence to the last.

Judge Jette has received the appointment of Lieutenant Governor for the province of Quebec.

Dr Coulter, Deputy Postmaster General, has announced that "negotiations being on foot for a conference between the Imperial, Canadian and other colonial authorities for the purpose of considering the whole subject of inter-Imperial postage, the proposed reduction by Canada of the letter rate from Canada to Great Britain and other parts of the empire from five cents per half ounce to three cents per ounce will not take effect until further notice."

The last General Conference of the Methodist church in Canada sounded a wholesome note in the ear of the church in behalf of direct, systematic and proportionate giving. The report of the committee on Systematic Beneficence which was adopted, deplored the fact the church had been compelling her honor and dignity by resorting in many instances to unworthy methods for enriching her depleted treasury, and urged that the people be taught to give systematically and proportionately as the Lord has prospered them, bringing their offerings to the Lord's house on the Lord's day thus doing away with all unscriptural methods of raising money for church purposes. That the note sounded has been heeded and that this scriptural method is taking root among the churches is evidence. The Christian Guardian says: "The reports of church items from the circuits during the last six months have shown a marked increase in the number of churches relying on the direct cash offering. An approximate estimate of those that have reported through the Guardian since the last annual conference shows nearly forty churches to have raised over $20,800 by direct cash offering there are other churches which have not reported, and when the whole evidence is considered, we are sure that there is a healthy growth of simple, direct, scriptural giving."

West Berkeley

Pleasant weather.
Good roads.
Wood and logs being delivered in large quantities.
Considerable sickness hereabouts.
Messrs Frank and T Collinson of Aberdeen paid friends here a visit lately.
Messrs Roy, Nor and Miss Emma Blackwood have returned to their home in Caledon after spending a fortnight with friends in this vicinity.

Lily Oak

We are sorry to hear that Mr Thos Badley who has been indisposed for the last three weeks is not mending very much.

Mr Robt Avison who has been confined to bed during the last three weeks is we are glad to say able to sit up again.

Mr James Wallace of Glendon Stream, Man, is visiting old friends and neighbors in this burg this week. It is ten years since Mr Wallace moved to the prairie province and he has many friends are pleased to see him looking so well.

Mr Wm Lindsay with his sister Maggie of Primrose were the guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Avison of this place.

Mr James Nixon and sister Mrs Johnston have been visiting their mother and brother John of this place.

Mr Robt Perdue with his sister Ellen attended the wedding of Mr Ephriam Page of Holland Centre yesterday.

Holland Centre.

Mr M Hewitt's horse ran away on Saturday and made things interesting for a short time. Anything to break the monotony.

Mr Ike Rutherford and Mr Pringle of Dobbington spent Thursday in Holland Centre.

Mr Leach is laid up with an abscess in his face. Drs Bull and Oldham are attending him.

Mr Will Spears and wife of Rocklyn formerly of the Centre were visiting friends here on Sunday.

Mr George Green of Sauble was in our village today (Tuesday) also Mr Parks.

Mr Robert Rutherford and family of Dobbington were visiting his brother last week.

Mr Stephen Leach visited Rocklyn last week.

Mr Fanning of Markdale is visiting his sister at the present time.

Miss Seabrook of Williams Falls was married to Mr Epling on the 10th. May their lives be crowned with happiness.

Traverston

Jim Hastie says the sleigh nights are growing short too quick.

Will Edwards' new bankee barn collapsed last Friday, caused by the weight of snow upon it. It was quite a large building and is quite a heavy loss.

A Bachelor's Report will appear in our next budget if the poetic fire begins to burn.

Mr George Peart is a member of the Farmers' Institute in Durham, but didn't attend last Tuesday, as a lively young agriculturist arrived at his home that morning and decided board and clothing. George has a girl and a boy now.

A report reached town here, that one of our fair ones was wedded in Markdale last week, but we have heard no particulars as yet.

Miss Alma Falkner of Guelph, having spent the past fortnight with grandma and grandpa Grant, returned home on Friday last.

Mr Edmund Steele of Chesley gave a magic lantern exhibition of a "Trip around the world" in No 5 school on Monday night. The little folk enjoyed it immense.

Mr Wm McNally seems empty to them this week. Mr and Mrs Pelton and Missy Ethel, Mr Taylor and Master Lumin returned to their Michigan home on Friday. Miss Nellie McNally went back to Flesherton on Sunday.

Many about here express regret that Mr Geo Lamb was defeated. He proved an agreeable member of the Council Board, now, for some years and was an excellent road master where funds would allow. 'Tis rumored that the new council will meet in the Edge Hill grange hall, as the members are nearly all in a cluster about it. That neighborhood is getting struck on itself."

Kimberley.

Jan 8—Mr Mathew Ferguson, sr who resided with his son on his farm was taken ill for a few days only, Drs Sheppard and Halstead were sent for but they were unable to keep the grim reaper from the old gentleman very long. He died Saturday p m the 8th inst at the age of 81 years. His remains were interred at Thornbury, Monday 10th.

Mr Asaph Hulbert who left here 15 years ago is visiting this town at present. He'll stop here till March then return to Moose Jaw his home. His father is well. The old gentleman was a councillor in Euphrasia at one time. Time changes, persons, places and all things.

Mr Geo Musgrove drove to Owen Sound and back on biz lately.

Mr Willie Plewes was in town putting in one vote oply.

M R Hammond, Esq took a drive to Meaford on 4th inst. To-day 7th M R H and our councillor Chris Knott drove to Collingwood town.

Dr Sheppherd and lady drove to Markdale.

Was it a mistake of the Ed or the de'l that made your issue of 6th inst give a majority of one vote to Davis when Mr Erskine is Reeve by a majority of two we are told now?

Rev Mr Hale of Heathcote gave a truthful and loving sermon in the Union Church last Sunday to a few who were to hear the words of wisdom

Mr Hamilton Conn was in town Tuesday and called to see Mr Musgrove the miller and Mr John D Watson the Smithy and Dan Henderson the cobbler and boot and shoe maker of our town.

Our sleighing is good but is getting less than some wish at present. We wonder why?

Oh now comes the news of another election for the local at Toronto. Whoop her up Rob and git on der war path.

Rocklyn

Mr Isaac Silverthorn of Owen Sound is visiting in and around Rocklyn showing the boys how to play hockey, and curve balls.

Miss Emma Porter of Tara visited her sister, Mrs W J Spears last week.

Mr Wm Vance and Miss Mary Vance of Brampton visited Messrs Geo and Sam Black this week.

Miss Mary Falls of Gore Bay is visiting her aunt Mrs J Falls.

Mrs Price Benson and Miss Mary Curtis of Meaford are the guests of Mrs J A Cook.

Mr W J Spears and wife are visiting friends in Holland Centre for a few days.

We have just heard that Mr John Walter's house and barn were consumed by fire Saturday morning. It appears the parents went out to the barn when one of the children came running from the house crying the house is on fire. In the excitement they upset the lantern and left it lying on the barn floor. While they were at the house saving what they could, to their horror they saw the barn go up in smoke. Mr Walter lives about 4½ miles from Rocklyn.

One of the pleasantest nights spent in Rocklyn for some time was the opening of our rink. The Markdale band gave some choice music although one of their best players took sick. Several large loads of young ladies and gentlemen from Meaford, whom we were very much pleased to see, gave us some excellent skating, in fact they are all stars on ice. Several bright young ladies and gentlemen from Heathcote were here. Although we had loads of young men from Thornbury and Markdale not one young lady represented their fair towns. Boys, how is this? Walters Falls young people were here also. We expect to have a grand carnival soon and would be pleased to see them all here again and many more. No doubt Markdale will turn out better next time as they had other engagements the night of our opening.

Miss Maggie Clugston has accepted a school for 1898 in P S Pawassan.

Miss N Keys of OS has been engaged to teach at Beaverdale this year.

Miss Jolly has been re-engaged at Sligo.

Pricoville

The public school entertainment held in Watson's hall Monday evening was a success. The night was fine and many people from a distance were here. The selections by the boys brass band seemed to suit the audience judging by the loud applause they received. The Columbian drill by sixteen girls was the feature of the evening. Each girl carried a Union Jack and marched around the stage, sometimes in circles and then change to various mazy windings and undearches formed by the flags and finished by singing one of the patriotic songs. The smaller children had the recitations well learned and showed that they were well drilled by the teachers Miss Derby and Mr Blakestone. Proceeds $15 90.

While Mr Hector McLean was cutting wood last week the axe slipped and cut his foot. He got it dressed by Dr Hutton. We hope it will soon be better as it is punishment to Hector to keep still.

Mr Thos Lumbly of Sarnia was renewing acquaintances around here last week.

Miss McAllister and her brother and Miss McPhail of Collingwood are visiting at Mr T Nichols.

Mrs Allan McLean was seriously ill with inflamation of the lungs but under the care of Dr Boyle she is getting better. Her two daughters, Mrs Thomas, and Mrs Neff of Collingwood, Ohio, arrived Saturday night.

Mr A Conkey of Illinois is home on a visit.

Miss Rachel Stothart of Rochester is home for a short visit.

Mr Jno McRae purchased a fine young driver from Mr J Beaton.

Mr Smith of Knox College, Toronto preached in the Presbyterian church last Sunday.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of one of our young men, John McDonald son of James McDonald South L A. He took inflamation of the bowels and died inside of a week. His parents have the sympathy of the community.

Harkaway.

The gossips were all out last week. I don't know whether they or the other party are to blame.

Measels are on the increase and the school attendance on the decrease. Quite a few of the children are nicely over them now.

The school population is steadily on the increase.

Mr John Murdoch is spending a good part of his time during the holidays helping grandma to take care of a very nice little girl. Mrs Murdoch of course assisting.

Mr Robert Mercer, sr is laid up these two weeks nursing a badly sprained ankle.

Mr D Smith is up again after being in bed some days with Lumbago.

Mr and Mrs J Patton of Swinton Park spent a few days last week visiting relatives here and about Blantyre.

Mr Wm Ricketts has moved from Markdale and is running the north ranch for Mr J Steer.

Flesherton

The annual meeting of the Centre Grey Farmers' Institute held in the Town Hall, here Wednesday of last week was pronounced a success both in attendance and interest. The delegation consisting of Mr Wm Rennie of the O A college and Mr J I Dobson of Guelph a farmer with wide experience, assisted by local talent discussed the various subjects under consideration with interest and profit. At the afternoon session there was a fair attendance of appreciative yeoman presided over by the president, Mr John Irwin of Redwing. Mr H Douglas opened with an interesting paper on "manure and fertilizers." Dr Christoe then read a circular on "commercial fertilizers" and asked for an expression of opinion on the same. Mr Dobson said it was the concensus of opinion that the fertilizer referred to was an unprofitable investment for a farmer which opinion Mr Rennie concurred in. Mr F Caun then gave his experience in farming, throwing out some useful suggestions. Mr Rennie followed, speaking on "restoring and maintaining soil fertility." On the experimental farm they had adopted rotation and found it a success. They turn the sod only once in four years, plowing only four inches deep. John M Davis gave a short address on preparing fowl for market. Mr Hobson then spoke on "success or failure on the farm" early training and a taste for the calling had much to do with success; failure is frequently the fruit of carelessness and lack of attention to details. In the course of his address Mr Hobson cited cases where cows had netted from $60 to $100 each. The owners know a good cow when they saw one and then cared for her so as to get the best out of her. In the evening the hall was well filled and Dr Christoe the newly elected reeve of Artemesia presided. Mr Hobson spoke on "lessons learned during a summer's travels in this and other lands," dwelling specially on the fertility and beautiful scenery in our western provinces. He described his visit to the Government farm at Indian Head and Brandon and spoke of the good work being done by these institutions for the province. Alluding to the Chinese at Victoria the speaker said they were almost a necessity as they did the most menial work without complaint. Mr Dobson has twice visited the Northwest country and looks upon it as a desirable place for settlers, it being well adapted to grain growing. He also spoke of his visit to Quebec and from there took his hearers to London Londonderry and Edinburg in an interesting manner. Mr Rennie then spoke on "beautifying the farm" and displayed a chart showing how best to lay out a farm and buildings. The Vandeleur string band did much to enliven and make the evening enjoyable. Mr J I Graham the pushing secretary was on hand from start to finish diligently attending to all the duties of his office. Votes of thanks were tendered all who aided in making the meetings as profitable and successful.

The Methodist choir enjoyed a drive to Kimberley one evening last week and sang for the people of that burg at an entertainment in the Methodist church.

Rev Mr Thom entertained the Presbyterian choir at the manse on Tuesday evening last week when a very enjoyable time was spent together. On the following evening Miss Christoe gave her Sabbath school class of boys a very pleasant social evening at her home which was much appreciated by the class.

A large load of our young people, married and single, drove over to the entertainment at Maxwell at which Miss Annie Richardson was engaged to recite on Wednesday evening last week. The drive was suberb and Miss Richardson being in fine fettle captured the crowd and was given the heartiest tokens of appreciation by a large and enthusiastic audience.

At the regular meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society last week the following officers were re-elected for the current year: Mrs A T Heron, pres; Miss McKenzie, vice pres; Mrs J Blackburn sec-treas.

Artemesia township fathers held the first session of '98 on Monday. Dr Christoe in the chair, the other members all present. T Kells and D McMillan were elected deputy reeves, J Brodie and J McArthur, auditors. The assessorship was left over for further consideration.

Mrs W J Douglas of Collingwood visited her parents, Mr and Mrs Van-Dusen, last week. Mr Douglas drove over Saturday both returning on Monday. Their little son, William Ross, received the rite of baptism at the morning service in the Presbyterian church on Sunday.

Miss Mart Wright left last week to attend the Hagersville high school and Mrs Forsyth returned to her home at Glasgow after paying her parents, Mr and Mrs John Wright a short visit.

Mr and Mrs McFarlane from near Durham are visiting their daughter Mrs Archie Boyd on the east back line.

Mrs Harnden of Brighton is visiting her daughter Mrs R N Henderson.

Miss Bell of Lauriston is visiting at her uncle's, Mr Wm Strain's, and Mr John Bell, who has been spending a few days with Mr and Mrs Strain left on Monday for Philadelphia.

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Mr Josias Strain of Great Falls, Mont, who has not been home since '93 arrived last week to spend a few weeks with his parents recuperating after a heavy holiday trade. Miss Asselstine of Great Falls accompanied him and is the guest of Miss Sarah Strain for a short time before leaving to enter upon a three years' course in Alma Ladies College, St Thomas.

Mrs Geo Mitchell is visiting her parents at Feversham this week.

Mrs Andrew Rowe and Mrs Elson who reside near Crystal City, Man, are visiting their parents, Mr and Mrs Jno Sharp, and other relatives here.

Miss Kline of M Richardson & Co's millinery department closed a very busy season on Friday and left for her home in Toronto to take her holidays.

Dr Ottowell of Osprey was in town on Monday on his way to Toronto to visit his daughter who is in one of the hospitals there, very ill.

Rev L W Thom attended the meeting of Presbytery at Orangeville on Tuesday.

Revs Humphreys of Priceville, Simpson of Markdale, Plunkett of Kimberley and Thom of this place assisted Mr Mahan in special services here last week.

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" "	Sun	1 30
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" 8. R. L. Stephen Markdale

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Going North	12:20 a.m.	9:30 p.m.

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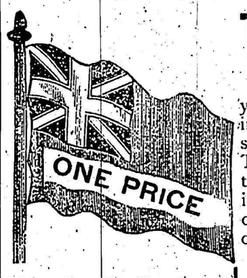

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