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**Stray Sheep**

From lot 20 con. 10, Elphinstone, about the 1st October, 8 sheep. Any person giving such information as will lead to their recovery will be suitably rewarded. GEO. YEADLE, Rocky.

**Strayed**

To my premises about the 24th Dec. a ewe and lamb. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses and get them. Jas Leslie Bradley, near Berkeley.

**Notice**

The partnership heretofore existing between Mrs T S Sproule and A Ego has been dissolved. All accounts incurred with said firm previous to Feb'y 7th, 1900, (at which time the dissolution took effect) must be promptly paid to the firm of Lucas, Wright & Watson, Markdale, Jan'y 2nd, 1900. T S SPROULE & A EGO

**For Sale**

Two three year old Durham Bulls, one seven months old and the other eight months old, also two well bred Collie pups, 3 months old. R. W. GUNTON, Walters Falls.

**Auction Sale** OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY in the township of Holland, in the county of Grey. There will be offered for sale on Tuesday, January the 16th, 1900

at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Markdale place in the village of Markdale. By virtue of powers of sale contained in three certain mortgages which will be produced at the sale, the following property, to-wit: The east half of lot 12 in the 14th concession of the said township of Holland containing 100 acres more or less. The premises: About 50 acres cleared having erected thereon a frame dwelling, barn and stable. There is a good well on the land. TERMS: 12 per cent. of the purchase money to be paid down on day of sale. For balance terms will be made known at the sale. For further particulars apply to JONES, MACKENZIE & LEONARD, Solicitors, Toronto Street, Toronto or to W. L. YOUNG, Esq., Markdale.

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MARKDALE, JANUARY 11, 1900

**OUR NEW POST OFFICE**

On Tuesday morning, the 2nd January, the new post office was opened to the public. This located about 100 feet from Toronto street on Main, in McFarland & Co's new brick block. Entering the new premises one is immediately struck with the modern and unique appearance of the interior. The office proper is V shaped, the general delivery wicket being at the front, or point of the V, some twenty feet from the entrance door. To the left is another wicket for call boxes, and further on the left side is a most desirable and up-to-date private office for the public for the transaction of money order and savings bank business. Within the office are modern conveniences, such as sorting tables, bag-racks, improved letter boxes alphabetically arranged, etc. The furnishings are all finished in oak, the ceiling high, the room spacious, light and comfortable, heated by steam and lighted by electricity. The people of Markdale and surrounding country are justly proud of this model post office, and Postmaster W. L. McFarland is the recipient of the well-merited congratulations of the community.

**GENERAL NOTES**

India has a population of two hundred and eighty millions. Not one in fifty of the women can either read or write. There are twenty-five million widows and deserted wives, and there are over six million married girls between five and nine years of age.

The wives and children of the married men who have gone in the Canadian contingent to South Africa will receive from the Canadian Parliament the same allowance as under the Imperial regulations, the wives getting sixteen cents and each child four cents per day while the husband and father is on active service.

In Iowa state where there are strong settlements of Dutch descent subscriptions are being raised for the widows and orphans of the African Dutch who have been slain in the present war. At two meetings over five thousand dollars are reported to have been raised, and a number of young men are offering themselves for service in the war.

Freight rates are up and the Atlantic grain carrying trade is much affected especially on the American Atlantic coast where the elevators are full and freight yards crowded, all of which is caused by Britain calling into service so many vessels to transport troops to South Africa. The export from New York in the past few weeks has only been a little over fifty per cent of what it was in the corresponding weeks a year ago.

**Holland Centre.**

A very pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mr. Thos. Free on Wednesday January 8th, when his sister Hester was married to Mr. R. H. Minor. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. W. H. Leary of Holland Centre, assisted by Rev. R. B. Beynon, B. A., of Heathcote. The happy couple took their departure by train to Toronto where they intended spending their honeymoon.

Our Methodist friends have decided to hold their church anniversary on

January 21 and 22. Sermons will be preached at 10:30 a. m., and 7 p. m. by Rev. Wm. Buchanan of Markdale. At each service a free-will offering will be taken up. On Monday an entertainment will be given in the church when a suitable programme will be provided by the committee. Rev. J. Humphreys of Priceville and Rev. T. G. McTeer, S. T. L., of Markdale, are expected to give addresses. A good time expected. All welcome.

**Meaford Road**

Mr. Wm. McCallum of Arthur visited friends around here a short time ago.

Mr. Clark of Chatsworth and Mr. Pritchard spent the holidays visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pritchard.

Mrs. Carson of Priceville has since Christmas been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. S. Gilbert.

Mr. Robert Pritchard returned to Belleville college last week.

At the annual school meeting Mr. G. Pritchard was for the fourth term elected school trustee.

School opened again for the new year on Wednesday last.

Notwithstanding strenuous efforts put forth for his defeat, Mr. Kells retains his seat at the Artemesia council board for another year.

The fowl supper held at the residence of Mr. S. Dewles by L. O. L. No. 1383, was a great success. Proceeds \$23.00.

**Ebenezer**

[Intended for last week] A very quiet yet happy event took place at the home of Mr. George Hutchinson, on Wednesday evening of last week when their eldest daughter Elizabeth was united in holy matrimony to Mr. John Kirkpatrick of Goring. Mr. Frank Kirkpatrick assisted the groom while Miss Edith Hutchinson did duties as bridesmaid. Rev. J. R. Newell of Markdale tied the nuptials.

[This week] It is with sadness that we report the death of Miss Lue Ward. Deceased was in her sixteenth year and for some time past had been ailing with inflammation, and on Monday of last week she passed peacefully away to her reward. The remains were interred in Ebenezer cemetery on Wednesday. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

The Wiley Bros. Lumber Train is making its daily trips through here to Markdale.

Mrs. Albert Erskine is ill; not serious we hope.

**Rocklyn**

[Came late for last week] The Temple Hill Christmas tree held on Xmas night was a grand success both financially and otherwise. The church was crowded and the proceeds were \$32. A splendid programme was provided and every one enjoyed themselves. During the evening the following address was read after which the Rev. J. F. McLaren was presented with a handsome clock:

To Rev. J. F. McLaren, B. D. DEAR MR. McLAREN Christmas time gives us opportunities of showing in a special manner our appreciation of those we respect and love. The members of your Bible Class and teachers are very pleased to take advantage of the season to tender to you not only their well wishes and compliments but to express to you their sincere gratitude for the instruction they have received from you in the past as their Bible-class-teacher. We wish to say that we deem it a privilege to be taught by one who has given the bible so much study. Your advice and learning have been useful and in demand in the highest councils of the church and yet to us in the humbler walks of life your teaching has been interesting, instructive and spiritually helpful. It is our desire to recognize your interest and earnestness in our behalf by presenting you with this clock. Hoping God may spare you and your family long to continue as his faithful worker among us, we all join heartily in wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Signed in behalf of the Bible class and teachers, Maggie Patterson, William Clungston, Clemy Patton, Sheldon Boyd.

Mr. McLaren in a few words very ably showed his appreciation of the gift, after which the tree was unloaded and the crowd dispersed.

Weddings galore.

Winter has come in earnest now, as the snow is 10 inches deep and still keeps coming.

Misses Mary and Foran Irwin and Miss Olive McFarland left for Keady last Saturday.

Mr. W. A. Kirt returned missionary from the North-West, passed through here on his way to college in Montreal last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Darned spent Christ-

mas with the latter's sister, Mrs. Doran of Woodford. Quite a number of our young folks took in the Xmas tree in Holland last Thursday night.

**Kimberley**

(Came late last week) Mr. Thos. Smith has purchased from Mr. Joseph Henderson the premises recently occupied by Mr. Watson and will move to town soon.

Mr. E. Gilbert and family had a glad surprise last week. His eldest son, Vincent, arrived unexpectedly about 1 o'clock in the morning, and finding all asleep took the lounge for a bed drew his great coat over him where the inmates found him in the morning. Then joy reigned and the fatted calf was slain.

Mrs. John Fawcett presented her hubby with a daughter the 30th Dec.

Mr. Watson and family of Markdale paid our burg a visit recently. Percy and Carl had old associates to hustle around with. "Should auld acquaintance be forgot."

Mr. Joseph Ferris, who is 73 years of age, is a loyal Britain and as smart as many a man a score of years younger.

Jan. 9—The morning of 27th December last Mr. Chris Knott found a fire had started from the furnace in a building where he had three dressed hogs. The place was quite close to his dwelling. His loss consists of a small frame house, three fat pigs and a lot of bees-wax, grain, etc., about \$75, and no insurance.

Mr. Marsh Purdy and Mr. Hurd were to Meaford lately. Plenty of snow north of Epping too.

Mr. Curry kills a goodly number of cattle and hogs these days. He will visit Collingwood soon with loads of fat beef.

Evangelist Goff is doing much good here by his preaching and teaching the truth.

Mr. J. E. Hammond the eldest son of our post master, is head teacher here and Miss Jessie Gilbert is attending to the junior department where Miss Soule taught last year.

Mr. D. Wallace is to take a rest and Mr. Hurd was voted to his place as school trustee for 1900.

Mr. W. S. Bishop is shipping lumber to Markdale station.

Messrs. Turner, Ferguson, Lough- eed, Burritt, Bear, Wallace, Fawcett, etc., are teaming daily now.

Sam. Hawkins our mail courier is on time and ahead of some of us at certain times.

Mrs. John Manarey was to see her sister, Mrs. M. B. Hammond, recently.

Mr. J. M. Thurston is able to travel around again.

Mr. Wm. Walters will remain with his family here this winter.

**Flesherton**

At the annual meeting of Centre Grey Farmers' Institute held in June last Flesherton was chosen as the place for holding one of the regular meetings of the Institute this month, and such took place in the Town Hall here on Wednesday afternoon and evening last week, the deputation consisting of Major Sheppard, of Queenston, and Mr. John Ecklin of Carlton Place. In the absence of Pres. Irwin, Mr. J. M. Davis, vice-pres., presided throughout. At the afternoon meeting the attendance was not as large as on some former occasions and one is led to wonder why farmers do not take a deeper interest in matters pertaining to the successful handling of the dairy, raising of stock and tilling of the soil. Mr. Ecklin spoke on Co-operative Dairy- ing and urged the importance of attending to all the little details so essential to success. Our average curing room is not up to the mark and an improvement must be made in order to properly govern the temperature. The care of stock was touched upon, and the necessity of absolute cleanliness was pointed out in an article to be produced that will hold a first place in the market. The British market for choice cheese is not as firm as ours and a little richer. M. Richardson, of this place, followed with a short address on Good Roads in which he showed from the amount of money expended and statute labor performed in this country that the best results had not been obtained. Major Sheppard was then introduced and before entering upon his subject said he fully agreed with the previous speaker that better roads could be had with the money expended. He pointed out the large amount of excellent material lying on our roads and fields which could be used but to get the best results for the expenditure should be used under the direction of a practical roadmaker. Coming to his subject—Export Bacon Trade—Major Sheppard stated that the increase in the last seven years had been from seventy-five thousand to seven and a half million. In speaking of the type of hog the speaker went back 500 years to the razor back and then came down

to the recent improvements, but the longer and leaner breeds suit the American and British markets best. The poor quality of some of the Canadian bacon keeps down the average price, but the best Canadian product brings from 8 to 5 dollars more than the American. Some would have us believe that the ideal bacon hog should weigh 100 to 200 lbs, but those very men when acting as judges at the Fat Stock Show awarded the prize to hogs weighing 230 lbs. Hogs weighing 100 to 200 lbs are made into Wiltshire Bacon, the sides weighing 40 to 50 lbs. with backbone and shoulder bone out. Cumberland Cut is made from hogs weighing 200 lbs. with ham off, and bring the same prices. Mr. W. G. Pickell followed and spoke on the "hog" and his price, and the advantage of home manufacture. Mr. John Boland spoke for a short time on roads and gave his experience in raising hogs.

In the evening there was a fair-sized audience. Mr. Schlin spoke on Creamery in connection with cheese-factory work, but there was little that was either new or instructive in his address. Major Sheppard spoke interestingly on Four Reasons Why we Till the Soil, and later in the evening described the Battle of Lundy's Lane in which he took part. The battle, said the speaker, began a little before dark and three times during the night both armies had to cease firing from sheer exhaustion, and nothing could be heard but the moans of the wounded and dying. When before day the third call to arms was sounded it was found that the Americans had retreated and the battle was won. Rev. Joseph Ward of this place gave an interesting half hour's address on Our Dominion. Music was furnished during the evening by Mr. W. Barnhouse, Mr. T. J. Sheppard and Miss Joy. The National Anthem brought the meeting to a close. Mr. J. I. Graham, the energetic Institute Secretary, had on exhibition some very fine varieties of fruit. Mr. Graham is one of the most successful fruit growers in Northern Ontario. He last fall disposed of a car load of apples alone which netted him \$600.

At the semi-annual business meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church held last week officers were elected for the current half year as follows: Pres. Miss Ellie Stewart; Vice Pres., Miss E. M. Heron; Cor. Sec., Mrs. F. Tucker; Rec. Sec., Miss Heron; Treas., Miss Hattie Sullivan; Committees, Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. McCulmon, Miss Sullivan, Pres. and Vice Pres.; Social, Mrs. Jos. Blackburn, Miss Blanche Hamilton, Miss Ethel Crossley; Look-out, Messrs. J. F. VanDusen, John Madill, Harry Stewart; Sick and flower, all the officers of the society.

Rev. Jos. Ward conducted a memorial service in the Methodist church on Sabbath morning last in memory of the late Dr. Rosborough of Rapid River Mich. Among the relatives from a distance as well as the deceased's widow were Mr. J. Bannan, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rosborough, Dundalk; Mrs. A. Neilson, Proton Station and Mrs. Loeffler, Mich.

Rev. A. J. Darroch commenced a series of special services in the Baptist church last week.

The rink in the drill shed under the management of the I.O.F. band opens this week. The thaw on Sunday threatened the ice but Jack Frost came to the rescue and the glass bed is all O. K. With a good supply of music the boys intend giving lovers of the ringing steel a good time this winter.

Mr. Lou Karstedt, Mr. and Mrs. Eckler and Mrs. J. Thaler of Elmwood visited over New Year with Mr. and Mrs. F. Karstedt and Mr. and Mrs. F. Daeof.

Mr. Harry Stewart returned last week from Tavistock, where he was all summer, butter making.

Messrs. John and Bert Osborn and sister, Miss Alice, of Nottawa are visiting their sister, Mrs. W. J. Bellamy.

Miss Minnie Munshay is on a month's visit with relatives at Toronto and Brougham.

Dr. E. K. Richardson of Toronto spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson.

Mr. W. E. Crossley spent Sunday in Toronto visiting his I.O.O.F. brother, Mr. M. Cairns, who is ill in the hospital.

Mr. Chas. Pedlar, a member of the I.O.O.F. here, is dangerously ill in the hospital at Prince Albert, Sask. Charlie located in that town in Oct. last and was doing well.

Messrs. W. and R. Bentham are home from New York state visiting their mother on the back line.

Mr. John Stewart is visiting relatives at Guelph.

Mrs. R. N. Henderson and Miss Kate Bellamy have returned from Brighton and Toronto, respectively.

Drs. T. and R. H. Henderson of Toronto, accompanied by the latter's sister-in-law, Miss Yable Tyson, visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Blackburn, and other friends here on Monday and Tuesday.

**Blacksmith Shop**  
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Mr. Carl to spend the winter in Parry Sound. Rev. L. W. W. attended the meeting of the Presbyterian at Elphinstone on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. ... is a respectable couple who have been in Markdale for some time.

**He For**  
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**ET IS**

**Walters Falls**

Beautiful weather and good sleighing is the order of the day at present. Mr. and Mrs. Christie Hamilton from near Desboro were visiting our burg a short time ago.

Mrs. Geo. Walter and children of Kimberley are visiting friends here at present.

Master James McCullough returned to Georgetown on Wednesday to continue his studies at the high school in that town.

Mr. Robert Taylor is visiting not far from Barrie. Mr. Gellor who has been home for a couple of weeks returned with him.

The C.O. F. supper on Saturday evening was a great success. Forty ladies and gentlemen were present in the Orange hall where tables were laden with fowl and toothsome eatables. After all had done justice to the inner man, following toasts were proposed: Howing proposed a toast to the Canadian Order of Foresters coupling with the names of Messrs. R. J. Watson and W. A. Dayman, who responded by each giving a short speech.

Order, Mr. W. A. Dayman then proposed a toast to the married ladies present coupling Messrs. J. R. Wickham and T. G. Prowd's names with Mr. Wickham gave a neat little speech. Mr. Prowd followed by proposing a toast to Local Government and Mr. M. Howey's name with it. He said he was not prepared for any speech. Mr. R. J. Watson then proposed a toast to the unmarried ladies present coupling Messrs. John Connel and J. H. Colridge, after which Mr. J. R. Wickham followed by proposing a toast to the Empire coupling the names of Messrs. E. J. Hamilton and W. A. Dayman, both of which responded, after which the dishes were cleared away and the evening was spent in plays of different kinds until 10 o'clock when all repaired to their homes well pleased with themselves and everybody else.

Mr. Chas. Barker returned to Melanland on Saturday after spending a couple of weeks visiting his parents in our village.

Mr. Pordie from Dakota was visiting in our village last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Quinton and Mrs. Freeman spent Sunday in our burg.

Mr. and Mrs. Howie and others from Thornbury spent a couple of days in our village last week.

Rev. J. Power was called away to the part of last week to attend his mother's funeral. She lived near Barrie.

The annual meeting of the Central Agricultural Society will be held in the C. O. F. Hall on Wednesday Jan. 24th at 1 o'clock sharp. All are cordially invited.

After a long and painful illness of over 4 years Miss Elsie Ann Inglis passed away on Tuesday forenoon about 11 o'clock. Deceased lived with her aged father about 2 miles north of our village, and was highly respected by all that knew her. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon at St. Paul's cemetery, Blind Line, and was largely attended. Much sympathy is felt for her aged father, who has been thus left alone.

**Obituary**

THOMAS J. ROBERTSON

Death is nearly always an unwelcome visitor; but it was doubly so the other day when it called and took to his final Home, a friend upon whom we could always depend, and a citizen whom we dearly loved and highly respected, the late lamented Thos. J. Robertson.

Deceased was born in Prince Edward County, Ont., on the 12th of May, 1827, where he resided for 20 years, moving from there to the township of Collingwood in 1847, at a time when only a few settlers were in the township. He held the office of Postmaster of Collingwood for about fifty years, to which he was appointed by the Postmaster General of England. He was also clerk of the Fourth Division Court in Grey County for 40 years.

We speak these words in simple justice to the memory of the late gentleman, and feel confident that the public (at least those of his acquaintances and they are many) will bear us out in saying that no more honest or careful Christian ever lived in this township.

His bereaved family and friends have the thorough and most heart-felt sympathy of the whole community.

The funeral took place to-day, Thursday, Jan. 4, at 2.30 to the Friends burial ground (of which society he has attended for a number of years) and was largely attended by friends from all parts of the township.—Clarkeburg Reflector.

[Deceased was the father of Reeve Armstrong's wife.—Ed. Standard.]