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MARKDALE, DEC. 22ND, 1898.

GENERAL NOTES

In Canada the Carnegie Libraries contain over [illegible] volumes.

Winnipeg has re-elected Mayor Andrews by a majority of a majority.

The session of the Ontario legislature opened on Thursday about eight o'clock.

The Ontario election petition has been withdrawn and Mr Gill, Liberal, confirmed in the seat.

The Customs Department have seized eleven vessels on the Atlantic coast and in the Gulf for sealing.

Ottawa is to have the Sunday car question settled by ballot at the Municipal elections on January 2nd.

Montreal suffered last week one of the worst fires in its history, over one million dollars destruction in an hours time.

Three potatoes in the vicinity of Welland were stolen by robbers last week, but the amount of cash secured was small.

London is being threatened with a $10,000 by the Street Railway Company for breach of duty during the recent strike.

The joint meeting of the United States and Spanish military commissioners at Manila have agreed that January 1st at noon be the day and hour for the exchange of flags.

A reward of $50 cash is being offered by the Chief of Police in Winnipeg for the arrest of the parties and recovery of the money stolen from the Molsons Bank in that city some time ago.

The convicts at the Kingston penitentiary were this year deprived of the presents their friends might wish to send them. This action was taken by the authorities because of the many contraband articles before concealed.

Family worship is strictly observed in the Prince of Wales household. Every member of the family is down to prayers every morning before breakfast, and the servants have to put in an appearance as well. The service is short and attractive. The Princess plays a hymn and one of the younger members read prayers.

An alleged outrage on a British subject has taken place in the Transvaal which may give President Kruger some trouble to settle. In a recent disturbance the police opened fire and shot an Englishman and no effort being put forth to punish the policeman who fired the shot. The islanders have organized to push the case.

Meaford Road

Mr J Corbett of Dundalk paid this part a visit last week. He is on the war path after the county councillorship.

Miss Sarah Johnson is home for the Xmas holdays. She is engaged for '99 in the same school.

Our school closed on Thurday last for the holidays to reopen on the 3rd of January with Miss Hawken at the helm.

Mr T Kells is once more in the swim for municipal honors.

Mr Wm Hutcheson and W McCallum were to Toronto last week with a load of stock.

Kimberley

Dec 27—Rev J Little gave an impressive sermon in the Union church last Sabbath.

Dr Bibby is on a visit to Clarksburg. Not professional.

Mr R Purdy of Eugenia is now the guest of his sister Mrs James Thurston. Mr Purdy has been a resident of Eugenia for over 30 years.

Mr John Weber and his bride will reside on lot 1 con 5 recently purchased from Mr Robt Thompson.

Miss Thurston is visiting her brother at Toronto Junction for two weeks.

Dr Bibby and wife are to occupy a portion of the Hall mansion.

Ebenezer

Christmas passed off with the usual honors and everyone is in a good mood for New Year. Remember the clean sheet.

The Christmas tree and social given in the Methodist Church Dec 21st, was a grand success. Everyone was merry. There were recitations, dialogues, music etc. At about ten o'clock Santa Claus appeared on the scene and delivered the prizes and presents to the children. Proceeds $11.

Messrs James, Robert and George Cooper left on Saturday to visit friends in Wiarton.

All our barbers now is a hair cutting and trimming establishment.

The Wiley lumber train runs through here daily, except Sunday.

Berkeley

Miss Mary Mitchell of Holland Centre spent Xmas with her brother, Mr Tom Mitchell.

Mr and Mrs Edgar Wright of Holland Centre visited their parental home Mr and Mrs Tom Wright.

Mr Will Ritchie has arrived from the Northwest looking hale and hearty.

Mr and Mrs J Greene spent Xmas with Mrs Virtue's mother, Mrs Allen, Proton Station.

Mrs J Land has returned after a six weeks' visit with her brother, Mr Wilson.

Misses Minnie and Annie David are visiting friends at Egerton.

Mr and Mrs Robt Ritchie of Peterborough are visiting friends around here.

Cherry Grove

Mrs Speers of Proton and Mrs Rutledge of Floss visited their sister Mrs Wm Brady last week.

Misses Annie and Mable Sewell spent Christmas at the parental home. Miss Mable remains home and Miss Annie returned to Toronto on Tuesday.

Mr Carole of Toronto was the guest of Mr J Eagles last week.

Mr Will Sheppard of Owen Sound, who has been down here on a hunting expedition for the last two months, caught a fine hare on Harkaway recently. We suppose the bird was attracted by the bright hue of his whiskers.

We are pleased to congratulate Mr A Foster of Orangeville on his promotion to salesman in McFarland & Son's store.

The Minnis brothers are making the big business boom at the Pedigrew lot near by with Mr Charles Varty as foreman.

Heathdown

There was a good attendance of members on Friday night of these O U W when the following officers were elected for 1899: Bro M Mr Alex Erskine; M W, Mr A Crabtree; Foreman, Mr J Dillon; Overseer, Mr T G Wallace; Recorder, Financier, Receiver; Mr G Armstrong; Trustees, Dillon, Crabtree, H Curry; Guide, J W, Mr J Pattoni; G I R, Mr L Curry; Assistant, Mr Alex Cook; Medical Examiner, Dr Dunard. Brooklyn rink is in full swing. Curling on Monday afternoon and night, Wednesday afternoon and night; Saturday afternoon and night; hockey Friday night.

Mr Alfred Scott of Toronto visited friends here this week.

Mr Ed Wallace and family spent the Xmas holidays with his brother, Donald Wallace, Kimberley.

Miss Mary Kerr has returned home after spending a year and a half in Dakota with her sister Mrs Reid.

Rolling Centre

Dec 26—Mr Stephenson, our night operator, was relieved from here to Orangeville last Saturday morning.

Mr and Mrs Lee Hawk and family of Meaford are spending their Xmas holidays with Mrs Hawkey of this place.

Mr Geo Henderson and son Geo of Barrie spent Xmas with the former's mother Mrs Henderson of this place.

Mr Wm Ritchie who has been in Manitoba for several years, gave us a short call today.

Rev Mr Beynon took this morning's train to visit friends in Cookstown.

Mrs John Wallace is visiting friends near Eugenia.

The Methodist entertainment on Friday night was a great success in every respect.

Mr Robert Mitchell took a trip to Toronto on Saturday evening.

Logs are beginning to move briskly to Mitchell's mill lately. Good prices are being paid this winter.

This is nomination day here and things passed off quietly. The following candidates were nominated: Reeve, A Shute, by acclamation; Councillors, Wm Foster, Wm Hall, John Murray, R J McCannitt, B Scantosh, J N Perdue, E Merriam, J Hickey, J A Adams. Messrs Perdue, Adams, Howey dropped out.

Lauriston

Mr H Baird was nominated for councillor on Monday at the nomination. Ladies and gentlemen it will be to your interest to use your vote and influence to get a representative in ward No 3.

Our public school entertainment held on Wednesday evening of last week was well attended and a very interesting program was given by the teacher and pupils. Rev Mr Dafoe of the U B church occupied the chair. We believe the proceeds are to go towards furnishings for the school.

Miss Cook who is engaged in this school for another year is enjoying the Xmas holidays under the parental roof in the suburbs of Traverston.

Mr C J Wilson of Swinton Park spent a few days of last week with his aunt Mrs Murray.

Mr and Mrs A Smith of Thornbury were guest at Mr F Walker's last Thurday.

A goodly number of our young people drove over to Traverston on Friday evening to attend the school concert given by Mr Park and his pupils. The program was select and ably rendered. We will admit that there is a great improvement since we last visited Mr Park's school one year ago. We think that Mr Park must be trying to keep in line with our teacher and pupils of No 6.

Mr and Mrs S Dinsmore and family of Clarksburg spent Xmas with Mrs D's parents, Mr and Mrs F Walker.

We are pleased to learn that Mr Baird has disposed of his entire stock of lumber and is now ready to buy a fresh supply of saw logs.

West Berkeley

Xmas was duly observed here on Sunday and partially on Monday.

Home for vacation are Wm and Samuel Beatty, Wm from the O S C, Samuel from the Durham Model. The former is taking up second class work in that institution the latter, if successful on his recent exams, will be a full-fledged teacher, without a school, not condescending to teach as cheaply as his more fortunate rivals.

W J Watts formerly of this place but more recently of Owen Sound, is at present engaged bush ranging with John Aitkens Jr.

Our worthy trustees have secured the services of a Miss Todd of Newmarket to succeed Miss Lesson as teacher in our school.

J B Winlaw is holding a private sale of chattels for an indefinite period. He has thus far disposed of his driver young Mare S to Mr Fred Stafford, also his cutter and harness to Beatty Bros.

Mr Thos and Miss Maggie Sowerby leave this Wednesday for Buffalo, Miss Maggie Beatty for Nelson and Master Willie for Toronto.

A number of our young people spent a pleasant evening at Thos J Sowerby's one evening last week.

Mr Thos Stafford has the timber out for his barn to be erected next summer, James Armstrong contractor.

Eugenia

INTENDED FOR LAST WEEK.

Dec 20, '98—Mr Hanna, our late teacher, moved with his family to Maxwell yesterday, 19th, and we expect our friend Rev Mr Plunkett will shortly take up his abode in the premises just vacated by Mr Hanna. Shall be glad to see him become a citizen of Eugenia.

Mr Wright and Miss Wilson, our present teachers, are both leaving our school when the term is up. Our trustees advertised for successors and applications are pouring in at the rate of about twenty a day. We understand Mr Wright is going to Huntsville and Miss Wilson has got a school near her home in Fergus. They are both very well liked.

A few days ago the Gilliland family got a telegram informing them that Mr Gilliland was dead. The deceased has been in poor health for years and about a year ago sought a refuge among old friends near Ottawa and it is said that he died in the Protestant hospital in that city. Many think this a favorable opportunity for the public to get possession of two reserve lots containing about four acres each which the deceased took and fenced in for his own purposes some twenty years since. These lots were reserved by government for public use and surely no reason why we should not have them and thus secure a good park where games of all kinds could be played. Mr Gilliland had no right to them but took them and has had as many good crops off them as would amply repay for fencing.

There was no service in the Methodiss church last Sabbath. In the afternoon Rev Mr Thom preached the sermon on Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth, drawing many important lessons from the lives of the parties named. Sabbath next is to be communion service in the Presbyterian congregation.

It is reported that Mr R McLean Purdey is going or has gone to Kimberley to live with Mr and Mrs Thurston. Mrs T is sister to Mr P

Foresters Elected

At the last regular meeting of Court Markdale I O F the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Mr Thos Elliott, C R; Mr R W Bell, Vice; Mr W A Armstrong, Rec Sec; Mr F J Ritchie, F S; Mr R D Hogger, Treas; Mr A McCutcheon, S W; Mr W Taylor, J W; Mr Joseph Treloard, S B; Mr John Steer, J B; Mr M Armstrong, Chaplain; Dr Ego, Court physician; Messrs C W Rutledge, J B Lucan and G M Haskett, trustees; Messrs T Elliott and W Turner, auditors.

This Court has 37 beneficiary members and is in good working shape. The readjustment of dues which amounts to but five cents a month on members who carry one thousand (the other Court dues being reduced five cents per month) is generally satisfactory, and besides, each member has the privilege of materially reducing his dues by adding a new member to the Court.

BORN

HOLMES—At Rowancroft Markdale, on Christmas day, to Mrs Jid Mrs Geo B Holmes a son

MARRIED

URQUHART—BERTRAND—At the residence of the bride's parents, Squire Pickell's, Markdale, on Tuesday 27 Dec., by the Rev J M Simpson, John Urquhart, B A, of Sturgeon Falls, to Mrs Bertrand of Markdale.

Flesherton

The public school here held a most successful closing by way of an entertainment on Thursday afternoon last. Extra seating was furnished and the principal's room was taxed to its utmost to accommodate the visitors. A very lengthy program was given in which the scholars, of course, took a prominent part sustaining their parts with a marked degree of interest. The excellent rendering of the Merchant of Venice made it a specially interesting number on the program. Addresses were given by Principal Slaughter and Revs J Ward and L W Thom. Miss Zilla Trimble rendered a violin solo, Miss Simpson of Markdale, who is always appreciated here, sang a solo with good effect and Miss Christoe and Mrs Blackburn sang a pleasing duett. Miss Klippert, who now retires from the teaching staff here, was presented by her pupils with a very kindly worded address and a number of gifts expressive of their love and esteem for her. Miss Klippert was taken by surprise but in a neat little address thanked the donors for their kindly expression of love and goodwill. A collection was taken up in behalf of the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto. Mr Bellamy, sec of the Trustee Board, occupied the chair.

The scholars of Mr Reid's school, 1½ miles east of this place, also gave a successful closing entertainment on Thursday evening the proceeds of which amounted to $8 to be applied to school furnishings.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society held on Wednesday of last week at the manse officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Miss Bella McKenzie; Vice Pres, Mrs A S VanDuson; Sec Treas, Mrs Jos Blackburn. A financial statement was presented by the treasurer which showed that the society was in a prosperous condition and had been doing aggressive work during the year. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring president, Mrs Heron, for her valued services and the efficient manner in which she had presided over the Society during her term of office.

The anniversary sermon of the Presbyterian Sabbath school was preached by the pastor, Rev Mr Thom, on Sabbath morning last. The preacher's theme was "Giants, and how to fight them," taken from the story of David and Goliath and the subject was made very interesting for the children. Special Christmas music was rendered by the choir which was assisted by Mr F Cole of Markham, and excellently rendered solos were taken by Mrs Sheppard and Mr Fred Tucker. Collection in behalf of the S S fund $17. On Monday evening a reunion was held when the church was filled to the doors. An excellent tea was served in the basement—free—where a couple of hours was pleasantly spent together after which an interesting program was rendered in the auditorium consisting of recitations, dialogues and songs by the scholars, several well rendered anthems by the choir, including a sweetly sung solo by Mrs Sheppard, and an interesting half hour's address on Northwest Unions by Rev Mr Matheson of Priceville. An exercise in club swinging by five girls was a very pretty number on the program. The distribution of presents off the Christmas tree brought the entertainment to a close. The Rev Mr Thom presided in a pleasing manner.

The municipal nominations were attended with a great deal of interest here on Monday and Artemesia has a big grist of candidates to choose from. The following are the candidates seeking honors: For reeve—D McTavish of this place and J McArthur of Priceville. Councillors—A McMillan, T Kells, Geo Thompson, A Muir, John Boyd, Jas McMullen, R Best, Wm Buskin, S Warner and S Sheardown. The first three have been members of council for several years. In the afternoon when the electors had assembled to hear the orations the Town Hall was packed to the doors and many were unable to gain admittance. Mr M Riley of Priceville was called to the chair and the candidates were in turn called upon to address the electors, some of the maiden speeches being not bad efforts. Dr Christoe, the retiring reeve who on account of ill health does not offer himself again, gave an account of his stewardship as did the other members of council for the past year. Ex-reeve Boland and County Councillor Richardson, who seeks re-election, each gave addresses. Mr Richardson gave a satisfactory account of his stewardship and brought the house down when he exhibited a card showing how to make a plumper, X X, for Artemesia's representative next Monday. The Flesherton police trustees elected by acclamation are Dr Christoe, Geo Keefer and Richard Smith.

Christmas movements—A family reunion was held at Editor Thurston's. Among those present were Mr Mrs and Miss Thurston, Kimberley; Mr Mrs and Miss Bowerman, Eugenia; D F A Thurston, Chicago; Mr A D Thurston, Toronto Junction; Mrs and Mrs Walter, Priceville, and Mr Victor Kester, Standard foreman, Markdale. Mr and Mrs Smith of Thornbury were the guests of Mr and Mrs VanZant. Miss Hattie Cole came from the city to visit her parents, Mr and Mrs F G Cole. Mr Allan Gibson is home from Toronto accompanied by Mr W Wells, medical student, and formerly of this place. Mr Wells' many friends here are pleased to see him again. Miss Katie Rollansy has returned from visiting relatives in Toronto. Mr and Mrs R N Henderson visited in Toronto and Mr and Mrs Keefer and Miss Gertie Keefer visited Rev R Keefer of Mildmay. Mr and Mrs W J Douglas of Collingwood visited the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs A S VanDusen. Mr D Clayton of Collingwood visited his parents and old friends here. Mr Clayton is closing his harness business in Collingwood and leaving next week to open out in business at Sintaluta, N W T. Miss Flora Richardson is home from Moulton College, Toronto, visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs W E Richardson. Mr Robt Wright, teacher in Hagarsville high school, is also holidaying with his parents here. Mr and Mrs Lindsay visited relatives at Shelburne. Mr Geo Richardson visited friends at Dundalk.

Personal Mention

Miss Teena Richardson is visiting in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Craig spent Xmas at Thornbury.

Miss Millie Lyons is home from Toronto on a visit.

Miss Ina Beattie is home from Meaford Model school.

Miss Susie Irwin is home from Tilbury for holidays.

Misses Madge and Lottie Lucas are home from Toronto.

Mr. Wm Beadle of Orillia was in town over Christmas.

Mrs. Jos Telford visited Wiarton friends over Sunday.

Mr P G Morrison is again assisting in Stephen's drug store.

Mr G F McFarland of Upper Canada College is home for holidays.

Mr. Jo. Graydon spent Xmas at the parental home, Grand Valley.

Mr and Mrs M Armstong and family spent Christmas at Heathcote.

Mr and Mrs R W Ennis and Mr J E Crone spent Xmas at Nottawa.

Miss McVanns of Shelburne visited friends on Christmas.

Mr and Mrs J H Christie and family of Owen Sound spent Xmas in town.

Mr. Graham Scott is home from Meaford High School for Xmas holidays.

Rev. J. M. Simpson attended a church opening at Thornton last Sunday.

Mr and Mrs John Marshall and family spent Xmas with friends at Mulmur.

Mrs Halbert Sr. of Harkaway spent Xmas with her son Mr S J Halbert in town.

Mr and Mrs Alex Smith of Thornbury visited Markdale friends last week.

Mr. Herbert Savage of Brampton is the guest of his aunt Mrs G Buskin, town.

Mr Harry Hunter of Orangeville has resumed his old position in Turner's drug store.

Mr W E LeGard of the Standard staff spent Christmas in Toronto with his mother.

Mr. V. Keefer of the Standard spent Christmas day with brer Thurston at Flesherton.

Mr and Mrs John Shields of Meaford spent Xmas with their daughter Mrs T. J. Halbert.

County Commissioner Binnie gave the Standard a friendly call while in town last week.

Rev and Mrs J F McLaren of Temple Hill were guests at the Presbyterian manse last Friday.

Durham Chronicle—Messrs. Jas Matthews and John Wright, of Markdale, Sundayed in town.

Mr Herb J Armstrong is home from the School of Practical Science, Toronto, for Xmas holidays.

Mr and Mrs Geo Bowers and daughter May of Markham have been visiting Markdale friends for some days.

Geo Richardson Esq. of Euphrasia left last week to spend a few weeks with friends in Scarboro township.

Mr. L. Nelson of the Chatsworth Banner was in town on Monday and gave the Standard a fraternal call.

Master Chester Haskett has been visiting his cousin, master Willie Southgate in Toronto for three weeks.

Mr and Mrs Richard Askin were to Toronto for Xmas and attending the marriage of their daughter, Miss Florence.

Mr John Denison of Owen Sound, Miss Edith Woods of Toronto spent Christmas with Mr and Mrs Frank Maidment.

Rev. J. V. Plunkett of Kimberly preached appropriate and much appreciated sermons last Sunday in the Methodist church here.

Mr and Mrs H B Morden of Hamilton spent Christmas at Mrs M's parental home "Enfield Villa", Mr Morden returned Monday evening but Mrs M will remain the week.

Mr and Mrs Jo McNabb and son Carlyle of Fort William are visiting Mrs Mac's parents, Mr and Mrs Edward Rutledge. Mr McNabb returns next week but Mrs Mac and son will remain for the winter.

Messrs John Cunningham and W R Burnett returned on Tuesday of last week from Mancing, Simcoe Co. where they had been with two loads of household effects for Mr S A Thompson, who has gone into lumbering out there. Mrs Thompson went by train on Thursday.

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Presentation at Sligo

On the evening of Thursday Dec 22 a large number of the parents and friends of S S No 19, Euphrasia, assembled at their school house on the occasion of the expiration of a three year term of the teacher, Miss Jolly, and after a varied program was ably rendered by the young people a suitable address was read and a beautiful silver fruit set presented to the retiring teacher, who feelingly replied, after which a liberal supply of sweet meats were disposed of. It was a jolly time and much enjoyed by all.

To Standard Subscribers

This is the last issue of the Standard for 1898. The great majority of subscriptions expire at the end of the year. We want all to renew, but of course it takes two to decide. All papers will be continued the first half of January whether renewed or not. Any subscriber has a perfect right to discontinue, if paid up, should they so desire, but we dislike severing the connection. Many have already renewed for 1899, for which we are sincerely thankful. If you decide to drop off for the present let us know or if you prefer remaining but funds are short, let us hear from you. In any case we wish you a prosperous 1899.

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THE LAST SHOT

The last opportunity we have this year of telling those who watch this space from week to week the store news which has proven so interesting. Business for the last three months has been beyond our most sanguine expectation and for the year has been quite the best in our history. Even with so many additions to our staff we have been hardly able to handle the crowds. True we have sold goods at close prices and we mean to still continue on these lines and no deviation from our fixed rules and principles, ONE PRICE TO ALL. Your money back if you want it and as we say on our wrapping paper,

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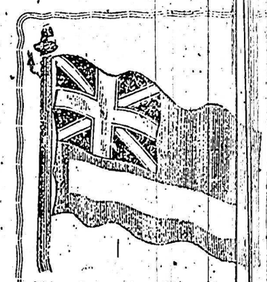

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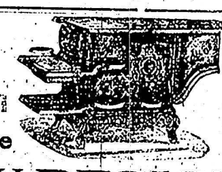

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To the Municipal Electors of the Township of Artemesia

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.

Christmas at Christ Church

Christmas services at Christ Church were largely attended both morning and evening, and especially the latter when benches had to be brought in and placed in the aisle to afford accommodation to those who otherwise would have had to stand throughout. The musical portion of the services was well rendered by the well-trained choir, and Mrs Wright's rendering of "Consider the Lilies" was a distinguishing feature of the morning's devotions. In the evening the same talented lady sang as a solo at the offertory the words, "Here am I send me," to the familiar melody of "Far Away," and fairly entranced the congregation. It was a magnificent effort. The sermons at both services were preached by the Rev Mr Newell and were plain and practical expositions of the lessons taught by the Christmas season. They were most intently listened to throughout. The offering, which amounted to $29, was given to the rector according to the custom of the Anglican church. The decorations, while not profuse, were every tasty and appropriate. Taken altogether the services at Christ church were most successful in every way, the weather too was propitious and furthered the success not a little.

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 a continuance of your confidence, I ask for 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 Richards

Flesherton, Dec 12th, '898.

Glenelg Municipal Election

To the Free and Independent Electors of the Township of Glenelg.

Gentlemen—After an experience of two years in the Glenelg Council I beg respectfully to again offer myself as a candidate, and ask for a continuance of your support and influence in the coming contest. My record for the same period is before you. During that time I have endeavored to discharge my duties faithfully in the best interests of the township, ever keeping in mind the supreme importance of exercising judicious economy in the administration of municipal politics. Thanking you for your past liberal support, and again asking you for a continuance of your patronage I am as ever yours,

John Williams

Dec 18, 1898.

To the Electors of District No 5 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.

Markdale Markets.

Corrected every Wednesday.

Fall wheat	
Spring wheat	
Goose wheat	
Barley	
Oats	
Peas	
Potatoes	
Eggs, fresh	
Hay, per ton	
Potatoes, per bag	
Wood	
Beef	
Pork	
Cheese	
Geese, per lb	
Turkeys, per lb	
Chickens, per pair	
Ducks, per pair	
Apples, per bag	
Honey, per lb	
Lard, per lb	
Bacon, per cwt	
Shorts, per cwt	
Bran, per cwt	
Chop, per cwt	
Sheep Skins	

Toronto Markets.

Wheat, per bus	
Barley	
Peas	
Oats	
Butter	
Eggs	
Potatoes per bag	
Dressed hogs	

Notice to Creditors

[illegible] given that on the [illegible] day of December, 1898, that the estate of Ernest Richard Hall, of the Township of Artemesia, in the County of Grey, Farmer, deceased, will be distributed after the [illegible] day of February, 1899.

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1st day of February, 1899.

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Solicitor for Elizabeth Jemima Hall.

Wedding Bells

The home of Mr Henry Kimberley was the scene of a quiet but pretty event on Wednesday evening at 2 o'clock, when his eldest daughter, Ethel M and John L, son of Mr Weber of Vandeleur, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev J V Plunkett tied the knot in the presence of a large company of friends and relatives. The bride was given away by Miss Lizzie Weber while the groom was supported by Mr John Law. The bride was charmingly attired in white lustre trimmed with lace and ribbon. The bridesmaid's dress was of grey cloth trimmed with cream lace. The presents were many and well selected showing the esteem in which the young couple were held. When the ceremony was over all sat down to a sumptuous supper after which the young people engaged themselves to the "wee sma' hours ayont the twal," when the company dispersed to their homes after wishing Mr and Mrs Weber long life, happiness and good luck.