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Proton Station.

(Intended for last week.)

Season's greetings to the STANDARD staff; also its many readers.

Died,—In Kincardine, on Thursday, December 31st, Mrs. Fred Ryder, wife of Fred. Ryder, of this place. Mrs. Ryder had been spending a couple of months with her brother at Kincardine and had made preparations to come home on the day she died. Although not enjoying the best of health for some time previous to her death, still her case was not considered at all dangerous up to within an hour of dying. The funeral was conducted yesterday (Sunday) by the Rev. Jeffrey Hill, of Dundalk, pastor of deceased, to Flesherton cemetery. The deceased leaves a husband and two sons to mourn her loss. Among those from a distance who attended the funeral were her brothers, Samuel Wright, of Honyfrew, William Wright, of Kincardine, John Bryan, brother-in-law, Durham, Mrs. James Rutherford, sister, Toronto.

Misses Maud and Edith Carson, of Toronto; also Miss Miss May, of Everette, are spending the holidays with their parents.

Miss Annie, Saunders, who has been home for a few days from the city, returned this week.

Edward Wellwood and wife, of Shelburne, were guests of Mrs. Abe Sherson on Sunday.

O. G. Brooks spent Xmas. week with friends in and around Holland Centre.

Miss Eva Rundle, of Dundalk, was the guest of Miss Ethel Neilson over Sunday.

John Oxford and wife, of Stratford, were guests of Mrs. R. Neilson, during the holidays.

T. Thompson, and bride, of the city, were spending their honeymoon with their cousin, Mrs. Gilbert McCannell last week.

Thomas Stephens and wife spent a week with friends in St. Thomas recently.

J. C. Wright and wife spent Xmas. with friends in Kincardine.

Miss Gracie Wurts, of Brampton, is spending some time with her brother, Fred, at present.

Mrs. H. G. Hunter, of Varney, spent Xmas. vacation with her sister, Mrs. Fred Wurts.

Neil McCannel and family spent Sunday with friends near Swinton Park.

Aaron Wurts and wife spent New Years with friends in Markdale.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tucker, Dromore; James H. Tucker, Carleton Place; Miss Minnie Cottenden, Toronto, and J. W. Tucker, Markdale; spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rennie, in the suburbs.

Thos. Mino has moved into the house recently vacated by Mrs. Wm. Hodgins.

Sam Henderson and family, of Toronto, spent the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Robert Carson.

Alex. Stewart received a wire informing him of the death last week of his sister, Mrs. Scott, of Angus. Mrs. Scott formerly lived on the farm now owned by John Ruddick.

Owing to unfavorable weather the annual tea-meeting of the Presbyterian Church here on the 27th was not the financial success it would have been had the roads been more passable.

Miss Mary Consley is at present under medical attendance for la grippe which is quite prevalent around here this winter.

Eugenia

(Intended for last week.)

What a time mauling through snow drifts, but just wait till after elections, then we may expect the sun in its brightness, which will soon clear our roads of all the surplus snow.

The Kentucky Rosebud Company, which gave an entertainment on Tuesday evening in the Orange Hall, met with a failure, as the drifted roads made it impossible to get out.

Miss Maud Duckett gave a New Year's party to a number of her friends. A good time was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Andrew Sample, who was a former resident of this place, but now of Calgary, has been visiting friends in this vicinity. He looks as if that part of the country agreed with him.

Miss Norma McMullen has been engaged as teacher of the ninth school for the year just entered.

The sudden death from heart disease of Mr. Wm. Walker on Tuesday afternoon last near Flesherton station, where he had been with a load of poles, was a terrible shock to his family, as he was in the best of health and spirits when he left home after dinner. No one thought of him so soon to be called to his last sleep. His widow and family have the sympathy of all this community in their great sorrow. May the great comforter whisper peace to their sad hearts, and let them feel that our heavenly father doeth all things well. A large number of friends attended his funeral, which took place to Salem cemetery on Thursday afternoon, where his pastor, the Rev. Mr. Thom, performed the last sad rites. His brethern of the A.O.U.W. attended to his burial and consigned to the silent tomb, one universally respected and beloved; a loving husband, a tender father and a kind friend to all. He now rests from his labors, awaiting the glorious resurrection.

Mr. John Williams, of Brantford, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams, near Eugenia.

Born,—At Salem December 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald McDonald, a daughter.

The many friends of Mr. F. T. Carr are pleased to welcome him home again.

The Eugenia Court of the I. O. F. held their annual election of officers on December 31st, when the following officers were elected: C. D., T. E. Fenwick; P.C.R., J. M. Braniff; C.R., J. H. Jamieson; V.C.R., W. D. Campbell; R. S., J. M. Braniff; F. S., W. A. Weber; Chap., J. Britton; S.W., F. J. Weber; J.W., D. T. Lee; S.B. Duckett; J.B., B. Wilson. After business was transacted a lunch was served and a very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

Berkeley

(Intended for last week.)

There was no election in Holland on Monday all the new men withdrew on the day after nomination allowing the old council to be returned by acclamation.

Mr. and Mrs. Greir, of Dauphin, Manitoba, are visiting the latter's brother, Mr. Isaac Elder.

Arthur Clayton, of Toronto, is the guest of Thomas Anderson.

Miss Beatrice McKinley left on Monday for Owen Sound to attend the Northern Business College for a term. Ernest Ritchey returned on the same day to the Collegiate.

M.J. Pickell, of St. Michael's College, Toronto, arrived here on Saturday and is visiting his parents and other friends in this locality.

The young man who was trying to hide early on Friday morning should have returned a little sooner or got behind a larger tree.

Mrs. Kennedy arrived on Saturday from Manitoba on a visit to her brother, R. J. McKennett.

Minnis' Camp

Minnis Bros.' Camp is booming again after being closed for a few days at Christmas. About twenty-five men are working in the bush and have cleared about fifteen acres of cordwood and logs. About twenty teams are hauling wood and logs to Markdale.

We had a pleasant visit from Rev. Mr. Berry last week.

While splitting cordwood last week Mr. Ed. Breadner had the misfortune to cut his leg, which will lay him up for some time.

Some of Markdale citizens were kind enough to send out some papers and magazines, which we enjoy reading.

Some of our young men take a great interest in the sick, if we judge by the number of trips they take at night.

Some of our boys attended the entertainment at Kimberley, and report having had a good time.

Stomach Troubles.

A disordered stomach may cause no end of trouble. When the stomach fails to perform its functions the bowels become deranged, the liver and kidneys congested, causing numerous diseases, the most fatal of which are painless and therefore the more to be dreaded. The important thing is to restore the stomach and liver to a healthy condition, and for this purpose no better preparation can be used than Chamberlain's Stomach and liver tablets. For sale by R. L. Stephen.

Holland Centre

(Intended for last week.)

Miss Gale, who has been visiting friends here since summer, has returned to her home in Nebraska.

Mr. J. Sargent, who visited his parental home on the Toronto line during the Christmas holidays, is on his way back to Chicago.

Rev. T. Leonard exchanged pulpits with Rev. J. Black on Sunday last, each saving the other the difficulties of travelling on snow-blocked roads.

A sleigh load of young folks drove over from Massie last week to the house of Mr. Silverlock's, where they enjoyed themselves in a manner highly becoming the present festive season.

Mr. D. Telford has been re-elected public school trustee for S. S. No. 7.

Mr. A. Shutte's little daughter Gladys, who has been ill for some time, is recovering.

We are glad to know that Mr. Wm. Robinson is able to be around again.

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And others having claims against the estate of Robert Quinton, late of the township of Euphrasia, in the County of Grey, farmer, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario 1897, Chapter 129, that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Robert Quinton, who died on or about the 17th day of April, A.D. 1903, are required to send by post prepaid or deliver to the undersigned, solicitor for the executor of the said estate on or before the 12th day of February A.D. 1904, full particulars of their claims in writing and the securities, if any, held by them. And further take notice that after the said 12th day of February A.D. 1904, the executor will distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he has received notice.

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Too Many Goods

That's what's the trouble now. The continued storms and bad roads have played havoc with our sales of Winter Goods, and we admit the fact we've too many. There was but one way to get rid of them, but only one way to do it quickly, and that's the way we're going to do it. We cut the price away deep into prices, and in many cases not only plunged deep but taken off an extra slice to make a sure thing. We've made up our minds to take a stiff loss on many lines to move them out this January. We take stock next month and want the tables and shelves all cleared of winter goods. LOOK FOR THE GREEN TAG it tells the story—and remember the first here gets the best selection.

We have 29 of this season's mantles left. They are all the latest styles. Each one has a green tag attached which tells the former and reduced price. We have three prices in the lot, as follows:

LOT 1.

7 Ladies' Mantles regular 3.50 to 6.00, green tag price only 1.90

LOT 2.

5 Ladies' Mantles, 45 inch curl cloth, lined all through, box back, raglan style, our leader this winter at $5.00, green tag price 3.90

LOT 3.

17 Ladies' Mantles, the choicest styles and cloths of this season, Beavers, Friezes, Curl cloths, greys and blacks, regular prices $9.00, $10.00 and $12.00 each. Green Tag price 5.90

Furs 20 p.c. to 25 p.c. off.

We have determined to reduce the FUR STOCK now when other merchants are selling furs. By taking 20 per cent and 25 per cent off the price you know just what a bargain you get. This discount on Latest Astrachan Jackets marked as follows:

$22.50	Ladies Astrachan	Jackets for	$16.00.	$35.00	Astrachan Jackets for $25.00.
$30.00	" "	"	$24.50.	$40.00	" " "
$32.50	" "	"	$26.00.	$45.00	" " "

These Jackets are all bright glossy even curl; strong pelts, high collar, and all guaranteed to give entire satisfaction.

85c. Men's Shirts and Drawers for 58c.
68 Men's pure all-wool ribbed Shirts and Drawers in heavy weight, stamped unshrinkable and sold in regular way at 75c. and 85c. each. We will sell the lot while they last at each 58

60c. Shirts or Drawers for 39c.
78 Men's Sanitary Wool Fleeced Shirts and Drawers in all sizes, ribbed cuff on sleeves and splendid wearing goods, extra heavy, sold in regular way at 50c. and 60c., to clear the lot we have put them on the bargain counter at each 39

50c. to 1.00 Ladies' Hats for 9c.
Just think of it, a table of Ladies' Walking Hats and Shapes in medium and dark shades and not one of them worth less than 50c. and up to 1.00. All at this extremely low figure, each only 9

25c. Hose for 15c.
98 pairs of Ladies, Misses and Children's Plain Wool Hose, heavy weight, seamless feet, and sold in regular way at 25c. To clear, per pair 15

3.00 Men's Beavers for 1.48.
11 only Men's Beavers, in friezе cloth, color navy blue, some have fancy braid trimming and other fancy buttons. We have sold their lines at from 2.00 to 3.00. Green Tag price each 1.48

5.25 Men's Overcoats for 2.99.
16 only Men's three quarter coats in fancy tweeds from 36 to 46, comprising brown and navy blue heavy corded tweeds, also heavy grey frieze. All of them are in the latest style, bought in regular way at 5.25 and 5.00, our price at one price each 2.99

35c. Men's Heavy Mufflers for 13c.
29 Men's Oxford Mufflers in navy blue, polka dot and fancy patterns, good value at 35c. While they last at each 13

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15 only Mens 3 length grey Frieze Coats, regular 6.00 and 7.00 for 4.90
14 only Mens Oxford Grey Frieze Coats, Raglanette style, regular 8.00, 9.00 and 10.00 values all one price each 5.90
Look for price on green tag.

All Trimmed Millinery at half price.
14 only Trimmed Hats, suitable for Ladies and Misses, all the leading designs for winter wear. This week we will sell all Trimmed Hats at just one-half the regular price.

$3.00 Walking Hats for 50c.
53 Ladies and Misses Ready-to-Wear Hats, in light, medium and dark shades of felt, camel's hair, etc. These are samples bought at a clearing price and worth from $1.00 to $3.00, all at one price each 50

50c Caps for 25c.
About 15 Boys Cloth Caps in a large assortment of colors and styles, all of which are suitable for winter wear, being the kind with double slip band. The regular values are from 30c to 50c each, we have marked them for the week your choice 25

2.50 Mens Lumberman's Rubbers for 1.98
29 pairs Mens High 3-buckle Lumberman's Rubbers roll edge, all stamped "Stub Proof" which is sufficient guarantee for the wear, that we have been selling all season at 2.50 per pair, for this week only we will sell at per pair 1.98

25 Men's Lumberman Rubbers for 1.69
24 pairs Men's High One-Buckle Lumberman's Rubbers some "stub proof" others "Maltese Cross Brand." We have been selling these two lines at 2.25 per pair. To clear the lot we will sell them at per pair 1.69

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30 dozen large three-quarter size double damask "Pure Irish Linen" Table Napkins in a large assortment of floral patterns bought at one-third off regular value which means you can secure 1.50 Table Napkins for 1.00

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