MERCER'S, Markdale's Cheapest and Most Reliable Store.

Mercer has again at the commencement of another year to thank his many friends and customers for their very liberal patronage during the past year, which has been the biggest and best year's business he has ever done by several thousand dollars; and during the present year he is bound to still further increase his trade, and the only inducement he holds out to bring people his way is

Good Goods and Low Prices.

HERE ARE SOME REASONS why you can get the best values at Mercer's: His expenses are not half what other merchants are to do the same amount of business; He pays cash for every dollar's worth of goods that comes into his store; Pays no rent or interest; His profits are all his own; Don't buy his business on the market; Keeps a better class of goods than other merchants—hence the reason it will pay you to buy your goods from Mercer. As usual after the holiday rush we clear out all winter goods at special reductions, such as Mens Fur Coats, Ladies Fur Coats, Caps, Caperines, Ruffs and all furs, Mens and Boys Overcoats, Suits and Reefers, Blankets, Comforters, etc. Come and see us and profit by our bargains.

H. MERCER, MARKDALE.

JOHN CHAPMAN, MARKDALE.

The rush of December is over, but

FURNITURE

at CHAPMAN'S continues to attract buyers and prices are equally attractive. Our fall trade has proven quite large, but the stock is replenished weekly and thus kept up. I now return thanks for past favors and wish all

A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

JOHN CHAPMAN

FOR a FEW DAYS

Everything we have in Holiday Goods will be sold at greatly reduced prices.

W. TURNER & CO.

Markdale.

Harkaway

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wiley and daughter spent Christmas in Meaford.

Our teacher for 1903, Miss McIntyre, of Orangeville, arrived on Saturday and will be trying for the next year to teach the young ideas how to shoot.

One of those pleasing events which take place too seldom transpired here last Monday evening, when the members and adherents of the Methodist church here met in the basement of the church and presented Miss L. Murdoch, the retiring organist, who has filled the position faithfully for the past year, with an address and a magnificent bracelet. Miss V. Hawken read the address, while Miss Louie Lyons made the presentation. Miss Murdoch feelingly replied, after which lunch was served, then all wended their way homeward.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Scott, of Owen Sound, were down for the wedding and visited other friends in the neighborhood.

We understand that Mr. Jas. Clark has purchased Mr. Wm. Lyons' farm, after looking over the most of Grey county. He came to the conclusion that Harkaway is the proper place for a progressive farmer to locate.

Wodehouse

Christmas has come and gone. To a great many it brought joy and rejoicing, but to some sorrow and grief. We are particularly well pleased to say that Mr. R. H. Wiley, whose health for the past few months has been such as to cause alarm, is now much improved and good hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Mr. S. J. Wiley has moved into Mr. R. H. Wilcox's house, there to reside with his charming young bride.

The Post Office Inspector paid our village a visit one day last week. Of course we expect he found things in good order.

W. C. Harris has secured the contract for the putting up of Mr. McCullough's mammoth barn, on lot 4, con. 9, and has his men at work getting out the timber.

We do not care for boasting, but we do feel proud of this polling division, No. 9, Euphrasia, regarding the Referendum vote. Out of 80 available votes, 65 "Yes" and only 1 "No." We challenge any division in the county to beat that, in fact we are not afraid of any in the province.

Ere this appears in print we suppose it will be decided whether Davis or Erskine will assist in steering the municipal ship for another year.

Maxwell

Will ye editor accept our sincere thanks for the calendar for 1903. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year.

A very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday of last week in the Methodist church when Mr. Ed. Hawton and Miss Fleshia Brownridge were united in wedlock. Miss Laura Brownridge, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. Hawton, cousin of the groom, acted as best man. A large number followed them to the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brownridge, where a sumptuous dinner was spread. The young couple left on the 5 o'clock train to spend their honeymoon with relatives at Mount Albert. We wish the young couple a happy and prosperous journey through life.

Mr. Geo. Buckingham occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church here last Sabbath morning.

The Misses Small, of Orange Valley, were the guests of Miss Julia Guy last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Scott spent the past week with their relatives in Moncton.

The Christmas Tree and entertainment in connection with the Sabbath School was a decided success.

Mr. Albert Long moved last Monday to the shop belonging to Mr. Ed. Pedlar.

Mr. Walter Kerton returned home last Monday from Toronto where he had been visiting his relatives.

The C.O.F. held their annual meeting on December 27th, when the following officers were elected:—P.C.R., Chas. Heron; C. R., Geo. Burk; V.C.R., Wm. Wright; Chap., Fred Spoffard; R. S., Wm. Moffat; F. S., W. H. Guy; Treas., Chas. Long; S. W., Wm. Clark; J. W., J. Madden; S. B., J. Radley; J. B., C. Burk; Court Physician, Dr. Scott. Membership 46.

Honor Rolls.

Report of S. S. No. 18, Euphrasia, for December:

4—E Neely, E Gordon, J Varey, E Miller.

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

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

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

Pt. 2 sr.—R Cook, L Neely, H Kelly.

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

Pt. 1 sr.—L Sewell, H Cook.

Pt. 1 jr.—M Cook, R Drummond.

Average attendance 25.

Etta L. Douglas, Teacher.

F. T. HILL & CO.

December marks the close of the best month's business and the biggest year's business yet enjoyed by us. That we possess in a very large measure the confidence of the public at large is amply evidenced by our ever-increasing business—a confidence that we value more highly than anything else and which we shall always endeavor to merit. We thank you for your generous patronage during 1902 and solicit a continuance during 1903 which we trust may prove to one and all a Happy and Prosperous Year.

French Flannels and De Laines 25c.

About 75 yards fine all purewool, French Flannels and De Laines. These are strictly new goods that until now have sold at 40, 45 and 50c per yard. The price we put on them now is the lowest we have ever heard of—clearing at per yard only 25

French Flannel Blouses 78c.

18 French Flannel Blouses (assorted sizes) beautifully made and nicely colored, fine all-wool goods. Blouses worth up to 1.65, clearing now for only 78

Ladies Underwear 50c.

10 dozen Ladies Vests and Drawers, fine ribbed wool goods, silk trimmed and first class in every respect—the 75c quality at each 50

Boys and Youth's Moccasins 78c

34 pairs Boys and Youths Moccasins—the regular 1.25 quality on sale now at per pair 78

Blankets 2.65 a pair.

20 pairs all-wool grey Blankets, extra nice quality—goods that are thoroughly dependable, full, large size and very cheap. Per pair only 2.65

1.25 Table Linen for 78c.

Nearly 200 yards extra fine satin-finish Table Linen with width and sold everywhere at 1.25 per yard. We bought this ourselves, away under price, hence the reason for such exceptional value. Until all is sold this 1.25 Table Linen with us will be 78

All Wool Hose 9c.

10 dozen pairs Misses' All-wool Hose, sizes 7, 7½, 8. These goods in the usual way would sell at 15c pr., but having bought them cheap we sell them accordingly. Per pair 9c. 3 pair for 25

Boots, per pair, $1.00.

Over 150 pairs of Shoes for men, women, boys and girls, go on our bargain table this week—odds and ends though mostly all sizes. Some of these are worth up to 2.50 and every pair is a bargain. Your choice while they last per pair only 1.00

Nice assortment of Mens Larrigans included in above lot.

75c Homespun for 48c.

150 yards heavy Blue and Grey Homespun, full 54 inches wide. These very desirable goods are too well known to require any recommend. Regular 75c Homespun on sale now at per yard only 48

Special prices in MILLINERY for next two weeks. We want to clear it all out.

Family Syrup in pails at 50, 1.00 and 1.20. This is nice-flavored amber syrup—the best that money can buy.

Business is always rushing in our **HARDWARE DEPARTMENT.** Almost everything you can think of is to be had here. See us before you buy.

We're still selling **Pennoline Coal Oil,** the best oil in the market. If you've been trying unsuccessfully to burn inferior grades of oil just try a gallon of Pennoline and do not forget to clean the wick in your lamp-burner. Pennoline is guaranteed to be the best oil in the market, and is not sold everywhere in town.

F. T. HILL & CO.

Report of S. S. No. 7, Euphrasia, for the month of December.

5—E Black.

4—H Clugston, M Knott, H Knott, B Knott.

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

3 jr.—O Daley, E Knott, V Shore, R Mathewson.

2nd sr.—C Eaton, W Knott, J Cornfield.

2 jr.—F Cook, J Shore, C Rogers, B Eaton.

Pt. 2—H Knott, C Cook.

The names of those who attended school every day during the month are: E Black, H Knott, F Cook, V Shore, J Shore, M Knott.

Average attendance 25.

S. L. Johnston, Teacher.

Report of U.S.S. No. 1, Holland and Euphrasia, for December.

5 sr.—P Wickham, M King and R Kirkham, L Kirkham.

5 jr.—M King, O Mower.

4—M Dyce, R Lemon, R Shepherdson, A McEachern.

3—F Lemon, N Smith, J King, L McQuaker.

2 sr.—M Marshall, R Shepherdson and G Seabrook, J Ptolemy, G Ptolemy H McLellan.

2 jr.—S Shepherdson, G Wickham and B Dyce, H King and B Quinton, V Ptolemy and B Dyce.

Pt. 2—V Mower.

Pt. 1—H McCullough, E Marshall.

A. J. Fries, Teacher.

Nervous, Sleepless & Exhausted

Not sick enough to lay up, but you are out of sorts, blood is weak, nerves unstrung, kidneys deranged, vitality is low. You should take Ferrozone at once; it will enrich, strengthen and purify the blood, invigorate and pacify the nerves, and increase your energy, vitality and power. Ferrozone will renew your appetite and digestion, make you sleep soundly—in fact will make you well. Try Ferrozone, price 50c. per box, or 6 boxes for $2.50; at druggists or N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont. Sold by R. L. Stephen.

Clubbing Rates.

STANDARD and Weekly Sun	$1 75
STANDARD and Globe	1 75
STANDARD and Mail	1 75
STANDARD and Toronto Daily Star	2 30
STANDARD and Daily News	2 30
STANDARD and Family Herald	1 75
STANDARD and Weekly Witness	1 75
STANDARD & Farmer's Advocate	1 90
STANDARD & Christian Guardian	2 00

These rates include premiums.

MUSICAL

Come direct to WILSON'S MUSIC STORE, Markdale, for Christmas Goods in

Banjos, Violins, Pianos, Organs, Guitars, Cornetos, Accordeolets, Autoharps, Mandolins, Harmonicas

Also a choice collection of Ballads, Sentimentals, Songs, Vocal and Instrumental Books and sheet music; and don't forget that one of my Singer Sewing Machines would make a magnificent and very acceptable Xmas. present.

T. F. Wilson, Main st. Markdale.

Watch Repairing

My repair bench is laden with watches for repair—an evidence of the fact that the watch-wearing public know to whom to entrust their repair work. My bench is equipped with the most modern and up-to-date tools that can be found anywhere. When in need of any repairs I believe that a trial will convince you that I can serve your interests as well as the best.

W. J. SHORTILL

Jeweller and Optician,

Markdale.

C. P. R. TIME TABLE

MARKDALE STATION

Going South	7.30 a.m.	4.00 p.m.
Going North	12.20 a.m.	3.40 p.m.

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Berkshire boar, on lot 21, 2nd con. east T. S. Road, Holland. Terms—$1.00 at time of service or $1.25 if not then paid. W. J. Middleton. 1286

Stops the Cough and works off the Cold

Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

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.

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To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Markdale Markets.

Corrected each Wednesday.

Fall wheat	$ 69	to 68
Spring wheat	69	to 68
Barley	30	to 30
Oats	26	to 28
Pease	70	to 72
Butter	18	to 20
Eggs, fresh	20	to 22
Hay, per ton	5 00	to 6 00
Potatoes, per bag	85	to 1 00
Wool	13	to 15
Beef	5 00	to 6 00
Pork	6 00	to 7 50
Hides	4 00	to 6 00
Tallow, per lb	8	to 10
Turkeys, per lb	12	to 15
Ducks, per lb	8	to 10
Chickens	6	to 8
Apples, per bag	50	to 75
Flour, per bbl	3 60	to 3 90
Bran, per cwt	90	to 90
Shorts, per cwt	90	to 90
Chop, per cwt	1 20	to 1 20
Sheep skins	60	to 75

January 8, 1903.

FLESHERTON HAPPENINGS

(By our own Correspondent.)

The Methodist Sabbath School ually a large measure of succes eir anniversary entertainments ew Year's evening and this y as no exception to the rule. Del l weather and good sleighing ributed to the attendance which t e seating accommodation of urch and added to the exchequ e school $75.10. After an exce s served in the school room, of urch a well-prepared progra as rendered in the auditorium, hich opened with a rousing ch Rule, Brittania," in which, as w e choruses which followed, Trimble presided at the organ Rev. Wilson led on the cornet. astor, who presided, called on T. R. White, of Eugenia, to le rayer, after which for two ongs, recitations and dialogues eeded each other and were many hearty tokens of appreciati e audience. Space does not p ention of all but those who in tions were specially good were Mitchell, a tot of five years, Armstrong, Lily Boyd, Lulu Mi Ella Barnhouse and Ella Karsted otion song by three little girl ne given by seven girls were numbers. Sweetly sung and pl olos were rendered by Miss Boyd and little Misses Elsie Barn nd Ruby Trimble. A selection, Graces—Faith, Hope and Ch represented by Miss Christina ardson, Misses Minnie and Anni assisted by ten flower girls and Allie Joy who crowned "Ch Queen, was a number that m much applause. "Moonlight o Lake" was rendered by the Joy s and Miss Ethel Trimble recite Organ Builder in a manner elicited hearty applause. Miss tina Richardson appeared in two bers: "Aunt Melissip's Opinion of and "Me and Jim," in both of she had the ear of the audien was given unmistakable evide appreciation. Dr. Murray pre the Financial Statement which s cash on hand January 1, 1902, receipts during the year, $124.88 $181.01; expenditure, $121.48, on hand, $60.03, to which is to b the receipts of this anniversa above noted. The National A brought the proceedings to a cl

After a quarter of a centu married life Mr. and Mrs. A Bentham celebrated at their hom on Friday evening last the t fifth anniversary of their weddi In addition to their own childre F. Sheppard, of Eugenia, Willi Edwin of this place, there were over forty guests—relatives and —who were pleased to do the es couple honor. A sumptuous w dinner was served after whi evening was enjoyably spent company. A large number of be presents in silver were rece appropriate mementoes of the c

At the annual meeting of the W. lodge held here on Tuesday ing of last week Officers were for 1903 as follows: Robt. Best, Workman; Alf Harrison, F Alf. Stewart, Overseer; W. J. B Fin. Sec.; Jas. Felstead, Recor G. Cole, Receiver; T. A. Guide; W. J. Moore, I.W.; Sharp, O.W.; John Chard, W. J. Bellamy, Alternate. Th is in a prosperous conditior membership about 70.

At the annual public school here last week. Mr. Wm. D retiring trustee, who has ser past six years was re-elected. opened on Monday with a fair attendance. Miss Phillips of has succeeded Mrs. Brown second form.

Married—In Artemesia, on day, December 31st, by Rev Wilson, B.D., of this place, M T. Clark to Miss Mary A. In Artemesia, on the above d by Rev. Wilson, Mr. Wm. J. to Miss Mary Simpson.

The municipal elections in A were keenly contested and a la was polled. Reeve McTavish turned with a substantial majo two of the old councillors, Al and Jos. Gibson, were also the former leading with a la George Thompson of Port L under, Mr. T. R. McKenzi same neighborhood taking h Robt. Best is a new man who chair vacated by Mr. Boyd. son and J. Adams who were n resigned.

Flesherton Police Trustees Boyd, W. W. Trimble and Wilson elected by acclamat other nominees having also

Mr. W. Trimble has purcha new bus sleigh which he pu road on Monday.

The auditors of the East Gr cultural Society have audited for 1902 and find after all have been met over four dollars cash on hand.

Mr. M. K. Beaton was in