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MARKDALE - ONTARIO
 Transact a general banking business. Ample capital enables us to offer every accommodation to our customers consistent with sound banking principles.
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The Standard

MARKDALE, ONT.

20TH YEAR.—No. 1005.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1899.

C. W. RUTLEDGE, Pr

A STRONG DEMAND
 There is a strong, vigorous and positive demand for R. W. Ennis' hand made harness.
 It is and has been the Standard.
 Some competitors claimed their product equal to R. W. Ennis', some privately admitted their's is almost as good and others bound along in the rear like a dog chasing a railroad train.
Bargains in Robes and Blankets.
 R. W. ENNIS
 Markdale's Leading Harness Shop

IN TROUBLE !!

Wandering hither and thither
 Wondering what to buy
 Weary of looking for presents
 Almost ready to cry

Don't spoil your eyes with weeping, but see our

Christmas Novelties and Holiday Goods

which will be in full display by the end of this week

IN THE MEANTIME

You may wonder how we can afford to sell perfumes at the prices we do, but we are large purchasers of the best goods, and can afford to be reasonable.

A PRETTY BOTTLE OF PERFUME

IS A HANDSOME XMAS PRESENT

and is appreciated more if the contents are of

Good Quality STEPHEN'S DRUG STORE

F. T. HILL & CO.

MARKDALE'S GREATEST STORE

CHRISTMAS GOODS, AND WHERE TO GET THEM

Never before has our stock been in such excellent condition for supplying customers with Christmas requisites. We have anticipated the wants of all classes of people—can give you the best possible assortment you'll find anywhere and at prices so reasonable that all may share in the pleasures of Xmas gift-giving. A very acceptable and useful present might be selected from these:

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| KID GLOVES | FUR CAPES |
| FANCY H'DK'FS | FUR JACKETS |
| SILK H'DK'FS | WOOL BOAS |
| FANCY COMBS | TIES, (ALL KINDS) |
| FANCY HAIR PINS | GENT'S H'DK'FS |
| FANCY TABLE COVERS | NECK SCARFS |
| FINE TABLE LINEN | BRACES |
| TABLE NAPKINS | GLOVES |
| PERSIAN LAMB MITTS | FUR CAPS |
| GREY CURL MITTS | TIE PINS |
| BLACK CURL MITTS | SLIPPERS |
| RUFFS | CUFF BUTTONS |
| FANCY LAMPS | FIVE O'CLOCK TEAS |
| CUPS & SAUCERS | VASES |
| CHINA PITCHERS | MATCH SAFES |
| GLASS SETTS | FRUIT SERVERS |
| CAKE PLATES | CHINA TEA SETTS |

From now until the end of the year will, as a matter of course, be a particularly busy time; in view of which we suggest to customers to come in the forenoon if possible. Everything now is in perfect readiness for a magnificent round up to the present year and century. Shop as early in the day as you can.

F. T. HILL & CO., Markdale

Arrow Shots

I shot an arrow into the air,
 It fell to the earth; I know not where
 —LONGFELLOW

When we see how few inventors ever make anything we wonder why so many men fool away their time.

Lots of people who work in tailor shops wear clothes that do not fit.

People who imagine everybody is glad to see them must be happy.

If a fellow takes a cheap seat at the opera house, he is nervous all the time for fear some of his acquaintances will come in and see him.

A woman always expects a boy's room to be topsy turvy, and says it is so whether it is or not.

Some pictures of very ugly wives are carried in the cases of valuable gold watches.

If all people tried to be honorable there would be but little trouble in the world.

A pretty stick pin in a man's bow necktie seems a little over-done.

A man has one advantage over a woman; if his hair is not combed he can wear his hat.

A woman is judged a good deal by the way her children are dressed, a man never is.

When a business man locks up to go to a funeral he likes to have everybody know it.

When an institution of any kind is represented by a worthless man it is worse than not represented at all.

As long as we notice the loss of sleep on account of nursing a sick person we are not doing a very bad job.

Nobody quite likes to be twitted about his poor hand writing.

It would surprise you to find out how some people live.

As soon as a man is out of a job for a while he begins to look trifling.

Every day one sees people who are not ashamed to sponge.

No matter how many times a man gets married he always feels sort of romantic about it.

If all folks worked as hard as Christian Scientists do there would be little use for jails.

Folks with their lives insured seem very long lived to the beneficiaries.

Chickens often cannot be compelled to sleep in the finest chicken houses.

If a neighborhood gets the reputation of having thieves it gets the blame for it all.

It is not the best man always, who can learn the most Bible verses.

No woman thinks a baby amounts to anything unless it is as smart as she thinks hers is.

Horse racers are as jealous of each other as musicians.

Good Climate. - Good Sale.

In conversation with Councillor John Williams the other day we were surprised to hear that his son Joseph, lately returned from Manitoba, had perfect exemption from his asthmatic trouble while out west, but the very day he got home he was attacked in the old way. The lesson for Joe is clear, seek a climate so favoring him. We are informed that Mr. Williams netted about \$1200 by his sale the week before, a sum \$200 in excess of his expectations, and wisely he is taking a trip to Toronto and other places before entering on the responsible position for which Mr. Crawford has secured him at Aberdeen. On whom will his councillor's mantle fall?—Durham Review.

The Standard will be sent to new subscribers to the end of next year for \$1 cash.

W. J. BENSON. Wholesale
R. H. BENSON & Co. General Merchants
T. E. BENSON. Retail

Indian Head, Markdale

Your Christmas Cake

Will not be complete without you buy your fruits from Benson's, Markdale's. Raisins, Vostezas, New Figs, Orange, Lemon and Citrus, finest of spices, pure quality. Imported Pickles, Sauces, Fresh Olives, McLaren's Imperial Cheese, Nuts, Fresh Candies and Fresh Cranberries, Lemons, Firman Haddy, Fresh Onions.

Special Discount on Ordered Clothing

Comprising Worsted, Scotch and Canadian

From Now Until January, 1899

All our stock of man's and boys' clothing is being sold at a bargain! Come now, if you want to buy long boots at your own price and examine our stock from \$1.90 a pair, up.

READY-MADE CLOTHING

Usters, Beavers and Fur Overcoats. Never before did we show such a fine display of ready-made clothing. Men's Boys and Youth's Suits, coats, Reefers, etc. If you want to see the nicest stock choose from in Markdale try Benson's.

Just received a car of Windsor salt, 10 packages of Fresh Water Herring, trout, Labrador Herrings, Cod Fish, etc.

Highest Prices for Butter, Eggs, Poultry

R. H. BENSON & CO.

Honor Roll

- Walters Falls school for Nov. 5th, W. Walter, L. Mowbray, 4th, (Entrance) J. Walter, stand, G. Delesee, L. Seal, 4th, sr., P. Wickham, C. Kirkham, P. King, 4th, jr., B. Wickham, M. V. King, R. Kirkham, 3rd, A. Dayman, R. Seal, Lemon, V. Freeman, 2nd, N. Speck, E. King, R. Shepherdson, 1st, C. Brown, R. Watson, man, L. McQuaker, Part 1st, J. Ptolemy, G. Speck, H. Watson, J. R. Vandeour school for Nov. 4th, Mary Pritchard, Gracie Graham, Katie, 3rd sr., Rosie Gilbert, Wilfred Cullis, 3rd jr., Howard Graham, Weber, 2nd sr., Annie Hislop, Elsie Brodie, Ina Smith, 2nd jr., Maggie Davison, au, Letitia Warling, 2nd sr., Stuart Hislop, Anville, Charlie Buchanan, 1st, Willie Buchanan, Davis (equal), Robbie, Bertha Fadden, (equal), Average attendance for L. C. Hawley, S. S. 14, Artemesia for 3rd sr., John Elliott, 3rd jr., Myrtle Elliott, Ella Walker, 2nd sr., Stinson, Bowler, Harold Bowler, 2nd jr., Annie Foster, Sadie Shears.
- Pt. 2nd sr., Frank Elliott, Johnie Mercer and Herb Walker, (equal), May Elliott and Earl Davis, (equal), Wilfred Elliott.
 Pt. 2nd jr., Ruby Bowler, 1st sr., Mary McLoughry, 1st jr., Rauldolph Walker, S. J. Hall, teacher.
- Markdale Council**
 Markdale, No. 29, 1899
 Municipal Council of the village of Markdale met in council chamber on above date at 8 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment from October meeting.
 Members present, Reeve Armstrong; councillors, Messrs. Mercer, McNally and Rae.
 Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.
 Moved by Mr. Rae, seconded by Mr. Mercer, that the petition of ratepayers on Toronto street for electric lighting be granted and that a 32 c. p. lamp be placed on street at a point to be decided by council—carried.
 Mercer—Rae—That the following accounts be paid: W. H. King, \$110.30; Waggoner Ladder Co., \$5.05; W. Bowler, \$5.00; Owen Sound Iron Works \$30.00—carried.
 Mercer—McNally—that this council grant the sum of \$50.00 to assist in paying preliminary expenses re Pork Packing Establishment, on conditions that said Company if established refund the said amount—carried.
 Mercer—Rae—That this council meet as a Court of Revision re Local Improvement Bylaw on Wednesday, the 27th day of December at 7:30 o'clock p. m.—carried.
 Mercer—McNally—That this council adjourn to meet on 15th December at 8 o'clock p. m.