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Gents Ties, the newest and most up-to-date stock to choose from in knots, puffs and four in hand at 25,35 & 50c

Gents Mufflers (or Neckscarfs) Cashmere or Silk in spots, plaids or plain colors, special at 25, 35, 50 and $1.00

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Ladies Kid Gloves, black or tan, special at $1.15 pair, this kind regular 1.40

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50 doz to choose from in swiss embroidered, hem stitched, lace edges, fancy colored borders and Santa Clause kind for the children. The prices are a mere trifle. See them.

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50 Dress Lengths, no two alike, regular 4 to $4.50 kind, newest goods and colorings, special for Xmas, your choice $3.50

Ladies' Grey Lamb or Beaver Guantlets, best quality, pr. $5

Ladies' Astrachan Jackets, new Goods, $20, regular $33

Ladies' Mantles, special for Xmas. Every Mantle a bargain and can't be equalled elsewhere at 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 5.00, 7.00, 8.00 and $10

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Markdale Standard

C. W. Rutherford, Proprietor

MARKDALE, DECEMBER 22, 1898

GENERAL NOTES

About an average of three per day of British seamen lose their lives every year by drowning.

The second bank robbery trial at Sarnia for the county of Lennox fared and not through with it yet.

The population of Sweden is 4,774,909 of which only 8,000 are Roman Catholics The Swedish army consists of 405,000 men.

An elevator along with 15,000 bushels of wheat which it contained were destroyed by fire at Pense, Assa, last week.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt has retired from the leadership of the Liberal party in the Imperial House of Commons.

Their Excellencies the new Governor General and Lady Minto paid Toronto a visit last week and were given a hearty reception by the Queen city.

Mr O C Hass of Meaford was caught in the machinery in his tannery last week and received injuries causing death, and Albert Head of Calgary was killed by an explosion of Acetylene gas.

A huge steel tank 178 feet in diameter and 160 feet high said to be the largest in the world, containing 8 million gallons of water, collapsed in New York a few days ago. A ten foot tidal wave of water deluged the streets and carried death and destruction through the surrounding neighborhood.

Hon Geo E Foster filled an engagement at Lindsay Friday last delivering an inspiring address on "The Canadian Outlook" the second on the Collegiate Institute course. Hon Mr Foster was banquetted by the Town Council, and his address is reported to be one of the best ever given in Lindsay.

In the bye elections last week East Northumberland and West Lambton, Ont, Bagot and Montmagny, Que, and East Prince P E I went Liberal. In North Simcoe Leighton McCarthy, Independent, succeeds his uncle the late D'Alton McCarthy. He was opposed by Mr Martin, Liberal. There was no Conservative candidate in that riding.

At the annual meeting of the Ontario Experimental Union held recently at Guelph in answer to a question about potatoes Mr Zavitz said, "Experiments had been made with seed planted at depths of 1, 3, 5 and 7 inches, and that the best average returns came from a depth of 5 inches. Level cultivation also showed better results than hilling by four and a half bushels to the acre. The best results had been obtained where medium sized whole potatoes were planted 15 inches apart, with 28 inches between rows. If seed were dear, however, it would pay better to cut the potatoes. Large cuttings meant large potatoes.

On account of ill health Admiral Dewey has been ordered home from Manilla.

"Bystander" in the Weekly Sun writing of the United States says that "the President recommends the raising of an army of 100,000 men, and of a large navy. The navy must be sufficient to command both the Atlantic and the Pacific. This in face of a deficit of $112,000,000 and a pension list of $149,000,000, still on the increase. The sum asked for army and navy pensions is more than Germany pays for her army and navy combined. The pity which American's have been bestowing on the overburdened subjects of the military monarchies of the old world may now be transferred in largely increased measure to themselves."

Meaford Road

Mr and Mrs Robt Buchanan entertained a number of their friends at their residence a short time ago. Those present enjoyed themselves immensely.

Mr Wm Buchannan was up to Owen Sound last week acting as a juryman.

Mr Geo Chadwick of Marton paid this part a short visit week before last.

Mr G Graham of the Keadike mills is doing a rushing business with his grain crusher these days.

Mr Samuel Bowles is able to be out again after his illness.

Mr R Pritchard is home from Belleville for the Xmas holidays.

Miss Eva Gilbert has been on the sick list for some time but is getting around again.

The school concert has been called off.

Walters Falls

Business is brisk in our village.

Remember the grand concert in the C O O F hall on Monday evening Dec 26th. Admission 15 and 10 cts.

Miss Williams who has been conducting revival meetings in the Methodist church for the last 3 weeks, left on Monday for near Goderich where she will enter into another series of meetings. We wish her God speed in her goodwork. The meetings have been very profitable in stirring the members also in the conversion of a number of others. The services on Sunday evening were very impressive. The church was packed from the pulpit to the door. The aisles were seated with chairs and they were all filled.

We hear that Messrs Wilking and Frank Olmstead are on the sick list, but hope will soon be around again.

The following persons visited friends in Priceville the fore part of this week, Mrs and Master Willie Walker, Mrs T Barker, Mrs and Master Roy Wilson and R J Watson.

Blantyre

EXTENDED FOR LAST WEEK.

Heavy snow storms which makes it almost impossible for teams to get about.

Mr John Weatherhogg of Meaford and Mr Wm Walter of this place spent Sunday with their friend Mr A C Paterson.

It was amusing to see our citizens walk the stone fences last week.

Our faithful mail carrier Mr John Murray delivered his 3 mails last week notwithstanding the very bad roads and the inconsistency of our path-masters in breaking the same.

This week

Storms are over, the roads are very good but a little inclined to be pitchy.

Messrs A C Paterson and Sheperdson drove over to the examination at Rocklyn on Monday, quite a number from this vicinity went which will perhaps tend to help us here on the west of the township.

Mr E Manning is busy threshing cutters having sold one this fall and prospects are bright for selling more.

Threshing seems to be the stand still since the snow got so deep.

Maxwell.

The proceeds of the school concert, which was held a few weeks ago are being used by the teacher and pupils in making improvements in the school house. They have got all new window shades which make a great improvement.

Mr Ernest Morrison is in Flesherton engaged as apprentice in the grist mill.

We regret to report the death of Miss Annie Garson, daughter of Mr Garson of the 8th line. She had been poor health for some time owing to a terrible disease consumption. The funeral took place a week ago Saturday to the Presbyterian church at Feversham.

Rev Mr Douglas and Mr Lynlow held special services here last Sabbath.

Mr Wm Kerton met with a accident on Saturday when a piece of glass flew in his eye and seriously injured it. We hope soon to hear of his recovery.

A Christmas tree in connection with the Sabbath school will be held on Friday 23rd. A good time is expected. All invited. Admission, children 10c, adults 15c.

Spain's Greatest Nuisance

Mr R P Olivia of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. Using Electric Bitters, America's greatest blood and nerve remedy, all soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim vigor and nerve into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed only 50 cents. Sold by all druggists.

Difficulty Over Corporation

At the last meeting of Grey County Council a petition was presented, from the village of Hanover asking for incorporation. Part of the village is in Brant, but the greater part in Bentinck. The petition just presented to the County Council includes the Bentinck portion. Those on the Brant side of the line were signed they naturally enough resent what they look on as a slight. They have unanimously agreed to petition each County Council to have the whole village incorporated, and not a portion thereof, and that the incorporated village be attached to the County of Grey for municipal and electoral purposes.

Wodehouse

Mr Bradburn of Port Perry spent last week here visiting his sister Mrs Albert Thompson, returning on Monday. He seemed very anxious to get home, we fancy a "would-be Mrs Bradburn" was waiting his return.

Mr Wm Proctor came home from B C. He is looking better than ever, and has made a nice little pile.

Mr James Wiley's lumber train is now running regularly to Markdale.

Mr John Carruthers with his wife and child of Ardoch, Dak, came home on a visit last week intending to make a lengthy one.

Kimberley

Dec 20—The following were pall bearers of the late Miss Hammond: Herb Fawcett, Wellington Graham, Geo Knott, Wm Lawrence, George Stuart and Andrew Wallace.

"Friend after friend departs
Who has not lost a friend."

Mr John Carruthers and Mrs C and son of North Dakota, are at present visiting Mrs T B Carruthers, also the parental home, Mr and Mrs Thomas Carruthers Sr.

Mr Thos Wickens has returned from Priceville.

Mr Henry Hurd is about as well as ever with his injured shoulder.

Master Hilborn Pickering visited the valley last week.

Mr Alex Madill and Mrs M of Eugenia called on Mr and Mrs T B Carruthers last week.

Mr Mat Ferguson is preparing to have erected next summer a bank barn.

The Methodist S S had an entertainment the 14th inst and had a good time and raked in $30, also $4 at a social Saturday evening.

Miss Annie Scott with her cheery countenance came and went Monday, also charming Miss Ollie Cadback.

The lost mail carrier was found busy travelling between Flesherton and Eugenia.

Mr Geo Pontland, a former school teacher here, is head teacher in a school in Oxford county.

Mr Wyville the painter is decorating a suite of rooms for Squire Hammond this week.

Thos Gilray Esq was nominated at Rocklyn Monday for the office of county commissioner.

We are looking for a wedding soon; Mr Joseph Ferris, or Mr John Alexander, or some other marriageable bachelor.

Flesherton

The Flesherton Station Sabbath School anniversary tea and entertainment held on Friday night last was well patronized and a pleasing program was rendered by the members of the school. Many of the children acquitted themselves admirably in the parts they took. Short addresses were also given by Revs Ward, Thom, and Darroch. Mr S Hemphill, Supt, presided in an efficient manner. Proceeds about $17.

At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Sabbath School here on Monday evening last the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Superintendents J Blackburn and A M Gibson; Sec Treas, Miss Mary Noble, assistant, Mr Harry Watt; Librarian, Miss Hattie Sullivan, assistant, Miss Blanche Hamilton; organist, Miss H Sullivan; auditors, A M Gibson, A Cairns; teachers, Rev Mr Thom, Mr F Tucker, Mr Heron, Mr H Stewart, Mr C Pedlar, Mr Felstead, Mrs Heron, Mrs Bentham, Miss Ellie Stewart, Miss Lou Stewart.

At the regular meeting of the A O U W lodge here on Monday evening last the following officers were elected for 1899. Master Workman, A N Leffard; foreman, W Sharp; overseer, Thos Blakely; financier, W J Bellamy; receiver, A S Van Dusen; recorder, A M Gibson; guide, H C LeGard; W, A Harrison; O W, Price Teeter; grand lodge representative, Jos Blakey; alternate, W J Bellamy.

Mr John Gibson and Miss Bert Crossley are home from Toronto for Christmas holidays.

Mr Lou Karstedt of Toronto is visiting his sister Mrs F Dafoe.

Mr Rod Bentham of Teeswater is visiting his mother Mrs Bentham, west back line, and Miss Ellie Wilcox is home from Toronto visiting her parents Mr and Mrs Wm Wilcox.

Egbsactly

Last April, when hens were lustling and clerks had ample leisure, the name of P G Morrison was penciled on a large egg with a request to the finder to correspond. A short time ago Mr Morrison received the following:

43 Clare Road, Booth
Near Liverpool, England,
4th Nov, 1898.

M— P G Morrison,
Markdale, Ontario, Canada.
Dear ——

I have great pleasure in informing you that the egg upon which you wrote your name and address has come into my possession and was eaten by me on Thursday evening 3rd inst. The egg was in good condition and fully equal in flavor to one newly laid. I should be very pleased to hear on what date the egg was laid, as I am rather curious to know how long an egg will keep fit for food, and also what length of time elapses between the date of the egg being laid in your country and it being offered for sale in ours. I am keeping the shell as a curiosity as it seems such a strange request for you to make, but no doubt you have been prompted by a feeling of curiosity to know how far the egg would travel before being used for food.

If at any time I can be of service to you I should be very pleased to do it.

I remain, yours faithfully,
Peter R Heys.

Honor Rolls

Report for Cherry Grove School for November.

4 sr, S Douglas, B Bradey.
4 jr, K Dickie, W Dickie, L Blakley, B Hutchinson.
3, E Beckett, M Blakely, W Tebbutt, W Douglas.
2, R Bradey, R Bradey, H Hodgson, E Hodgson.
Pt 2, L Harvey, W Tebbutt, F Douglas, W Hodgson.
1, E Bradey, H Hill, C Sparling.

E G Read, teacher.

Business Locals

J H Stephenson the jeweler is offering just as big bargains in watches as ever.

We have a fine assortment of beautiful calendars and Xmas cards. W Turner & Co.

Go to M Richardson & Co, Flesherton, for Xmas presents. Splendid assortment at popular prices.

W N Andrews & Co of Thornbury will pay 27 to 28½c for No 1 hats. Watch for their prices each week.

Get your engraving, Xmas purchase presents &c neatly done by W J Shortill, jeweller and optician.

Ebony good sterling silver mounted just the thing for a Xmas present at J H Stephenson the jeweler.

300 mouth organs, the best instruments made, all keys, big variety to choose from. Prices from 5c to 75c. W Turner & Co.

Shakespere has said "He who doth not delight in music is lacking in the upper storey." Come and hear the music. Stephen's drug store.

You can buy a beautiful present for Xmas at J H Stephenson's, the jeweler for the small sum of $1. Don't throw your money away on toys and trash.

Call and see the wonderful alarm clock that wakes all but the dead, alarming intermittently for 15 minutes. At W J Shortill's, the jeweler and optician.

Go and see the magnificent lines of miscellaneous and Sunday school books at Stephen's drug store. A liberal discount will be given to teachers and committees.

M Richardson & Co, Flesherton, are showing a special range of gents' neckwear, eminently suitable for Xmas presents. You should see their selections at 25c,

Ladies' furs for Xmas presents at M Richardson & Co's, Flesherton. Special prices for this week on muffs, capes, caperines, ruffs, storm collars, gauntlets and mitts.

We are right to the front with holiday presents. Be sure you see our stock before buying. Splendid assortment of goods for Sunday and Day Schools. W Turner & Co.

Silk handkerchiefs, silk mufflers, fancy neckwear, or gloves form acceptable presents for men. M Richardson & Co., Flesherton, have the most elegant assortment—values just right.

J H Stephenson the jeweler has a large and well selected stock of Xmas presents and it will pay you to have a look at some of the bargains he is offering in sterling silver novelties.

Ebony Hat Brushes, Ebony Hair Brushes, Ebony Glove Stretchers, Ebony Button Hooks and Ebony Hand Mirrors. These are the most popular goods in the market. W Turner & Co.

For the newest and best assortment of silverware and fancy glassware suitable for presents go to M Richardson & Co, Flesherton. They show the prettiest line in 25c goods we've seen, great value, too.

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.

Orange, Lemon and Citron Peel fresh at Stephen's drug store.

Logs Wanted

Highest price paid for all kinds of timber at Berkeley and Holland Centre mills. Mitchell Bros.

Fresh Lime For Sale

Having burned a kiln of lime at Barrhead Mills I have, and will keep on hand; fresh lime for sale. Orders taken at my house in Markdale daily. John Bowers.

Farewell Address

On Tuesday evening of last week a number of the friends of Mr Ewart Clugston assembled at the home of his father, Mr Jas Clugston, Euphrasia, to bid him farewell on the eve of his departure for Vancouver, B. C. The young people feel that they are parting with a most congenial friend which is shown by the following address:

Epping, Dec 13, 1898.

To Mr Ewart Clugston.

Dear friend and schoolmate—We have met to-night to express our deepest regrets at your departure from our midst to seek a home in another part of our wide Dominion. We also sincerely wish for you health, wealth and the pleasure of many firm friends, which we feel certain you will have as soon as your neighbors in the western province have gained the acquaintance which we are so sorry to lose.

Although you have been a short distance from us for some time yet by your occasional visits you have helped to cheer us with your jovial smile and manners.

Our earliest recollections of you are as a kind and thoughtful friend to all alike, and we can assure you that these recollections will not soon be forgotten.

Although the condition of the roads and weather has prevented us from obtaining some tangible token of remembrance yet we ask you to accept instead our kindliest feelings and very best wishes for your success and happiness.

Hoping that the years will not be long before we again enjoy a pleasant visit from you, we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Signed on behalf of all,
Annie Black
Maud Devitt
Abraham Knott
Charles Daley.

Mr Clugston replied very feelingly, thanking his friends for their kindness and hoping that they and he would be so guided that they might meet many times again as pleasantly as they had on that night.

The remainder of the evening was spent in games and amusements and a sumptuous supper prepared by the young ladies of the neighborhood. At a late hour after singing "God be with you till we meet again" farewells were uttered and the party dispersed with many good wishes for the success of the friend all were so loath to part with.

MARRIED

CARNEY—DYEE—At the residence of the bride's parents, Euphrasia, on Wednesday, the 14th of December, by the Rev J S Davidson, B A, Charles William Carney to Minnie, second daughter of James S Dyee, Esq., all of Euphrasia.

Ebenezer

The entertainment and tea meeting held in the Methodist church Monday evening Dec 19 was very successful. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a large attendance. Rev J V Plunkett of Eugenia and the pastor addressed the audience. After tea was served dialogues, recitations and music took up the remainder of the evening and a very enjoyable time was spent. Proceeds $24.65.

Mr Robert Williams, an old Michigan hunter, and Mr Dick Noble of Markdale and Mr J A Noble of this place had a very exciting chase after a wild heifer last week. The heifer belonging to Mr J A Noble, was a wild Jersey and was at large in Fitzimons' bush and could not be caught by some of the most experienced "cow catchers." The Noble Bros resolved to shoot her down. About ten o'clock on the morning of the fray, the three started out, Bob armed with a double barreled shot gun and the other two armed with nothing but their boots. They caught sight of her near a river and Bob yelled "Now's the time, lads, keep your eye peeled." He fired but the shot had very little effect, she plunged and jumped fiercer than before. She made straight for Dick, who was standing beside a tree. He was horror stricken and yelled to Jack, "You take that tree and I'll take this'n" Bob fired again and brought her down. When they arrived home with their game Bob remarked "The snow is not very deep, only up to your ankles (that is when you are standing on yer head). I wouldn't have minded travelling through the snow if the beast hadn't o' run me into the river."

Mike What wid ye do, Pat, if ye were tired o' the world.

Pat Be takers Old take the Standard

Christmas Pastoral

The Bishop of Huron, Dr Baldwin, has issued the following pastoral, which he has directed shall be distributed in every church and congregation of the church of England in the diocese on or before Christmas:

To the Laity of the Diocese of Huron, Greeting.

Dear Brethren,—At no time in the past history of the diocese has there ever arisen an occasion which so loudly demanded the earnest loyalty and substantial sympathy of the laity as the present moment.

You are aware how many of your clergy, for whom I know you entertain the most profound respect, have suffered severely throughout the past year by the serious diminution of their at-all-times scanty incomes.

It is needless for me to say that this reduction, which has been owing to the depression of the Mission Fund, must have sorely distressed not only the clergy themselves, but also their wives and families.

And now, when soon the merry bells from our belfry towers will be ringing out the advent of another Christmastide, and when God's goodness in the late abundant harvest has placed vast resources in your hands, may I not ask your kindly assistance and sympathetic remembrance of those noble and devoted men who so faithfully labor among you, and endeavor, by every effort, to lead you onward in the heavenly way.

Trusting you will do even more abundantly than I ask, I remain,

Your brother in the Lord,
Maurice S Huron.

An Attractive Family Paper

The Dominion Presbyterian has made its appearance. The new paper is published by Mr C Blackett Robinson, the founder and conductor for over twenty-six years of The Canada Presbyterian. It is the announced intention of the publisher to make The Dominion Presbyterian second to none as the representative religious newspaper of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The first issue gives prominence to wholesome and interesting reading for old and young; presents the missionary activities of the church in an attractive manner; gives a proper place to the important work being done by the Young People's Societies and furnishes an up-to-date paper in all departments. During 1899 The Dominion Presbyterian will furnish a number of specially valuable papers, written by prominent ministers and laymen. In order that the widest possible circulation may be had at once, the publisher has decided to offer The Dominion Presbyterian from now until 1st January, 1899, for one dollar. Address, 232 St James St, Montreal, or 5 Jordan St, Toronto.

Lost

On Monday, Nov 28th between 11th and Blind lines St Vincent and near Henry Palmer's place, three hounds, marked as follows, First—Beagle Hound with short legs, thick set, color black, white and tan. Ears tan. White ring around tail. Answers to the name of Fowler.

Second Hound—Half Beagle and Herrier, slimmer than first dog and longer in the legs, Rather sharp nose and has a round white spot about the size of an old fashioned penny piece set in dark on the right side of neck. Colors more distinct than other two dogs, although the same tan ears. Answers to the name of Jack.

Third dog.—Name Fowler, brother of Jack. Medium low set, little broader on the nose than Jack. Color black white and tan. Mostly white and slightly mottled with black. Tan ears. White ring around tail close to body.

Any one finding or giving information of above will be cheerfully received and suitably rewarded.

C A FARRAR,
Meaford, Ont,
Drawer 60.

That Throbbing Headache

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for sick and nervous headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by all druggists.

Tamworth Boar

For service. Terms $1. Joseph A Halbert, Harkaway

We Wish all our Friends and Customers a very Merry Christmas

The Sensible and Useful for Christmas Presents

Only four days till Xmas and we expect to crowd a whole week's business into these few remaining days. Crowds will be greater every day and standing room will be at a premium unless you shop early. We have made unusual preparations for a big Holiday business and all over the store the Christmas spirit is prevalent. We have engaged extra salespeople so that all may be served promptly. In every department is to be found specialties well suited for Christmas giving. From the simple and intrinsic to the rich and higher priced goods but all from their beauty and utility will bring joy to the recipient. For where is the person who does not appreciate a present on Xmas morn? and who should be without a Christmas gift while these prices prevail

FURS FOR XMAS GIFTS

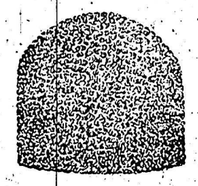
Handsome Capes of Astrachan good quilted linings, special 8.75

Astrachan Capes of selected skins. 110 in Sweep, beautifully lined 17.50

GAUNTLETS FOR XMAS

Grey Persian Lamb Gauntlets, beautifully made, all sizes, $4.25, 4.50, 4.75 & 5.50

Astrachan Gauntlets made of selected German dyed Skins, all sizes, $4, 4.25 & 4.50



CAPS FOR XMAS

What more sensible or acceptable Xmas gift. We are offering splendid values in men's, women's and boys' fine Fur Caps. In Beaver, Persian Lamb, Astrachan Seal, Coney &c at, from $1.35 to 9.00 each.

FANCY GLASSWARE

Bot Specially for Xmas Gifts

Just arrived from Germany 2 cases of the latest and best styles in glass and chinaware, which from its novelty and beauty are well suited for gifts.

FOR THE LITTLE TOTS

Wool Boas, 40 inches long .25

Fancy Tin Pails, each .05

Children's Fancy Handkerchiefs in splendid assortment, each 1, 2, 3, 4c and .05

PICTURE BOOKS

Tom Thumb, Robinson Crusoe, Butterfly Ball, The Rabbits, Robin Hood, Rip Van Winkle, Queen of the Hearts, Old Fruit &c, will be sure to please little folks, splendid clear type, handsome colored pictures, large size 6c, small size .05

CHOICE Mixed Candies PER LB 5c

300 lbs fresh candy made specially for Xmas stockings, special per lb .....

Fresh Roasted Peanuts, special per lb

The Christmas Cake will taste better if you are sure of the purity and freshness of the ingredients. You run no risk if you purchase your Xmas Groceries here.

CANDED PEELS

Lemon 15c lb, Orange 20c, Citron 20c
Carraway Comfits, per lb .40
Seeded Raisins in boxes, per lb .12
Shelled Almonds, per lb .30
Shelled Walnuts, per lb .30

STYLISH MILLINERY FOR XMAS

With this firm's county-wide reputation for fine millinery it can be readily understood that orders for Christmas should be in early as it takes time for fine work. New styles, shapes and trimmings arrive, workwomen, combined with our well known low prices, keep the department always busy. From the many special offerings for Xmas we select this one.

20 Ladies' Sailors, this season's best styles and newest colorings, regular price 85c, $1 and 1.25, your choice, each .50

LADIES FANCY SLIPPERS FOR XMAS

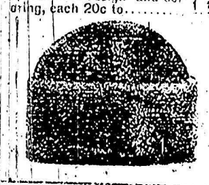
We never tire telling of our warm foot wear and the new line of slippers we purchased specially for Xmas presents.

Women Felt Slippers in shades of grey, trimmed with fur, J. King & Co stamped on sole, which is a guarantee of their excellence, per pair .95

Ladies' Japanette Handkerchiefs for Xmas, initialed, hemstitched, none but are except would know they were not all silk, any initial .17

Fancy Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 10c to .25

Fine Silk Handkerchiefs, for Xmas, hundreds of them, beautiful in design and coloring, each 20c to .10



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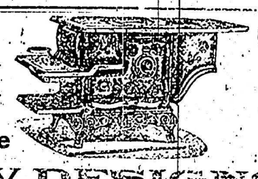

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To the Municipal Electors of the Township of Artemesia

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

In compliance with strong solicitations from numerous ratepayers, I have consented to be a candidate for the office of Councillor for the Township of Artemesia, for the year 1899. If elected, I shall continue to do in the future, as I have done in the past; that is, my best efforts shall be put forth, with the view of forwarding the general interests of old Artemesia. Hoping that after giving due consideration to my past record, you will see your way clear to give me a generous support at the coming Municipal election.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours most sincerely.
THOS KELLS.

Proton, Dec 20th, 1898

Editor Standard,

Dear Sir,—Allow me space to insert in your valuable paper a few lines in regard to Mr James Corbett who is a candidate for county councillor for Div No 5. A man's reputation is built upon his past record. He has filled the offices of councillor, dep reeve and reeve in the township of Proton for the last ten years and polled last year the largest vote ever polled in the township council. For economy and good management no better ever sat around a Tp board. He is also an old resident of the township and has always promoted the best interest of the township and has proved himself an industrious farmer, and I have always seen when a man is successful in his own business that he will prove himself a success in a public capacity, therefore, I would ask the ratepayers to stand by him. It is men like this that we want and if you want good government you must certainly return good representation. Mr C represented the county council for three years and was the means of helping to promote some of the best measures that we have in the county to-day.

Hoping that I have not trespassed too much on your space, I remain,

Yours,
C H D, ratepayer.

Notice to Electors

To the Electors of Municipal Ward No 1

Gentlemen—The period for which your representatives to County Council were elected having nearly expired I beg to tender you my best services for another term. If my record for the past two years has merited the continuance of your confidence, I ask your support at the coming municipal election, and if returned again as your representative will give my best efforts to serve you during another term.

M Richardson

Flesherton, Dec 13th, 1898.

To the Electors of District No 1 County of Grey

Ladies and Gentlemen—At the solicitation of a large number of ratepayers I have again consented to be a candidate for county councillor. During the past two years, which I have had the honor of being one of your representatives at the county board, I have endeavored to discharge my duties faithfully to the best of my ability. Should you honor me with a return to the above position, I will do my utmost to merit the same. Respectfully soliciting your support and influence at the coming election, I remain,

Your humble servant,
Geo Watson

Swinton Park, Dec 20th, '98.

Something Worth Having

The December issue of the Canadian Home Journal, which is the Christmas number, has been enlarged to 36 pages and contains many excellent, interesting and profitable literary contributions from the pens of well-known Canadian writers, while the illustrations are many and good. The issue contains a complete copy with music of that popular song "In the Shadow of the Pines." This is alone worth ten cents, the price of the paper. Each issue of the Canadian Home Journal contains a popular song with music, and our readers, therefore, who want to keep up a stock of popular songs should subscribe for the Journal at $1 per annum. Among the many special features is an illustrated Christmas drama for children, by Mary Agnes Fitzgibbon, suitable for child-

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Oats	[illegible]
Rye	[illegible]
Butter, fresh	[illegible]
Hay per ton	[illegible]
Potatoes, per bag	[illegible]
Wool	[illegible]
Pork	[illegible]
Lard	[illegible]
Eggs, per doz	[illegible]
Chickens, per lb	[illegible]
Ducks, per pair	[illegible]
Geese, per lb	[illegible]
Turkeys, per lb	[illegible]
Apples, per bag	[illegible]
Onions, per bbl	[illegible]
Beef, per cwt	[illegible]
Shorts, per cwt	[illegible]
Chop, per cwt	[illegible]
Sheep Skins	[illegible]

Toronto Markets

Wheat, per bus	[illegible]
Barley	[illegible]
Oats	[illegible]
Peas	[illegible]
Butter	[illegible]
Eggs	[illegible]
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The Millionaire and His Clerk.

Girard, the infidel millionaire of Philadelphia, who Saturday ordered all his clerks to come on the morrow to assist in unloading a newly arrived ship. One young man replied, spoke for all: "Mr. Girard, I can't work on Sunday." "You know the rules!" "Yes, I know. I have a mother to support, but I can't work on Sundays." "Well, step up to the desk and the cashier will settle with you." For three weeks the young man could find no work, but one day a banker called on Girard to ask if he could recommend a man for cashier in a bank. This unemployed young man was at once named as a suitable person. "But," said the banker, "you dismiss him!" "Yes, because he would not work on Sundays. A man who would lose his place for conscience's sake would make a trustworthy cashier." And he was appointed.—Pearl of Days.