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Lot W. ½ 13, con. 8, Euphrasia, nearly 4 miles from Markdale. Two good barns, stone stabling under one, good frame house, 80 acres cleared, balance good hardwood; well watered. Good grain or stock farm. CHAS. MCCUTCHEON, Markdale.

Notice to Creditors

In the matter of the estate of James Dowling, late of the Township of Holland in the County of Grey, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Chapter 129, Section 38, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said James Dowling, who died on or about the Twenty-fifth day of December, A. D., 1899, are required on or before the 16th day of March, 1900, to send by post prepaid to William Edward Hampton & Alexander Kirktown, Berkeley P. O., Executors of the Last Will and Testament of the said deceased, their christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, and particulars of their claim, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them, and further notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said Executors will not be liable for the said assets or of any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at time of such distribution.

LUCAS, WRIGHT & BATSON,
Solicitors for the above named Executors.

Dated this 12th day of February, 1900.

Improved Farms For Sale

The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, Liquidator of the Farmer's Loan and Savings Company offers for sale the following properties situate in the County of Grey.

1. Lot 18, concession 14, Township of Bentinck, 100 acres more or less, on the premises is a good frame house. The soil is a dry and sandy loam. Farm well fenced.

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The Toronto General Trusts Corporation,
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The Standard

MARKDALE, MARCH 8, 1900

GENERAL NOTES

Shorter holidays at midsummer for country schools is a question frequently discussed in rural school sections, where it is alleged that the summer months are the best ones for very young children to get to school. The advocates of this change claim that many of the children in the country live at considerable distance from the school and are unable to attend regularly during the season of bad roads and stormy weather. In Oxford County, several of the school sections are said to be expressing their wish in this regard by petitioning the Minister of Education to reduce the summer holidays to three weeks.

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The Good Roads deputation who waited on the Ontario Government in Toronto last week were informed by Premier Ross that the Government was prepared to grant $100,000 a year for a period of ten years towards improving the roads of Ontario, provided, an equitable system could be devised; and Mr. Ross informed the deputation that the Government were now working on a bill to that end. One of the difficulties presenting itself to the Premier was jealousy on the part of the townships who might not be satisfied with apportionment or roads selected for improvement which the delegation could also foresee; but thought a vote by all the people of the county would settle that matter satisfactorily. A feasible suggestion by Mr. Ross was that the statute labor due on the lands fronting the main roads or roads improved be devoted to improving back roads.

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Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, speaking at the annual meeting of South Brant Agricultural Society touched upon the question of doing away with the smaller township fairs and said it was a ticklish question, one sure to meet unlimited opposition. "The people of the townships," said Mr. Dryden, "would rebel if they thought they were to lose their small fairs, and the question was one that would have to be very carefully considered. He was himself of the opinion that the people would finally be educated to the fact that it was to their interest to concentrate and combine in one big county fair." Mr. Dryden asked how it would be to confine the township fairs to the townships as was originally intended, instead of having them accept entries from all parts of the country? The idea met with favor from many. Mr. Dryden said he did not believe in introducing the fakir element into the fairs, and it was his opinion that outside attractions were unnecessary.

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Following close on the capture of Cronje's army by Lord Roberts, came the relief of Ladysmith by Gen. Buller, last week, which sent a thrill of joy vibrating to the remotest parts of the British Empire. About eight thousand loyal British subjects stood the siege with wonderful pluck and endurance, but relief came not a day too soon as the rations of the garrison had been reduced to half a pound of meal per day per man, and the flesh of their horses and mules was being used for meat. The river had been so poisoned by the Boers that it was sure to create disease if used, and there was in consequence much suffering for want of pure water. General Roberts has displayed wonderful military genius outmanouvering a wily foe, and General Buller is no less worthy of praise for his arduous work in reaching and driving the enemy from their trenches surrounding the beleagured town thereby overshadowing the repulses of Colenso, Spion Kop and withdrawal from Vaal Krantz. To General White great reward is due for his heroic defence of the beseiged place for so long against great odds. While victory is perched on the pennons of British arms the casualties have been so great and reported still greater in the Boer camp, that every heart must wish for a speedy close to this war already so full of suffering, bloodshed and death. The total British losses as tabulated by the War Office up to Feb. 28th are:—Killed, 1,993; wounded, 6,838; missing, 3,173, and died from disease 830. "What is to be the end of it all?" asked one of the pessemists. "End," replied Lord Wolseley, "There can only be one end—a triumphant entry into Pretoria, with colors flying, and the bands playing 'God Save the Queen.'"

Ebenezer

Wedding bells.

Mr. R. Noble of Markdale is drawing logs from John Noble's bush.

Mr. Eldo Brodie is taking out timber for the erection of a 40x40 straw shed.

Mr. Harry Sewell quit camp on Monday. He is taking a week's visit among friends previous to leaving for the west.

Mr. Wm. Neaves is head cook at the shanty now.

Kimberley

The ice harvest is on.

Mr. George Walter came from East Oro recently.

Miss Ada Burritt returned last week to Toronto after a short visit with friends.

Mr. Geo. Graham and family have moved to the farm where his brother David left, about three miles from his saw mill.

Mr. J. R. Fawcett has leased the farm of Mr. Wm. Crozier, on the town line, Artemesia.

We hear that the Epping post-office property will soon change hands from Mr. W. Shore to Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Adam Rear left here last week for British Columbia. Master Edward accompanied him. Success to them, say we.

Mr. Thos. Gilray is on his rounds assessing.

March came in like a (British) Lion, eh?

Meaford Road

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sheldon and family left here last week for their future home near St. Mary's.

Mr. Jacob Holly has rented and taken up his residence on the farm of the late J. C. Buchanan.

Mr. George Graham and family of Kimberley are now domiciled on the farm lately vacated by his brother David, who with his family are now residents of the prairie province.

Under the medical care of Dr. Ego Mr. George Hutchinson, jr., with his broken leg, is progressing favorably.

Mr. Edgar Hutchinson left last week for Manitoba.

Mr. John Teeter of the east back line has the contract of delivering Mr. G. Arrowsmith's square timber at Markdale.

War news from South Africa is greatly in demand just at present here.

Rocklyn

Mar. 6.—Miss Eliza Rice of Michigan has gone to Flesherton on her way home from visiting friends here.

Rev. Frank G. Forster of Toronto gave us a lecture on Tuesday evening on "The Laughter and Tears of Ireland." The crowd was not very large but those who heard the lecture say it was the best on the subject that they have ever heard.

Miss Jennie and her brother Mr. John Nicholson are the guests of Miss Mary Clugston.

A mass meeting was held in the Temple Hill church on Monday night. The crowd was not as large as it might have been but those present report a very good time.

On Thursday evening when our town received the news, "Ladysmith is relieved" we had quite a celebration. The bell was rung, a bon-fire built, and some shots fired off. The traveller who spent the night in the town, and who was in favor of the Boers, we venture to say, did not spend the most pleasant part of his life that time.

The Markdale curlers played a game with our team last Thursday evening. The score was in favor of the Markdale team. Rocklyn, keep on practicing for "Practice makes Perfect."

Wardby

Feb. 5.—La Grippe is going its rounds again. Everyone is having a slight attack.

Mr. John McEachern, of Muloch, visited friends here a short time ago.

Miss Lizzie Laughlin is spending a couple of weeks at Mr. John Morrison's

Mr. W. Dormer has purchased a fine horse from one of his friends near Markdale.

Mrs. Hughes and her daughter, Miss Eliza, both of London, are visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Mr. Charles Vaughan has purchased the McAlister farm we believe for $550.

Mrs. Effie McDougald continues to make some improvement.

Mr. Dan Leitch paid a flying visit to friends in this burg.

Miss Sarah McNally's familiar face was seen again in these circles after an absence of a few months.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughan and children left here on Tuesday last for Meaford, where they intend to reside for some time, having received a good offer on a farm, which they have taken. We w[illegible] them all success.

The [illegible]chnie Bros. are doing a hustl[illegible]ness in stocking up with saw l[illegible]

Mr. Alex. Ellison swapt horses with Mr. John Barlett of Bentinck. Both got the best of it.

Mr. Colin McArthur has leased Mr. Dan Leitch's farm for 1 year, lately occupied by Mr. Henry Clark. Henry is now preparing to move to a farm near Markdale.

Mr. Dan McDonald of Crawford was the worthy guest of friends here the beginning of the week.

Mr. John Vaughan has secured the services of Mr. T. Laughlin for the summer months.

Miss Saidie Clark spent a few days last week at Mr. D. McKechnie's.

Walters Falls

Mr. J. R. Wickham leaves this week for Newport, New Virginia, U. S., where he has secured a good situation. We wish him every success.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Campbell, of Markdale, spent Sunday with friends here.

Mr. J. P. Bailey, our popular teacher, spent Sunday at his home in Meaford, returning on Monday forenoon.

The Canadian Order of Foresters had another big time on Saturday evening, when four new members were added. After they were initiated an abundant supply of oysters were brought in, which soon disappeared before the members. A most pleasant evening was spent. We have now a court of 46 members and still more to follow. Mr R. Cornett of Dundalk has been with us since Tuesday of last week, and was the means of adding 15 new members to our court since the middle of February, and he was away home for a week between times. He left for Vandeleur on Monday, where we hope he may be as successful as in our village.

Mr. R. J. Watson spent a few days of last week in Toronto and Shelburne returning home on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. John Delcree, sr., one of our respected citizens, received a fine silver medal for his services at the time of the Fenian Raid.

Mr. W. J. Shepherdson held an auction sale of ready-made clothing and gents' furnishings on Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the C.O.O.F. hall.

Mr. Duncan Marshall, organizer and grand secretary for the Independent Order of Good Templars, gave an interesting lecture in the Methodist Church on Thursday evening in behalf of the temperance movement and the 100,000 voters scheme.

Mr. Geo. Walter was visiting friends in our village on Saturday and Sunday.

We are pleased to see Mr. Wm. Curry around again after his recent illness.

Glascott

Mr. Geo. Lamb got 33 tons of hay pressed, and is now busy delivering it at Berkeley station.

Mr. B. E. English has disposed of nearly $400 worth of timber on the stump to Mr. John Pickett of Berkeley which has been cut and moved by his men and teams.

Mr. Robert Goodwell has returned from Woodbridge, and will again settle on his farm here. He is now busy making preparations for to build a new house next summer.

The union surprise party composed of the youth and beauty from Zion, Traverston and Glascott, who assembled at Mr. Thos. Jacks one evening last week, was a grand success, and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all present, Mr. J. having heard a hint of his visitors coming, had, we understand, a fine treat of taffy in readiness which was freely indulged in.

Mr. Geo. Lamb has, after a three months' course through the proper channel of officials, become a full-fledged Justice of the Peace, and is now in possession of all books, statutes and documents pertaining to said office.

Visitors from a distance around our burg this winter are as follows:

Mrs. Broncheast from near Deloraine Man., after an absence of over twenty years, visited for a time with her brother, Mr. Neil Livingstone.

Mrs. Walter Fee, (nee Miss Annie Morrow) of Touchwood Hills, Assinaboia, has for some three months been enjoying herself amongst her many friends, and will return home on the 12th inst.

Mr. Robert Aitkins, who left this part about thirteen years ago, and has since been through the Northern States Manitoba and British Columbia has returned, and is enjoying himself around the parental homestead; also his brother James from Iowa, U. S., is over, looking hale and hearty, receiving many a hand-shake, after an absence of eight years.

The recent invited party at Mr. Chas. Boyle's was a pleasant affair, guests being present from Berkeley, Holland Centre and Dornoch.

Mr. Joseph Boyle will shortly move back to his farm which he left a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Free have left here and gone to St. Vincent township to reside.

Mr. Joseph Walker of Holland has purchased the 'Winlaw' property, 320 acres. Joe has now over 600 acres, which will give him elbow room.

Jas Fredie and sons are preparing for to build a large bank barn next summer on lot 8, con. 14.

Mr. Herbert C. Lamb is likely to go to Winnipeg in about three weeks where a good situation awaits him.

Mr. Thomas and Miss Anabel Blair from Zion Sundayed in our burg.

The gallantry of our Canadian Boys in South Africa is much commented on around here. Sorry so many of them has fallen in the fight. Those who will return will have won honor to themselves.

Mr. Wm. Bray of Bentinck is busy plastering Messrs. R. and Wm. Moran's new house which they built last summer.

If you have receipts for Condition Powders or Liniments bring them to us. We will make them up for you exactly as ordered. Our stock of Drugs is complete and the quality is of the highest standard.

Turner's Drug Store.

Interesting B. C. Items.

Ladner, B. C., February 22.

MR. EDITOR.—After just reading your appropriate suggestions to correspondents, I decided to pen a few lines, as there are a large number of your subscribers interested in B. C., no doubt some will be glad to hear from Ladner.

We have had a very mild winter; 2½ inches of snow with 12 degrees of frost for about two days, being the extent of the cold weather. A large amount of plowing has been done and seeding will soon commence. 1899 was a very prosperous year here. Crops were good; prices were good, and a high price was paid for fish, which made money plentiful and business good. Quite a number of handsome buildings were erected at Ladner, and more are needed, as almose every day there are applications for houses to rent.

Mr. James Nelson has been appointed Chief Constable for 1900.

Mr. Isaac Hudson, formerly of Osprey, but now of New Westminster, with his wife and little son, Regie, spent several days with your cor, lately, and had a very enjoyable time.

Sid Brodie, who has been milk man and cowboy for Mr. T. E. Lackner ever since coming to B. C., has resigned, which Mr. T. E. very much regrets.

Aaron Birch has arrived fresh from Euphrasia, and is losing some of the brown off his cheeks, after living two weeks in our mild climate. We are pleased to see friends from so near *home*. He is engaged with E. W. Calhoun as also is Frank Cullis and Dave [illegible]

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[illegible] but little more to ge[illegible]d tailor-made suit th[illegible]and-me-down, and th[illegible]ve got something on [illegible] confidence in.

Drop [illegible] and see late styles.

Geo. Dundas

Over McF[illegible]and & Co's Store

A [illegible]riend's Advice.

When you find your kidneys out of order, when your back aches and pains and gives you endless misery, when you have to rise often in the night and endure torture during the day—take a friend's advice. Get a box of

DOAN[illegible] KIDNEY PILLS

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Mr. C[illegible]

Mr. W. [illegible] is now the fat[illegible] two very s[illegible] than [illegible]

John E[illegible] has rented [illegible] and ten ac[illegible] his own ra[illegible] D. Woods [illegible] one expects that [illegible] is going to [illegible] married. Hope [illegible]

Mr. Ed. [illegible] son of Euphrasia is now running [illegible] fish and poultry store in Vancouver. We wish him success.

G. J. D[illegible] received last evening by steamer [illegible] load of prime beef cattle direct from Calgary. They cost one thousand dollars.

R. J. St[illegible] and W. H. Dowding are talking very [illegible] of going to South Africa, to t[illegible] Roberts and Kitchener's place and e[illegible] the war.—ED. DOWDING.

Ricketts v. Markdale

On the [illegible] of April 1899, while a number of [illegible] children were playing on some st[illegible] of square timber which had been [illegible] between the road and sidewa[illegible] near the railway crossing on Main st[illegible] one of the timbers rolled, crushing [illegible] little James Edgar, son of Mr. George Ricketts, aged 5 years and 9 months, between it and another timber, causing his death. A case was entered against the corporation for damages. Before any legal expense was contracted our village authorities industriously endeavored to have the matter settled, offering a grant of $125 to Mr. Ricketts, which was some three or four times his personal expenses, rather than go to court and defend a suit. This was declined and the case was tried in Owen Sound resulting in the action being dismissed with costs. The case was subsequently taken to the High Court of Justice at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, where the judgement was reversed and $[illegible] damages allowed Ricketts. Rumor says the end is not yet.

Flesherton

A large delegation from the Presbyterian Sabbath school here visited the home of Mrs. John Bentham, west back line, on Friday evening last and presented her with a beautiful silver fruit dish and spoon accompanied with the following address which speaks for itself:

MRS. J. BENTHAM.

Dear Friend—Having learned of your intended removal shortly from the bounds of our Sabbath school, we assemble in your home to-night not only to express to you, as we do now, our high appreciation of your unremitting labors in the past in connection with our Sabbath school, but to convey to you, in some measure at least, an expression of the deep sense of loss we feel in parting with you, for in so doing we feel we are losing the influence of an exemplary Christian life and know we are losing a zealous and faithful teacher from our staff; you have in your many years' labor of love been instant in season and out of season and always manifested the deepest interest in the training and spiritual welfare of the lambs committed to your care. We also desire to express our regret at parting with the members of your family, one of whom as secretary discharged his duties faithfully, and all of whom have been most regular in attendance, exemplary in conduct and an ornament to our school. While you go from us you will carry with you our best wishes, and our prayer is that the same loving hand which led you in the past will guide you in the future and that you and yours may long be spared to be useful members and workers in the church militant. We ask you to accept the piece of silverware as a token of our many happy days and years spent together in Sabbath school work. Signed in behalf of the Sabbath school. A. [illegible] J. [illegible]

Mrs. Bentham [illegible] school for their kindness [illegible] tiful gift after which the [illegible] baskets were relieved of their [illegible] and an evening [illegible] was spent together [illegible] tokens of esteem were [illegible] spoons from Mrs. [illegible] set of dishes from [illegible] Mrs. Bentham has [illegible] Mr. Robt. Vaughan and family [illegible] to reside in New York [illegible]

Mr. W. A. Armstrong [illegible] fortnight at Lucknow [illegible] phased the jewelery [illegible] ther J. W., who has [illegible] tion in Vancouver. We [illegible] disposed of part of [illegible] turning home, the balance [illegible] ed to his already [illegible]

Mr. Ed. McCoy [illegible] place, was sent [illegible] in Cleveland where he has [illegible] for some time. [illegible] very ill for some [illegible] removed to the hospital.

Mr. W. Trimble [illegible] Durham stage [illegible] lon lively [illegible] Taylor of that place.

Mr. M. K. Beaton [illegible] made the sale of timber [illegible] reported by us last week [illegible] made by Mr. W. A. Armstrong [illegible] Beaton purchased the [illegible] Armstrong property and [illegible] part of it to the above [illegible] made an extensive sale to [illegible] Bros. at Rockvale [illegible] has four gangs on square timber [illegible] has altogether about [illegible] large number of teams [illegible]

Flags were run up and there [illegible] joicing here over the relief [illegible] smith last week.

Mr. R. J. Sproule has, in order [illegible] keep up with his increasing [illegible] been compelled to add a practical [illegible] ance and office hand to his [illegible] staff. Mr. E. V. Everill of Eu[illegible] cured the position

Miss Meredith, teacher, was [illegible] lough part of last week attending [illegible] marriage of her sister at Durham.

Rev. L. W. Thom was called to [illegible] thur last week to officiate at the funeral of an esteemed friend and an elder [illegible] his late charge.

Mrs. Samuel Thompson, sr., [illegible] Minesing, spent a day last week [illegible] old friends here.

Mrs. W. W. Trimble is attending [illegible] the millinery openings in Toronto this week.

Mrs. Barnhouse and Mrs. Blackburn spent Monday with friends at Feversham.

Mr. Gaudin of Euphrasia is assisting Rev. Mr. Thom this week in special meetings at Proton Station.

Miss Iva Moote of Orangeville is the guest of Misses Hattie and Carrie Sullivan this week.

Mr. Ben Heslip of Thornbury is spending a few days among old friends here.

Mrs. W. J. Douglas and Master Roy of Collingood are spending a couple of weeks with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. VanDusen.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Beaton of the