## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Have you tried Matthew's home-made bread ?

Grand Valley lodge A. O. U. W., has added 51 members so far this year.

Our town shops indicate very suggestively that Christmas is near

A complete line of fountain pens from 25 cents to $3.50 at Turner's Drug Store.

The Manitoba election last week resulted in the defeat of the Greenaway Government.

Machine knitting done to order by Mrs. Wright. Residence, Galbraith's new house, Sproule street.

A superior Tam worth boar with pedigree, 1 year old, for service. George Littlejohn's in the suburbs west.

Vases, cups and saucers, fancy China, Celluloid and leather goods at Turner's drug store.

A cord of 22 inch wood is considered worth $4.50 or a dollar cash in exchange for the standard, in fact better, eh ?

Markdale town council will take a vote on the first Monday in January on a by-law to prohibit the sale of liquor in that township.

If you think of giving perfume for a Christmas present, see Turner's beautiful lines.

Annual school meetings take place the last Wednesday in December. Printed notices suitable for any section at this office.

Purses, fine mouth organs, and all kinds of fancy goods at TURNER'S DRUG STORE.

Christmas Fruit Cake made of pure ingredients and ornamented up-to-date on hand or made to order at reasonable rates. J. G. Matthews, the Baker.

The anniversary services in connection with the Methodist church will be held on Sunday, the 24th inst., the pastor, Rev. Mr. Buchanan, officiating.

Toys, Dolls, Games and scores of other things for children at Turner's Drug Store.

The Presbyterians are making extensive preparations for the annual Sabbath School anniversary to be held in Marsh Hall on the evening of New Years' Day.

On Friday Dec. 22 Mr. James Goodwill, lot 9, con. 9, Glenelg, will sell by public auction 27 head live stock. Sale at 1 o'clock. Ten months credit. Geo. Noble, auctioneer.

Markdale municipal nomination will take place at 12 o'clock noon on Friday the 22nd inst., in the Council Chamber. The probability is that the present board will be re-elected by acclamation.

You will hardly know Turner's Drug Store, there has been such a transformation. It is beautifully decorated and is a perfect fairy land with Christmas presents.

Christmas candies and nuts of all kinds in abundance at Mrs. Leslie's, also lunch at all hours. Jackson's block, opposite the postoffice. Markdale. Fresh oysters on hand.

Mrs. George R. Holmes, (pupil of Miss Barrett, Ottawa, Ont.) intends holding classes in embroidery. Terms and further information either at her residence or at Miss Douglas' fancy store, Main st., Markdale.

Mr. Alex Burns of Rockwood recently purchased from Mr. Thos. Mercer of the suburbs, a bull calf 9 months old for $30 and a yearling for $100. He has three yet for sale. Who says it don't pay to raise good stock ?

Mr. Allen Sheldon, near Vandeleur, has decided to migrate and will hold a clearing sale on Wednesday Dec. 20, commencing at 1 o'clock. Farm stock, implements, etc. Ten months' credit on approved paper. Geo. Noble, Auctioneer.

Messrs. Robert and William Buchanan, administrators of the late Geo. E. Buchannan, will hold a credit auction sale of farm stock, implements, etc., on lot 19, con. 12, Artemesia, on Monday, the 18th December, commencing at 1 o'clock. Twelve months' credit on approved paper.

Geo. Noble, auctioneer.

Keep Tuesday evening, Dec. 19th free for the concert to be held in the school room, S. S. No. 6, Holland (1½ miles south of Berkeley.) An excellent program is to be rendered, consisting of readings, marches, drills, vocal and instrumental music. The Markdale S. S. orchestra are to be present. Admission 15 cents. All are cordially invited.

The Weekly Sun of Toronto offers a splendid list of premiums to those who get up clubs. A watch is offered for ten subscriptions and a silver plated tea set for forty subscriptions. Those who do not care to compete for a premium are offered liberal cash commissions. Send to Sun Office, Toronto, for a full list of premiums and for all particulars as to terms.

Photograph Frames, Mirrors, Writing Portfolios, work baskets, dressing cases, hair brushes and ebony goods at Turner's Drug Store.

The Owen Sound Advertiser maintains that this is the last month of the last year of the nineteenth century. Eighteen hundred and ninety-nine does not make nineteen hundred any more than nineteen makes twenty, friend. The Owen Sound Sun would have us believe that the coming municipal elections will be held on Friday, the 29th, while Monday, January 1 is the day. Bright luminares are those O. S. editors.

Save your pennies for the entertainment to be given in the school room S. S. No. 18, Euphrasia, (ninth line) Friday Dec. 15th, which promises to be a treat. Tea will be served from 6 to 8 p. m. A program consisting of music, songs, recitations and dialogues also addresses by prominent speakers, will be given. Admission, adults, 25 cts. Children 15 cts. Plenty of stable room can be secured at Mrs. Snelgrove or Jas Ewing's.

Bibles, Bibles, hymn books, prayer books, pictures, prize books and Sunday school books. Big assortment at Turner's Drug Store.

### Found

On Toronto street, Markdale, last week, a ladies' mink muff. This office.

### Lost

On Mark Street, a small silver pin on Sunday. Will finder please leave it at Merchants' Bank.

### Found

Early in November, on townline Artemesia and Euphrasia, a grey tweed coat with fur collar, would fit an 8-year-old boy. This office.

### Newspaper Clubbing

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| Standard and Toronto Weekly Sun | $1 85 |
| Standard and Weekly Globe | 1 75 |
| Standard and Weekly Mail | 1 75 |
| Standard and Family Herald | 1 80 |

Invariably in Advance

### Wright Farm in Euphrasia For Sale by Tender

Sealed tenders for the purchase of S½ Lot 17, con. 9, Euphrasia, 100 acres, 50 cleared, 40 good hardwood bush, frame house and frame barn, will be received by Lucas, Wright & Batson, Markdale, up to Dec. 15, at noon. Absolute title, immediate.

### Moving

This issue of the Standard is being printed on a new 6-column quarto power press in the new Standard building. It will take a week to get done moving but customers will find us at the new stand for business. The domestic end of this concern will be moved a week or two later. It's awfully nice work moving, eh ?

### Cutters ! Cutters !

A fine assortment of cutters of the best makes now on hand at the Markdale Carriage Works. For style and finish these cannot be excelled anywhere. Call and examine them and get prices before purchasing elsewhere, and be convinced that we mean what we say. We will not be undersold. We also lead in the best sleighs. No trouble in keeping them on the road. They track perfectly and are light draft. We guarantee all our work to give perfect satisfaction. Wishing you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

R. McNally.

### Toronto Western Hospital.

Invitations have been issued for the opening of the new Toronto Western Hospital, on the evening of December 15. The appearance of the building, as shown on the lithographed invitation, shows a very large imposing institution surrounded by trees and walks that suggest an ideal home for an invalid. The necessity of such an institution is well-known to all who have given the matter attention, and the names of the board of Governors is sufficient guarantee that the Toronto Hospital will be kept up to a high standard of efficiency.

### A Generous Offer

About a month ago, Mr. Robert Nixon of the 8th con. Euphrasia, met with a serious loss in the destruction by fire of his barn, stable, and contents, comprising his horses, fowl and season's grain. To make the loss more serious he had no insurance. Kind neighbors started a subscription list and by self sacrifice and energy have raised about two hundred and fifty dollars with which to procure for Mr. Nixon a team and outfit. One hundred and sixty-seven dollars of above amount has been paid and deposited in the bank and subscribers who have not yet done so will oblige by handing over at their earliest conveniences their contribution to any of the following members of the committee: J.D. McArthur, Wm. Thompson, Elijah Clugston, A. Ormsley or John H. Caswell. This was a generous act on the part of Euphrasia people.


# CHRISTMAS . . . .

## IS JUST AHEAD

Santa Clause is just around the corner. Soon we shall hear the jingle of his bells and almos hear the hoofbeats of his prancing steeds. In a few days we will be in the midst of the whirl and rush of the holiday trade, and as a favor we ask all who can to shop early. We've made extra preparation to meet the wants of shrewd buyers and you will find that our stock will appeal just as forcibly to the judgement of those who want the useful for holiday gifts as well as those whose preference is the pretty and ornamental articles. We're ready at every point

**Childrens' Misses' & Ladies' OVERGAITERS**

Better and neater than overshoes and just as warm, in fine Slath felt, butoned and bound with braid.

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| Children's sizes | .25 |
| Misse's sizes | .50 |
| Ladie's sizes | .75 $1 |
| Silcotton for fancy work ball | .5 |

**Hoods, Tams, etc,**

**An Immense Assortment**

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| 4 doz. Children, Misses and Ladies Tams, assorted colors reg. price | .50 |
| 4 Doz Misses and Ladies Fandy hoods, large sizes, Pretty Patterns 75c goods | .50 |
| 5 doz. Pretty Caps for children, Pink, Blue Cream, etc | .35 |
| 5 doz. Fancy toboggan caps with long tassel, 35c to | .35 |

**Berlin Wools, all Shades and Clowded**

**Furs for Christmas Gifts, none more acceptable—Ruffs**

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| Grey Lamb Ruffs | 2.65 |
| Black opposum or Astrachan Ruffs | 3.00 |
| Black Opposum Ruff, 10 tails | 4.25 |
| Grey Lamb Ruff, 10 tails | 6.75 |
| Black Astrachan Ruff, 10 tails | 5.24 |
| Alaska Sable ruff | 9.00 |
| Russian Hare Ruff, Black or Brown Color, 4 & 6 tails, 50, 75, 1.00 $1.25 | 1.25 |

To the Pupils of the Public Schools of Markdale and Rural Schools of Grey County.

***We're Going to Make You an Offer***

We want to make the acquaintance of every boy and girl in the county, and have decided to offer the prizes as below for the best Essay or Story written by a public school pupil on our new store; its equipments and usefulness. Pupils wishing to compete have the liberty of the store from basement up. We'll be pleased to answer all questions and give all information necessary.

***The Prizes***

**IF WON BY A BOY**

1st. Coin Silver Watch and Chain, the watch is an open face, stem wind and stem set and a guaranteed timekeeper, value $7.00.

2nd. Your choice of Good Tweed Suit, or Overcoat, or material for making suit or Overcoat, value $5.00.

3rd. Good Umbrella, 1 pair Overshoes or Leather shoes; your choice.

4th. Pr. Heavy Shoes or Overshoes, value $1.50.

**IF WON BY A GIRL**

1st. Solid Coin Silver Watch, stem wind and set, beautifully carved, Waltham movements, guaranteed for 20 years, value $7.00.

2nd. Dress Length of broadcloth of any color you may, value, $5.00.

3rd. Grey Lamb Ruff or Black Opposum Ruff, value $3.00.

4th. Pair Gauntlets or Good Umbrella, value $1.50.

***THE ONLY CONDITIONS***

Your story or essay must reach us not later than 20th December, and not exceed 300 words.

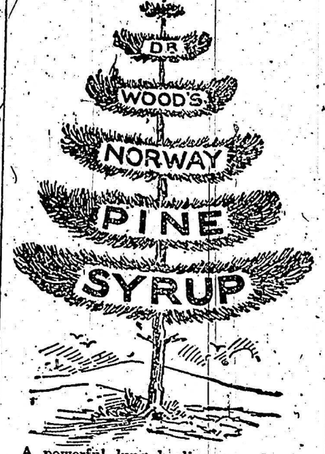
You must get it signed by your teacher, showing that you are a pupil.

Essays will be judged by Revs. Buchanan, Newell and Hunter and will be presented at our Store on the evening of Saturday, December 23rd so that you will have your prize for Xmas.

**PRIZES ON EXHIBIT IN OUR CORNER WINDOW.**

# McFARLAND & COMPANY






A powerful lung healing remedy that cures the worst kinds of coughs and colds of young or old more promptly and effectually than any other medicine. Price 25c.

**Laxa-Liver Pills cure Constipation and Dyspepsia. Do not gripe. Price 25c.**


### Personal Mention

Mrs. Cooper of Galt is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Benson.

Rev. J. S. and Mrs. Humphreys of Priceville visited Markdale friends this week.

Miss Farnden, Dundalk, spent Sunday in Markdale, the guest of Miss Perdue.

Miss Isaac of Dromore is visiting at Rev. J. Hunter's and also at Mrs. Lawson's.

Mrs. E. Lomas has returned home from her long visit with her daughter, Mrs. T. J. Irwin.

Miss Campbell, daughter of Rev. Campbell of Dundalk is a visitor at Rev. T. G. McAteer's.

Miss Mariah Millsap arrived from Toronto Monday and will keep house for her brother Richard.

Miss Maud Hanburey, Dundalk, visited in town recently, the guest of Mrs. G. W. Armstrong.

### The Punster

The chimney is one of the few smokers that is easily sooted.

To the deaf and dumb man actions speak louder than words.

In the game of life the one armed man always plays a lone hand.

The sexton makes a grave mistake when he digs it in the wrong lot.

Always pay your milkman spot cash. Never request him to "chalk it up."

The man who is shadowed is apt to have a good deal of light cast on his character.

A physician practices on his own patients. An amateur musician practices on the patience of others.

The young man who can take a pretty girl for a sail and content himself with hugging the shore has wonderful self control.—Chicago News.

### Rocklyn

Dec. 11.—Our little winter is all gone and nothing but mud and water remains.

Mr. Jackman and sister of Kilsyth are the guests of Miss Mary Irwin.

Mr. Orrin Sinclair and son, of Nottawasaga drove up to Mr. Geo. Crabtree's one day last week. Mr. Sinclair returned home on Saturday but Herb will remain for awhile.

Mrs. E. Lomas who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. John Irwin for the past few weeks returned home to Markdale last Saturday.

Miss Ethel Toughed is the guest of her grandmother Mrs. Sam. Breadner.

Temple Hill church will hold their annual Christmas Tree on Christmas night. A good program is being provided.

### Meaford Road

Snow gone and mud again prevails.

Mr. J. Warling and Family are now comfortably domiciled in their new house.

It was Mrs. and not Mr. W. G. Wright who had been on the sick list and was able to be around again.

Mr. Wm. Holley and family we are pleased to report are all on the mend.

Mr. A. Carson of Priceville was around here for a week hunting. He had not much success as game is getting scarce.

A very successful meeting in the interest of the Markdale Work curing industry, was held here last Saturday evening. Mr. A. Johnston was called to the chair and in a few well chosen words stated the object of the meeting. Messrs. J. Brodie, W. Pickell and J. M. Davis were present and each occupied a short time in setting for the benefits that would be obtained by the farmers and others by having such an industry established in this section of the country. Mr. J. Boland and Mr. T. Kells also spoke in favour of the scheme. There was $500 of stock subscribed, which brings up the capital subscribed in this school section to $1000, with several enterprising farmers still to hear from.

### Oyster Social

The oyster social given by the Ladie's Aid at the Methodist parsonage Monday evening was a most sociable and successful affair. The inclemency of the weather doubtless hindered many from being present, yet there was a goodly attendance. A musical program was rendered in which the following took part: Quartette by Misses Boardman and Lena Rutledge and Messrs A. Walker and J. E. Watson; Duet—Miss May Walker and Master Bert Trelford. Solo, Master Jimmie Smith; Duet, Messrs. Watson and Walker. These were interspersed by the Sunday School orchestra. This part of the social was a treat, each performing their part most commendably, the pastor presiding. The oyster supper was highly creditable to the ladies and was richly enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, who have during their six month's residence here, won a warm place in the affections of the people in the whole community, did everything in their power to make the social home-like, and all felt pleased and profited by being present. Proceeds over $20.

### Traverston

Markdale is drawing the greater part of the trade from this vicinity.

Miss Jennie Davis returned home on Friday after spending a month with friends at Yeovil and Hopeville.

Mr. Johnson of Riverview spent a day or so in the hamlet to see about opening a general store here.

Mrs. Will Timmins is paying a visit to the old home at Vandeleur.

Zionites are making special efforts to make their Christmas tree on Xmas night a grand success.

Last Monday the 4th inst, Mr. Will Cook's home had another number added. A lassie it proved to be.

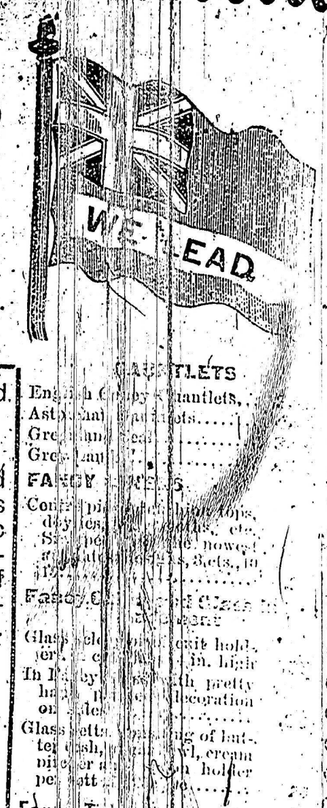
Banks' Bros. have cordwood contracts enough to keep them busy all winter.

Buyer Burnside was about on Saturday buying all kinds of stock.

Herb Lamb recently finished his first season's hire with Mr. Geo. Blair. Herb proved himself an active worker, a genial fellow and made friends of all.

Mr. Harry Ridley moves his family from here to Ceylon this week, where he has secured a good situation in Mr. Collinson's mill. During the years Harry has been at the mill, he has ever been obliging and pushing. We wish him every success over there.

Mr. John Hunt's sale last Wednesday afternoon was a "decided hit." The weather turned fine, the crowd was goodnatured and lively and auc-


GAUNTLETS

English Gauntlets, Astrachan Gauntlets, Green Gauntlets, Green Gauntlets

FANCY GOODS

Fancy Cases in Glassware

Glass holder, exit hold, 10 in. high, In Fancy boxes with pretty decoration

Glass ... of latter ... wl, cream ... holder

Fancy Tams

Fancy ... made of ... brocadelle ... all round, ... and de- ... 1.50

Fine ... covers in a variety ... st, colors and ... ty fringe all ... 1.00 ... 1.50

Children's Reefers

Children's ... frieze, serge and ... very new styles ... best colors ... 16 yrs. 2, 2½ ... 4.00

Misses'



# Mercer's

MARKDALE'S CHEAPEST STORE . . . .

People are getting on to the fact that ... save money by ... their goods at ... and from now ... Year Mercer ... to sell cheaper than ever.

Special Bargains for Ladies . . . .

in Dress ... kid gloves, ... handkerchiefs ... and fancy ... capes, sh... shoes and ... mitts, Elec... chain jack... Electric ...

Special Bargains for Men . . . .

In Overcoats, Ulsters, Ready Made Suits, Tweed Cardigan jackets, ... driving mitts, silk handkerchiefs, neck scarfs, from 25c ... and colored shirts, collars, new ties, all the latest ... different styles, Pants, ... ends and ascots at 25 ... Persian Lamb caps, beaver ... etc..

Special Bargains for Boys . . . .

Overcoats, suits, ... rubbers, neck scarfs, ... dark colors 25c, ... from 1c each up, piles ... from.

Special Bargains for Girls . . . .

In dress goods, boots, ... caps, handkerchiefs, silk bordered, plain or ... Cardigan overshoes, ...

Bargains for everybody ... lines during the balance ... month.

MERCER

wishes his customers ... body a happy and prosperous New Year.



"A Vaster Stock Than Has Been

# New . . . .

# Jewellery Store

McFarland's Block . . . .

No business can reach permanent success unless conducted on a strictly honest and fair ... In no line is this more apparent than in the jewellery business. I realize this thoroughly ... opening my new store to the people of Markdale and vicinity I shall first buy honest goods, cheaply as QUALITY will buy for cash thus make it possible to divide with YOU. ... ties will be in ...

Watches, Clocks, Jewellery, Silverware and Stoves ...

for the holidays ... latest and up-to-date ... Call and ... beautiful

CLOCKS

before they are all ...

Expert Watch ...

All work warranted. Don't forget the ...

J. H. Sim...

JEWELLER AND OPTICIAN

McFarland Block


Farm for Sale

of 4, 1 pt. con 12, 67 acres ... acres hardwood, ... balance pl... a and pasture ... cred. ... ers.