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Christmas will soon be here.

Don't put off any longer the buying you can do to-day. Select now, while you have the biggest choice.

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H. MERCER, Markdale.

To My Patrons: Greeting

What about your Xmas shopping. Xmas Bells will soon ring merrily. Have you selected your Xmas gift; if not, you cannot do better than select your gift from my beautiful and well-assorted stock of

- Watches Chains Lockets Charms Studs Cuff Links Rings Emblem Pins Bracelet Brooches Stick Pins Necklaces Long Guards Baby Bracelets Baby Pins

J. H. STEPHENSON Jeweller and Optician.

Farm for Sale.

Lot 8, con. 12 Glencoe, 150 acres, about one half under cultivation, and the balance hardwood bush and pasture.

Farms for Sale.

Lots 49 and 50, 3rd east of T. & S. Road, Holland, 100 acres, 75 acres under crop and pasture.

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100 acres, better than 50 and 51, west of Centre, about 30 rods from the C. P. R. station.

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About 55 acres, being lots 20 and 21, west of the T. & S. Road, situated in the village of Holland.

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MARKDALE, DECEMBER 17, 1903.

MRS. SULLIVAN DEAD.

(Thayer (Kansas) Independent News.) Catherine A. Sullivan died at her residence, 2 1/2 miles east of Thayer, November 27th, 1903, at 3 o'clock a.m.

Mr. W. T. Rundie, butcher, got word on Tuesday telling him of the accidental death by shooting of his nephew, Rundie, formerly of this town.

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After reading of minutes the following were read: Account of F. J. Hamilton, repairs to grader, 25c; order of Judge Morrison, for payment of costs Court for Revision of Voters' Lists 1903, \$14.32; statement of work on townline Holland and Sullivan by Jas. McAvoy, commissioner for Sullivan, \$93.18.

On motion these accounts were paid. Mr. English complained that deviation of townline Holland and Glencoe was obstructed by fences, and advocated arbitration of dispute.

Councillors Greenaway and Gillespie were appointed to see to the removal of fence, and the clerk was instructed to inform the reeve of Glencoe that the council intended to remove obstructions forthwith and ask the co-operation of Glencoe in the matter.

By-law No. 10, appointing deputy returning officers and polling places for elections of 1904, was read and passed.

The reeve and clerk were appointed to get quotations and make enquiries respecting a fire proof safe for keeping the township documents in.

Council will meet again on Tuesday, December 15th.

James P. Hare, Clerk.

East Mountain.

(Crowded out last week.) The Rev. Mr. Mills was in our neighborhood on Tuesday last for the purpose of performing the rite of baptism at the home of Mr. Robert Allen and Mr. Thompson Allen.

Mr. J. M. Braniff and sister, Miss Ella, drove down to Banks on Saturday last and spent Sunday with friends at that place.

We are sorry to learn of the recent illness of Mr. Matthew Simons, and hope he will soon be better.

Messrs. Ed. and Will O'Brien received the sad intelligence on Wednesday last of the death of their sister, Mrs. Sullivan, of Thayer, Kansas.

Mrs. Annie Thompson and family of Eugenia, visited friends here last week.

9th Line, Euphrasia.

(Crowded out last week.) Hurrah for the Ninth Line regu-lators. Mr. B. Cutting has purchased a new outfit.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Gould, of Granton, are spending the wane of their honeymoon with Mr. G.'s parents.

Messrs. G. Nesbitt and A. Cherry have purchased a new clover huller which is giving prodigious satisfaction.

Dundalk

(Intended for last week.) Rev. J. Hill, rector of St. John's English church, has resigned, and the church is at present without a rector.

Mr. T. Wright, of Toronto Junction, was in town on Tuesday on business.

Two Dundalk citizens are at present occupying cots in the Toronto General Hospital. They are Messrs. Jas. Clary and Seymour Traynor.

The Herald dined on a prairie chicken which was brought east by Mr. Thomas Lockhart, of Weyburn, N.W.T., who is on a visit to his parents in this neighborhood.

The Herald Methodists church will hold anniversary services Monday next and a tea-meeting on the Monday evening following.

The Queen's hotel and the Grand Central were visited unexpectedly by Inspector Harris and as a result both proprietors were charged with illegally selling of whisky.

Priceville

(Crowded out last week.) A parlor social was held at the Priceville on the 17th under the auspices of the Ladies Aid (Methodist).

Mr. Peter McArthur and seven other hunter friends were out for a few days in the wilds of Proton, and captured seven deer.

Mr. Alex. McLeod's new chopper is doing good work and his trade in this line is increasing.

A couple of loads of villagers drove out on the evening of the 1st December to the parlor social held under the auspices of the Ladies Aid (Methodist) at the residence of Mr. J. J. Lyman on the 5th con. Artesia.

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Mens' and Boys' Clothing.

Our stock in this department is now unusually attractive, many of the goods being bought specially for the Christmas season. In price, natty suits we have exactly what you want, and in Dress Overcoats our stock is such that you'll find them anywhere. We want you to see them before you select something else.

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Court Markdale I.O.F. Meets in Rae's hall the third day in the month at 8 o'clock. Assesses must be paid to clerical secretary. Frank Gifford before the last day of the month. McArthur, O.R. J. O. Flett.