

MERCER'S

Markdale's Cheapest Store

READY FOR CHRISTMAS

With the Biggest and Best Stock of New Christmas Goods we have ever shown. Here you can get useful presents for everybody. Buying will be lively—from now to Xmas—so get here early. We are ready for the rush. Come and see—and examine our stock.

- Mens Fur Coats, \$18 to \$23.
- Ladies Astrachan Jackets, \$35 to \$40.
- Ladies Caprines, \$5 to \$20.
- Grey Lamb Caps, \$2.50 to \$3.
- Persian Lamb Caps, wedge shape, beautiful curls, the best you will find anywhere 2.75 to 10.00.
- Mens Black Coney Caps, 1.35.
- Peak Caps for old men, 3.00.
- Mens and Boys Beaver Caps, 2.75 to 3.25.
- Ladies Gauntlets in grey lamb electric seal and astrachan, 4.00 to 5.00.
- Fur Ruffs, 3.00 to 5.00.
- Robes, black and dark grey 8.00 to 11.50.
- Horse Blankets, 50c to 1.50.
- Mens Overshoes, 1.40 to 2.50.
- Mens Suits and Overcoats, 5.00 to 10.00.
- Boys Suits, Overcoats and Reefers, 5.00 to 5.00.
- Mens Gloves, 50c to 1.00.
- Gents Wool Mufflers, 25 to 75c.
- Gents Neckscarfs, 25 to 1.00.
- Gents New Ties, 25 to 50c.
- Mens Colored Shirts, 75 to 81c.
- Beautiful warm Slippers, for Ladies, 1.00 to 1.25.
- Mens Slippers, 50c to 1.25.
- Pure white wool Blankets, size 60 to 80, \$3.00.
- White Quilts, 1.00 to 2.00.
- Comforters, 1.25 to 2.00.
- Ladies Silk Handkerchiefs, 25 to 1.00.
- Ladies Silk Ties, 25 to 50c.
- 500 Handkerchiefs, in hem-stitched, fancy bordered and swiss embroidered, 2c to 25c.
- Special values in Dress Goods, French Flannels, Silks, Kid Gloves, etc.
- New Tea, Dinner and Toilet Sets, Fancy China ware in Cups, Saucers, Plates or Fruit Dishes, Salads, etc. at special Christmas prices.
- Groceries. Here you can always depend on getting the best Currants, Raisins, Peels, Icing Sugar, Dates, Figs, Teas, Coffees, etc.

Cash Buyers—come and see us. You can save money during the month if you buy your goods from

H. Mercer, Markdale.

Christmas Presents at J. E. Trelford's.

- Why buy useless toys, etc., when you can purchase a line of goods like the following for about the same price. Examine this list and see the many useful presents we have.
- Fancy Red Rockers, Cane Seat Rockers, Upholstered Seat Rockers, High Chairs, Centre Tables, Book Cases, Umbrella Stands, Hat Racks, Paper Racks, Carving Sets, Fancy Tea Pots, Skates, Fandy Lamps.
 - Cobbler Seat Rockers, Roll Seat Rockers, Hall Chairs, Students Chairs, Music Cabinets, Pictures, Foot Stools, Tea Knives, Butter Dishes, Bread Boards.
 - Maurice Chairs, Music Stands, Picture Frames, Jardiner Stands, Silver Knives and Forks, Carving Sets in Cases, Toilet Sets.
 - Fancy Oak Rockers, Roll Seat Rockers, Hall Chairs, Students Chairs, Music Cabinets, Pictures, Foot Stools, Tea Knives, Butter Dishes, Bread Boards.
 - Cane Seat Rockers, Upholstered Seat Rockers, High Chairs, Centre Tables, Book Cases, Umbrella Stands, Hat Racks, Paper Racks, Carving Sets, Fancy Tea Pots, Skates, Fandy Lamps.
- This is only a partial list of our goods suitable for Christmas presents. We lack space to enumerate any more.

J. E. Trelford, Markdale. Hardware and Furniture.

Christmas Shopping

Are you puzzled what to give as to what will be the most pleasing to each particular friend. You will be able to decide in a moment after a mere glance at our new stock of HOLIDAY GOODS. We are showing an entirely new assortment of

- Jewelry, Rings, Bracelets, Brooches, Cuff Links, Lockets, Charms, Silver Novelties, Silverware, China, Fancy Clocks, Opal Goods.

Presents of tasteful design is here in abundance and all selected for the Christmas trade. Make your selections now before the line is broken. Our name stands of reliable quality and fair price.

Stephenson's Jewelry Store.

Honor Rolls

Monthly report of U.S.S. No. 1, Holm and Ephrasia.

1st—W. Wickham, H. Kirkham, M. King, L. Kirkham.

Jr. 4—M. King, O. Mower.

4th—M. Dyer, E. Delere, B. Lemon, A. McEshorn and E. King.

3rd—F. Lemon, L. McQuaker, J. King, N. Smith and K. Seabrook.

2nd—E. Shepherdson, M. Marshall, G. Seabrook, F. Polesky.

2nd jr.—E. Dyer, E. Esch, D. G. Wokham and H. King, B. Quinson and V. Polesky.

Pt 2nd—V. Mower.

Pt 1st—H. McCullough, E. Marshall, A. J. Fries, Teacher.

Report of S. S. No. 6, Glenelg, for November.

4th—W. Wiggins, E. Walker, M. Wiggins, J. Baird, J. Baird.

3 sr.—H. Elliott.

3 jr.—G. Walker, W. Love.

2nd jr.—E. Wiggins, W. Tebbutt, M. McKennit.

Pt 2nd—E. Walker, E. Love.

1 sr.—G. Gerhardt.

1 jr.—E. Baird.

Highest for conduct—M. Wiggins, J. Baird, Enid Walker.

I. G. Beattie, teacher.

Honor roll of S. S. No. 2, Artemesia, for November.

4th—E. Beattie and G. Hill (equal), J. Flesher.

3rd sr.—E. Hill, F. Gibson, H. Pallister.

2 sr.—E. Beattie, C. Milligan.

Sr 2nd—F. Teater.

Jr 2nd—D. Gibson, E. Hill, M. Love, Sr Pt 2nd—M. Hill, K. Milligan, H. Baker, E. Purvis.

Jr Pt 2nd—S. Phillips, L. Phillips, F. Teater.

Sr Pt 1—L. White, B. Cargo, H. Carter, E. Hill.

Jr 1—G. Gibson, O. Baker.

K. L. Campbell, teacher.

Report of S. S. No. 19, Ephrasia for November.

4—G. Wiley.

3 sr.—B. Carruthers, I. Shaw, N. Wiley.

3 jr.—I. Thompson, J. Wiley, G. Cherry.

2 sr.—E. Buskin, L. Wiley, H. Wiley, G. Wiley.

2 jr.—R. Wiley, O. Shaw, W. Wiley, E. Wiley.

Pt 2 sr.—M. Favocett, J. Cherry.

Pt 2 jr.—A. Wiley, B. Shaw, O. Wiley, Pt 1—H. Morwood.

The names of those who attended school every day during the month are: B. Carruthers, I. Thompson, J. Wiley, L. Wiley, K. Wiley.

E. M. Small, Teacher.

S. S. No. 18, Ephrasia, for November.

4—E. Neely, E. Gordon, J. Varey, B. Taylor.

3—M. Cook, G. Anderson, H. Jarrett, M. Varey.

2 sr.—H. Curry, E. Neely, L. Cook, R. J. Trickey.

2 jr.—H. Falls, E. Reid, R. Kelly, I. Miller.

Pt 2 sr.—L. Neely, R. Cook, H. Kelly.

Pt 2 jr.—E. Falls, F. Clark, E. Clark, L. Perry.

Pt 1 sr.—H. Cook, L. Sewell.

Pt 1 jr.—P. Clark, H. Drummond.

Average attendance 24.

Good conduct pupils—E. Neely, M. Cook, G. Anderson, H. Falls, L. Neely, E. L. Douglas, Teacher.

S. S. No. 7, Ephrasia for November.

5—E. Black.

4—M. Knott, H. Knott, H. Clingston, T. Knott.

3 sr.—M. Hutchinson, L. Rogers, E. Shore.

3 jr.—R. Mathewson, V. Shore, H. Kerr and E. Knott equal, E. Eaton.

2 sr.—C. Eaton, W. Knott.

2 jr.—L. Cook, C. Eaton, J. Shore, C. Rogers.

Pt 2—H. Knott, C. Cook.

Pt 1—S. Hawken, H. Mathewson, E. Rogers.

The names of those who attended school every day during the month are: E. Black, E. Eaton, B. Eaton, C. Eaton, E. Knott, F. Cook, R. Mathewson.

Average attendance 22.

S. L. Johnston, Teacher.

A Good Quarter Dollar's Worth is contained in a bottle of **Poison's** Nerviline, which cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Toothache, Headache, Croup, Sore Throat, Stomach and Digestion. Mothers find Nerviline is a first class liniment for children's sore throat, hoarseness, cold in the chest, and taken in hot water before retiring is a splendid remedy for colds. Don't be without Nerviline; it's the most economical, potent and reliable household liniment, and costs only 25 cts. Dr. Hamilton's Pills cure Constipation.

A Journalistic Change.

Mr. J. S. Willison, who has been editor-in-chief of the Toronto Globe for six years, has resigned his position, in order that he may go into another newspaper venture, on strictly independent lines. Mr. Willison states that he leaves the Globe on the very best of terms with all his associates, and the probabilities are that a much more lucrative position has been offered him, with wider scope than is possible on a party paper. He has very greatly elevated the tone of Journalism since his association with the Globe, and given it a standing that it had not possessed for years. Mr. Willison has high ideas of Journalism, and it is not at all likely that he will have any quarrel with the principles or party that he has so ably supported. But with unlimited capital behind him he may be able to work out his ideals better than he otherwise could. It is said that efforts have been made to purchase one of the papers in Toronto, so far unsuccessfully, but a new paper will be started if one cannot be purchased. Mr. Willison's departure from the Globe office, where he has labored for twenty years, was made the occasion of a most felicitous episode last Friday, when he was presented by the Globe staff with a magnificent set of table silver as a tribute of esteem.

F. T. HILL & CO.

A BIG HARDWARE STOCK

People who visit our hardware department for the first time, invariably express surprise at the largeness and completeness of our stock. Almost everything pertaining to hardware is to be had here. We've a big store—and a big stock. Just think—Independent of a large cellar where oils, etc. are stored, we have a floor space of 3,500 square feet, all used for hardware. Few hardware stores north of Toronto are located in such a commodious building, while in very complete, particularly in such lines as:

- Cook Stoves & Ranges
- Heaters, Drums
- Lamps and Lanterns
- Skates, Hockey Sticks
- Saws and Axes
- Glass, Putty
- Paints, Oils
- Oil Cans
- Cutlery
- Tinware
- Woodenware
- Graniteware

Big Assortment and Special Values in FUR CAPS.

- 98 Imitation Beaver Caps, (all sizes,) rich, glossy fur, quilted satin lining, a thoroughly warm and durable cap, without being unnecessarily heavy. Best values to be had at 2.65, 2.75, 3.50 and 3.75
- 18 Coney Caps, (all sizes,) wedge shaped, satin lined, close, soft, heavy fur, a thoroughly satisfactory cap at a very small price 1.40
- 24 Sporting Caps, (all sizes,) beautiful electric seal, heavy quilted satin lining, particularly warm and comfortable, two prices \$2.75 and 2.95
- Jockey Electric Seal Caps, (all sizes,) beautiful rich glossy fur, heavy quilted satin lining, a cap that will give thoroughly satisfactory wear, each 3.00
- 18 Electric Seal Caps, (all sizes,) beautiful dark, rich fur, quilt in weight and thoroughly durable. This is one of the very best caps we've ever seen at the price, each 3.50
- 42 Black Persian Lamb Caps, wedge shape or with band. This ever popular cap is shown this season in the prettiest curls we've been able to secure. All sizes, each the best representation of its price to be had at 2.75, 5.50, 5.75, 5.90, 6.50, 6.75, 7.00 and 7.50
- 24 Ladies and Childrens Gray Persian Lamb Caps. In these we make a very complete showing in almost every quality and size could possibly be desired. If you want a really good cap we are sure we can suit you. \$2.50, 2.65, 2.75, 2.95, 3.40 and 3.50

We guarantee all Fur Goods.

Bought specially for the Xmas Trade. Nuts, Candies, Oranges, Lemons, Currants, Raisins, Spices, Peels, Icing Sugar, Extracts, etc., etc.

Our customers want the best and we're in a position to furnish them.

Nearly 1000 pairs Men's and Boys' Heavy Rubbers.

Good goods bought cheap and sold accordingly. We can give you what you want at the price you want to pay. Come in and see them.

GENTLEMEN—See our Ready-to-wear Suits and Overcoats.

F. T. HILL & CO.

Berkley

Sleighting is good and the farmers are rushing in their wood and sawlogs. Samuel Wright has disposed of his stock and farm implements and intends going West.

W. H. Reid has rented George Walker's farm on 70 sideroad for a term of years.

Miss Semple, having decided to leave the trustees of S. S. No. 5 have engaged Miss McCaul, of Toronto, as teacher for 1903 at a salary of \$300.

Miss Kate Anderson arrived home from Toronto on Saturday.

The time for municipal elections is drawing near. Who is going to be the candidate in this locality.

The Conservatives met on Saturday evening and appointed delegates to attend a convention in Owen Sound on the 4th inst. to select a candidate for the coming election for the House of Commons.

There was a large turnout of the electors on the 4th inst. The vote at this place being 145 for the Liquor Act with only 8 against it. The vote polled at the general election of 1898 is said to have been 171.

Stock Men Say They Are All Right.

Prof. A. V. M. Day's English Tonic Powders (Five separate packages) for Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep and Poultry. They make tonic food. Make healthy and fat.

Agents, W. TURNER, Markdale and D. CAMPBELL, Dundalk.

Send two cent stamp for free sample of Cream for Calves.

Address: Day's Stock Food Co., Toronto, Canada.

A Bad Breath

A bad breath means a bad stomach, a bad digestion, a bad liver. Ayer's Pills are liver pills. They cure constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, sick headaches.

25c. All druggists.

Some Reasons

Why You Should Insist on Having EUREKA HARNESS OIL

Used by any other, renders hard leather soft. Especially prepared. Keeps out water. A heavy bodied oil.

HARNESS is an excellent preservative. Reduces cost of your harness. Never burns the leather; its efficiency is increased. Secures best service. Stitches kept from breaking.

OIL is sold in all localities. Manufactured by Imperial Oil Company.

C. J. Ballard, Fashionable Tailor, Markdale.

Gentlemen can have their own cloth made up in latest style. New fashion plates now in. All work guaranteed.

Business Locals.

The horse shoeing J. D. Watson has moved to his new quarters, and for repairs ditto.

McNally has already received a car load of outtars and can supply the trade to perfection.

Stephenson, the jeweller, is showing a fine line of watches for the Xmas and at out prices.

A team of general purpose horse mules, 8 and 9 years old. Will be sold. Apply to M. Oliver, V. S. Show.

E. C. McNally is prepared to do kinds carriage repairs, re-painting promptly and mechanically. Reside at Markdale carriage works.

Don't take any chances in a good come straight to R. S. Rao's tailoring clothing establishment and proceed thoroughly satisfactory article.

W. H. Theaker, the photographer, pleases his customers in his line, early and procure some up-to-date photos to send your friends for Xmas.

For SALE.—One second hand store, top oven, without crack on also some furnishings with it, good repair. John Buskin, house, Ephrasia.

The Toronto Daily Star is growing in popularity and justly so. Subscriptions taken at this office. The Star and Star from now till the end of 1903 for only \$2.80.

HONORS FOR SALE.—One bay driver, rising five years; also brown filly, rising two years, each both sound in every respect. To Thos. Neely, Markdale.

Notice is hereby given that I am not responsible for any goods cured or debts contracted by person but myself without my order. Robt. Williams, Berkelley.

Tenders wanted for the construction of a barn with stone stabling, 120x60. Tenders for plans whole received. For particulars apply to McCullough & Young's bank, Markdale.

TENDERS WANTED.—Tenders accepted up to the 20th December noon for building a brick school S. S. No. 14, Egrement. Plans specifications to be seen at Knox's, Boothville.

Five hundred tons old iron Mr. H. Cornfield is in Markdale old iron, rags and rubbers. Fifty cents a hundred for all kinds four cents a pound for old iron, twenty cents for horse hair. Please leave your order at the Hotel, Markdale, or send a note to Mr. Cornfield here and he will deliver at the City Hotel.

As I have contracted with Deering Harvester Co. I am in a position to sell you all the farm implements. Any person being talking to using Deering's claim they are a very light machine, durable and first material. I also intend to keep a good stock of repair material. They are now building in Hamilton can get anything we want at short notice. I have also a number of cutters on hand which sold before the new year—reasonable prices. It will be interest to come and see me buy. J. W. Knott, Markdale.

For Sale. Lot 22, con. S. Glenelg, formerly owned by Mr. A. Caskell. Apply to Lucas, McArdle.

Too Much of a Good Thing. It is not often any business obliged to stop looking for a better, but we are informed from sources that the publisher Family Herald and Weekly Montreal have been forced to meet the enormous rush of subscriptions during December testimonials from such men as Wade, Registrar of Live Stock, Shaw, F. W. Hodson, Dominion Stock Commissioner, and of the value of the Family Herald has created an immense number of new subscribers. They will devote their attention to renewals and new subscribers are sent unsolicited.

Firm to be Wound Up. An order was granted last consent to wind up the late Messrs. McFarland, Gray & Co. wholesale manufacturers of shirts and overalls, 41, Front West, Toronto. A meeting of creditors and shareholders the previous afternoon, was decided to go into liquidation application for a winding up made by Mr. W. J. McFarland shareholder and was not opposed. Liabilities are about \$10,000 assets nominally of the same amount. Mr. E. R. C. Clarkson was interim liquidator. The company organized with a capital of which \$100,000 was paid understood that the company offer to their creditors.