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As usual during January we take stock and will offer **Special Bargains** in Mens and Boys Suits, Overcoats and Reefers, Dress Goods, Furs, Shawls, Blankets, and all winter goods, to make room for New Spring Goods which are commencing to arrive and about which we will tell you later. For a certainty we will be able to sell you spring goods cheaper and better than ever. Come and see our goods and note our prices, result—you'll buy, and save money at

MERCER'S.

MARKDALE, JANUARY 16, 1902.

DOWN BRAKES.

This Dominion, in common with other countries, is experiencing a wave of prosperity, and individuals are sharing more or less richly in the good results. These favorable conditions will not last alway, so it is well to be cautious. Do not incur debts which you cannot meet unless the good times continue. It is well during a wave of prosperity to pay as you go. Wipe out or reduce as far as possible, existing debts. Avoid incurring future obligations. In this way the evil day is avoided and the good times perpetuated. It is a good policy during prosperous times to put down the brakes.

NOTES.

There were 183 deaths in Windsor last year.

Out of 1,600 cases of smallpox in Canada last year only twelve proved fatal.

It has been decided by the directors to call the new hotel in Toronto the King Edward.

Canadian exports to England last year amounted to over eighty-five million dollars.

The total number of Boers captured, killed or wounded during 1901 is computed at 21,800.

Boers ambushed a party of Scots Greys on Saturday, about forty miles east of Pretoria, killing six and wounding thirteen.

With the prospect of wireless ocean telegraphy and airships, the twentieth century promises to be as wonderful a century as its predecessor.

Mr. Justice Gwynne, one of the judges of the supreme court of Canada, died on Wednesday of last week, Jan. 8th, at his home in Ottawa, aged 87 years.

A Quebec newspaper has suspended with liabilities $66,159, and assets $37,130; the Grimbsby, Ont., paper, the Belleville Sun and the Brampton Times have ceased publication.

Seven Winnipeg lads kidnapped Johnny Cameron, a five year old boy, and refused to release him until his mother, frightened at his absence, sent them a basket of cakes, nuts and candies.

The Canadian Department of Agriculture is taking steps tending to the establishment of direct steamship communication between Canada and South Africa for the encouragement of trade and commerce.

The Anglo-American Telegraph and Cable Company is greatly upset over Marconi's discovery and want him stopped from using the atmosphere to convey his dispatches because their cable business is threatened.

Of the items of fifty years ago, reproduced in the Toronto Globe, a recent one is that mails from Toronto to St. Catherines would be sent every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A great convenience at that time.

In accordance with a new rule on the Grand Trunk, the mail and smoker car must henceforth be the last car in the train and in the rear of the passenger cars, whereas formerly they were always in advance of the passenger coaches.

Lord Roberts has released one soldier serving a long term in an Irish jail for sleeping at his post, and ordered him to be sent back to his regiment in the field, as well as computing other sentences from ten years' penal servitude to two years' imprisonment. It is believed that a general pardon will be extended on Coronation Day to all military offenders serving long sentences in the British civil jails.

Rev. Chas. Taggart, a Methodist minister for over 60 years, died recently at Ottawa.

"Give me a kiss, my charming Pearl." A young man said to a blue-eyed girl. Said she, "You great big lazy elf, Pucker your mouth and help yourself."

James Ewen, son of Mr. Robert Ewen, of Bentinck, had three fingers partially blown off and the whole hand badly lacerated by the explosion of some dynamite caps which were twenty years old and thought to be harmless.

Burglars entered W. J. Chapman's store at Wingham on Monday night last week, and a number of robes, astrachan and other valuable skins were taken. The thieves returned the goods before daylight on Wednesday morning.

The old Victoria College buildings at Cobourg, which for some years have stood vacant, have been remodelled and enlarged and is now used as an asylum for women. It has at present accomodation for 150. This is the eigth institution of the kind maintained by the Province.

The King's head appears on the new postal notes for the first time. The designs of the notes have been slightly changed, but in general appearance the old and the new notes are exactly the same. The postal notes are the first official documents made in Canada which bear the Kings head, replacing that of the late Queen Victoria.

In more than 3,000 schools in Great Britain the boys are studying text books on Canada, which set forth her history, explains the Dominion's system of Government, and lay stress upon her natural resources. The books are supplied free by the Dominion, and Lord Strathcona, Canada's High Commissioner to the Mother Country, will give valuable medals next spring to the scholars who pass the best examination on them. The aim is to impress the British youth with the advantages of the Dominion as a field for emigration.

The London, (England,) Morning Post, in commenting upon the fact that public deposits in Canadian banks amount to $400,000,000, says it looks to the time when the fertile acres of the Dominion will solve the whole question of British food supply, which is the nightmare of so many zealous politicians in England. Here, surely, adds the paper, is room for British capital and energy to solve a problem not merely of the greatest importance to the internal development of the Dominion, but also to the welfare of the empire as a whole. Its solution would be faciliated by the conspicuous loyalty of Canada, whereof so many examples have recently been afforded.

The Liberal-Conservative Assn. of East and Centre Grey.

Perhaps the most successful annual meeting in the history of the above association was held here on Friday, January 10th. The attendance was large and representative, members from every part of the riding being present. Many short addresses were delivered and the enthusiasm and unanimity of the meeting was remarkable. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres. Thos. Kells; Vice Pres., S. J. McKnight; Treas. Jas. Brodie; Sec., W. Turner; Auditors, C. W. Rutledge and Wm. Jackson. For the different municipalities the following Vice Presidents were elected: Collingwood, Geo. Badger; Euphrasia, C. G. Devitt; Holland, Jas. Gillespie; Sullivan, Jos. Pringle; Thornbury, Arch. Campbell; Osprey, Jos. Ferguson; Artemesia, H. D. McLoughry; St. Vincent, Geo. Read; Shelburne, G. M. Voule; Melancthon, S. McDowell; Proton, Christopher Johnson; Meaford, A. C. Todd; Dundalk, S. C. Bell; Markdale, S. J. Halbert. The next annual meeting will be held in Thornbury.

District News

Contributed by our able staff of Correspondents.

Walters Falls

Making room for spring stock at a large discount sale of fifty pieces of worsted serges, English whipcord and trimmed suitings, plain and fancy trouserings at prices never before offered. Call and be convinced. T. G. Prowd, Walters Falls.

Mr. John Murray has purchased the old Shepardson farm, 11th line Euphrasia, for the neat sum of $3343.

The home of Mr. William Walter was the scene of a pleasant gathering on Wednesday evening of last week when a number of their friends and neighbors gave them a surprise party and presentation of a dining room set of chairs and a butter dish. A very pleasant evening was spent in dancing and games. We regret that Mr. Walter is soon to remove to Meaford.

Mr. William Crowther pulled up stakes one night last week. We believe he has pitched his tent in Owen Sound.

A quantity of top shirts and underwear to be cleared out at wonderfully reduced rates at T. G. Prowd's, Walters Falls.

Mr. Wm. J. Henderson returned home from Dauphin District, Man., on Tuesday last after an absence of six months. W. J. purposes returning about March. Wonder will he go back alone.

At the annual meeting of Central Agricultural Society meeting held on Saturday last the following board of directors were elected for 1902: President, J. W. Hartman; Vice-Pres., F. Wickham; Sec.-Treas., J. R. Wickham; Directors—St. Vincent, Frank Bowser, Rod McDonald; Euphrasia, Geo. Milson, James Dyce; Holland, John Dixon, Jas. Adams; Sydenham, Geo. Reid, John Laycock; Walters Falls, Jas. Lemon, J. J. Grier; Auditors, Frank Olmstead, W. J. McLean. The dates for the great Central Fair for 1902 are fixed for Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st.

Clearing out the balance of this season's fur caps at 20 per cent off. T. G. Prowd, Walters Falls.

Maxwell

Mr. M. Guy and Miss Maggie Roy, of Eugenia, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, on Jan. 1st, by the Rev. Mr. White. We wish them a happy journey through life, and we welcome Mrs. Guy in our midst.

Mr. Jake Brown, also Mr. Phillips, returned to their homes last Saturday in Nobleton after visiting with their relatives and old acquaintances in and around our burg.

Mr. George Buckingham returned to Belleville, after spending his vacation with his parents.

Mr. J. Madill was a welcome visitor here last week.

Rev. P. Fleming occupied the pulpit in Hanover last Sabbath, returning Monday.

Council met here in the Orange hall last Monday.

Kimberley

Mr. John Curry was to visit his brother, George, of the Travellers' Home, Kimberley, for a few days.

Mr. Jos. McCullough, sr., of Goring, moved to lot No. 3, 4th con. Euphrasia. He and Mr. Frank Burritt will work this property this season.

Mr. Ben Carruthers has his big brother John helping to draw logs to our saw mill. We hope Ontario will hold this fine Scotchman who came from Dakota recently.

A number of citizens from here attended a Conservative meeting in Markdale last week.

Mr. John Ferris, of Goring, was the guest at his brother's, Mr. Jos. Ferris, last week.

Mrs. Robt. Stuart and Mr. George Stuart went to Paisley to visit friends, and now Robt. is keeping house in bachelor style.

Mr. Hugh Walton writes from South Africa to a friend here saying that it is more dangerous in Ontario hunting deer than it is hunting Boers in South Africa.

Mr. Archibald McLean, and family, of Painsville, O., U. S. A., are here on a visit.

We are supplied with plenty of snow at present. About twenty inches fell since Friday, the 10th.

Messrs. George and Jasper Stuart have killed and sold a quantity of prime beef recently. More power to your good right hand, boys.

We are very sorry to report the wife of Mr. Charlie Wickens quite unwell. Dr. Shults, of Heathcote, is attending this lady. The wish of her friends is that she may recover her health soon.

Our mail has not gone to Flesherton yet (Tuesday morn.) Who is to suffer? Who are we to blame for it, the Government or the servants?

Holland Centre

(Too late for last week.)

Prayer meeting will be held every night this week in the Methodist church, conducted by the pastor.

Mr. John Watson moved on Monday into the house recently vacated by Mr. Albert Roulston.

Mrs. Geo. Walters and family leave this week for Lion's Head. Mr. Walters has been there for some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jackson, Markdale, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Breadner, Rocklyn, spent New Year's at Mr. W. J. Jackson's, west of the village.

Mrs. John Wallace and children, of Manitoba, are visiting with her brother Mr. John Gawley.

Miss Boggs left here on the 1st Jan. to spend a month with her friends at Alton.

Mr. Richard Greenaway, of Newdale, Man., who has been away fourteen years, arrived here on Friday evening, and intends remaining a month.

Mr. J. C. Johnston, Toronto, was in the village on Monday on business.

(This Week)

No more complaining about a scarcity of snow. We have plenty now for the remaining part of the winter.

We are sorry to have to report Mrs. Wm. Shea very ill, but hope to soon hear of her recovery.

Mrs. Shun is not improving as rapidly as her friends would like to see.

Miss Annie Jackson, who has been quite ill for the last few weeks is improving.

Mrs. Walters spent a few days last week with friends in Owen Sound.

Mr. Newlove Handley has returned to his home in the village, after spending a few months with his daughter.

There was no service in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening owing no doubt to the storm.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roulston left Monday for the Soo.

Mr. Eli Anderson returned on Monday night after spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Walker, at Bellwood. Miss Laura Walker returned with him and intends remaining here for some time.

The Loyal Orange District Lodge, of Holland, held their annual meeting in Price's hall, Holland Centre, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when the following officers were elected for the current year: James Gillespie, D. M.; Wm. Foster, D. D. M.; Richard Shute, Chap.; Andrew Gillespie, Treas., Carson Price, Rec.-Sec.; Jas. Welsh, Fin.-Sec.; Anthony Shute, sr., D. of C.; W. J. Black, Lecturer.

Proton Station.

A mishap which might have resulted fatally occurred on Saturday evening last as Mr. J. B. Doney was attending his horse for the night. The animal either through play or fright kicked, stiking Mr. Doney on the head knocking him down but not with force enough to be serious, we trust.

Miss Eva Bell, of Swinton Park was the guest of Miss Tona McKinsey last Sunday.

Mr. and Miss Hawkley and Mr. Rob. Neilson visited Klondike one evening last week. This was a business trip we are told and the public are asked to watch developments.

Mr. John Doney is at present under doctors orders. Over work seems to be the matter.

De Wet.

Berkeley

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ritchie have moved into the village and are residing in the house lately occupied by Mrs. McNally.

Mr. Robert Lackey came from Owen Sound on Friday and intends working for Mitchell Bros. during the winter.

Mr. G. S. Browne spent Sunday with Berkeley friends, returning to his home in Toronto on Monday.

The snowstorm on Sunday left the rink in a bad shape, but the boys expect to have it clear this evening.

Miss Sadie Allen is visiting with friends at Proton Station.

Mr. James Hannah has recovered from his recent illness and is around once more.

Mr. Donald Cameron came up from Corbetton on Saturday to renew old acquaintances, returning again on Monday.

Mr. Amos Abbott, of North Dakota, spent a few days in this locality last week and visited with his cousins, Messrs. Thomas and Harry Abbott.

Wodehouse

Mr. Thos. Beckett had the misfortune to lose one of his horses. The animal got its foot caught in the bridge opposite Mr. Robt. Johnston's gate, breaking the foot, consequently it had to be shot.

Mr. Wm. Woods was united in marriage to Miss M. Lougheed, of Lion's Head, last week, and returned home, bringing his bride, on Friday. The young couple are happily domiciled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lougheed, of this place. Congratulations—Brer. Woods.

Miss Emily Lawson returned home last week after a month's stay in Toronto.

Mr. Frank Bailey has commenced operations on the inside of the church meeting house with the brush.

Mrs. Best, of Sydenham, is visiting her daughters, Mrs. R. H. Wiley here and Mrs. C. Knott, Kimberley.

EVERY FARMER

Should keep an account of his business transactions. If you do not already do so, now is the time to start—it's the beginning of the year. We have all sorts of books suitable for the purpose and will give you pointers how to use them. It will pay you. Fifty cents spent this way now may make you many dollars by the end of the year.

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J. E. TRELFORD

MARKDALE.

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You sleep badly, appetite variable. You eat, but gain no strength. Morning tiiredness makes you wish it were night. When night comes refreshing sleep is hard to obtain. You're run down, your blood is thin and watery, your nerves have grown weak, the thought of effort wearies you. You need Ferrozone, it makes blood—red, strong blood. An appetite? you'll eat everything and digest it too. Strength? That's what plenty of food gives. Ferrozone gives hope, vigor, vim, endurance. Use Ferrozone & get strong. Sold by R. L. Stephen, price 50 cts.

Church News.

Ministers and church workers generally are invited to contribute items of church news under this heading from their respective churches.

The Presbyterian church opening at Dornoch was very successful. The collections and proceeds of tea amounted to $251.00.

Shelburne Presbyterians have decided to erect a new church on the site of the old one at a cost of $7,000 to $8,000.

Rev. J. M. Simpson, formerly of Markdale, but now of Islington, occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church at Thornbury last Sunday week, and the Herald, in speaking of the fact, says: "On Sunday evening the church was packed and the rev. gentleman gave an excellent discourse. He has lost none of his old time vigor and his remarks were forceful and full of thought, and much enjoyed by all present."

Rev. James Robertson superintendent of Presbyterian Home Missions in Canada, died on Saturday, Jan. 4th, at the age of 62 years.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that a by-law was passed by the council of the Village of Markdale on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1901, providing for the issue of debentures to the amount of $1282.90 for the payment of a steam heating plant in the public school, Markdale, and that such by-law was registered in the registry office of South Grey on the 7th day of January, 1902. Any motion to quash or set aside the scheme or any part thereof must be made within three months of the date of registration and cannot be made thereafter. Dated this 15th day of January, 1902. A. MacDonald, Clerk.

Seasonable Goods AT WODEHOUSE.

Cross Cut Saw Handles, per pair 25c.
Gant Hook Handles, Maple, each, 25c.
Ice tongs, open, 22 inch 85c.
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The store will be closed at 6.30 every Wednesday night.

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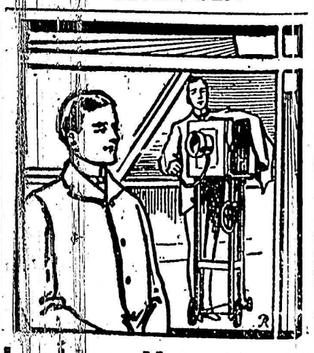

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MARKDALE.

FLESHERTON HAPPEN

(By our own Corresponden

The Centre Grey Farmer's Meeting held here on Thurs noon and evening last was cessful both in point of attend the excellent bill of fare serv able delegation present.

At the afternoon session was occupied by President who opened with a neat addr audience of sixty, comprised the most progressive farmer district, Mr. D. C. And Rugby, whose subject was tivation," was the first speake opening pointed out that problem our farmers had to how to increase and maintain tility. Of the six hundred our country produces from minerals, timber and crops, largest amount was received last named, hence the necessi ing our land in the most condition. The millions of which are in the soil render but soil subjected to heat su kill the bacteria renders it st these are returned. On acco organical matter which humu it is one of the great essentia ducing a good crop. Plant soil of much moisture as they are always drawing from it. Loamy soil on acc power to retain moisture is A seed bed cannot be assists the plant to lay hold and the bacteria to work plant a quick start fertility kept near the top. The sun also, said the speaker, to cost of production and perior article. Seed was followed by him roots, oats or barley, and down with 6 lbs. red clover, othy, 4 lb. alsike, pasture Shallow cultivation was by him that he had only six inches deep in seven yea after a hard crop. Fertilizer clover, sowing in front of the th. method could not finished product, said Mr whether milk, butter, bee takes least from the farm Reid, V.S., Georgetown, "The influence of natural breeding of live stock produces like, said the speak old saying, but it is a mis the observance of that law come easy to secure anim desired and best type. Not but temperaments and habit reproduced, the latter in tim ing hereditary. Highest gra readily produce their own ty thoroughbred horse because the longest pedigree will stamp more than any other breeding should be avoided, breeding was strongly conde

At the evening session about 250 present and the was again in the chair. again spoke and gave an address on "The horse in war." The colt should b young and taught to drive b years old and broke to the fore 3, which was good exce colt and the boy, and a speaker, good for the ladies in the saddle, recent tho ance. Dr. Reid, referring number of horses that had the country recently for poses, advised against class of horse as he did not would ever be required as

Mr. Anderson spoke sh but interestingly on Farm," closing with a lit on the many advantages sents.

Rev. Ivison Wilson gave dress, speaking briefly of the and the great benefit to the farming class from with the same. The program was curtailed with pie by Mr. Sheppard and Miss by the Misses Joy, and a Mr. Sheppard and the M Miss Algiers, of London.

We have to thank Mr. J. Secretary of the Institute, fo the meeting.

A very pleasant event took the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. ton, 8th con. Artemesia, on day morning of last week second eldest daughter, M beth, was united in marriage E. Carr, of Percy, Assa., (fo Eugenia.) A very large relatives and friends with ceremony which was perf Rev. L. W. Thom, of thi sisted by Rev. T. R. White. The home was prettily dec the occasion and in the artistic canopy was hung, which the bridal party st the ceremony. The bri pretty in a becoming gown silk organdie and carried bouquet of bridal roses. Sh tended by her sister, Miss M wore pale blue cashmere, carried a bouquet of roses.