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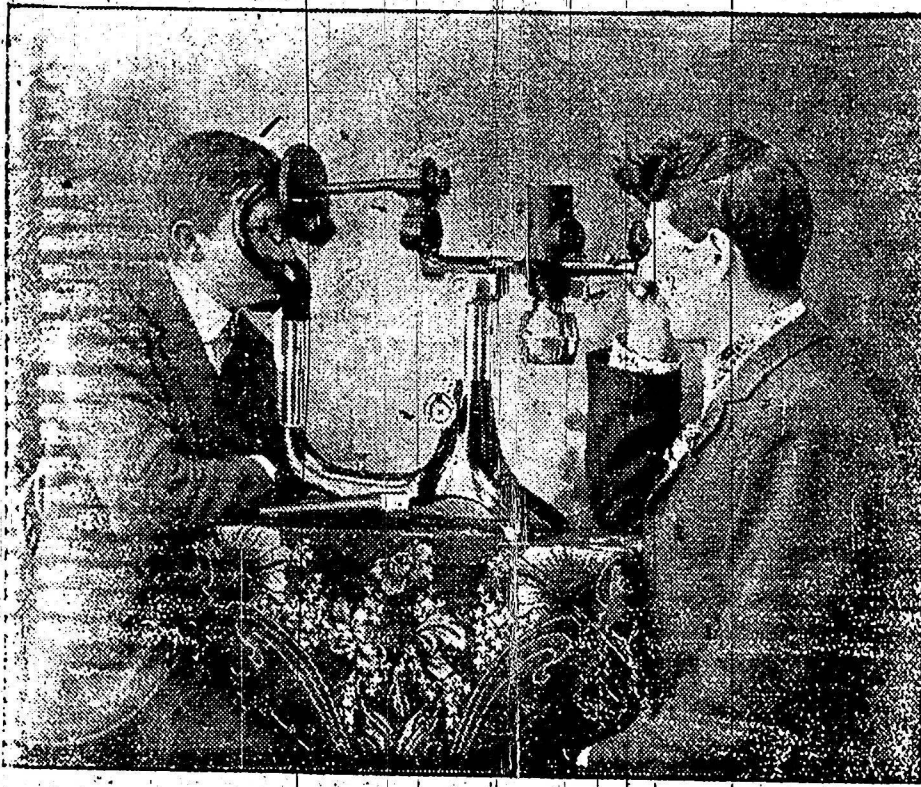
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## W. J. Shortill, Markdale

Watch Maker and Eye Specialist.

Mr. Turner, who has recently come out from London, England, played several cello solos and was loudly applauded. His tone is round, pure, and very telling, and he fully merits all the good things said about him.—Chatsworth News.

Marsh Hall, Markdale, Monday, Nov. 23.

Mr. George Quinel, of the 2nd of Misto, has a turkey gobbler that sat on eggs and hatched a batch of chickens recently.

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### NOTES

A press despatch from Ottawa, dated Nov. 19, says: "During the first nine months of this year the immigration department has deported 101 immigrants as being undesirable citizens. During the same period 1,286 people have been refused entry from the United States. These figures indicate the close supervision now being exercised by the Department over new arrivals in Canada. No country has ever received a better class of immigrants than the 120,000 who settled in the Dominion this year. It is understood that immigration has practically stopped for this year."

English papers are telling their readers and the world of a fine Christmas present—in value running up into the millions—to King Edward. This truly royal gift is the Cullinan diamond—a present from the Transvaal Government to His Majesty. The diamond is the largest in the world. Its value is estimated commercially at \$5,000,000. The diamond was split into two stones weighing respectively 1,700 and 1,000 carats. Some of the chips from these weigh 300 carats. The two larger stones will adorn the crown and the sceptre of the British sovereign. They are to be known as the Cullinan and Cullinan II.

The managers of the Canadian railways have issued a special order to their train employees regarding the rules for running trains. "For some time past," said an official, "there have been many accidents which have been attributed to the neglect of trainmen. When these men are brought up for investigation by a superintendent they invariably plead that they have not time to study the rules. They will have this excuse no longer, because we intend that they shall be examined every three months while in the company's service. We will give every man a fair chance to become familiar with the laws and if they fail to pass the examination they will be dismissed."

Too lazy to work and too proud to beg, a lot of good-for-nothing, shiftless, unprincipled subjects for the penitentiary are thinking out all sorts of schemes to rob and swindle honest people. Here is a case reported in last week's Buffalo papers: "Robt. T. Otis, son of the president of the Atlas Manufacturing Company of New Haven, Conn., according to his story, was arrested here Wednesday for securing money under false pretences. He admits that he has made at least \$50 a week for a year by 'working' cities in this country and in Canada. He declares that in Toronto he found plenty of easy money. His game has been to call upon prominent families, learning first some of their family connections in other cities, and during the conversation state that his pay cheque had gone to another city, and he would like to obtain the loan of ten dollars for transportation. He represented himself to be an auditor in the Bureau of Pensions."

Anyone who has visited Quebec will agree with Earl Grey that the English-speaking people of Canada have something to learn from their French compatriots in regard to the courtesies and amenities of life. The French-Canadian is always polite.—Toronto News.

There is undoubtedly a great charm about the natural and instinctive courtesy of the French-Canadian especially in the rural districts. The men salute the stranger with a cheerful, "Bon jour, M'sieur!" and the women courtesy quaintly with an old-fashioned grace. The little children are equally polite. And this courtesy goes farther than a passing salutation, for if a transient visitor should wish to obtain bed and board, he receives the very best within the house, however humble it may be, and no matter what trouble it may occasion. This is in marked contrast to other parts of Canada where the stranger is more likely to get a cold stare of curiosity, and where the children are in the same class with those who called after Elijah the Prophet. "Go up, thou Bald-head!"

## Discretion in Marrying.

Some interesting suggestions concerning discretion in marrying, if not in marriage, have recently been made in the reported utterances of a preacher in Boston and a professor at Harvard. The latter declared it to be a sin against the country for a man to marry whose earnings were less than \$800 a year, for the reason that it was not possible to bring up children properly on a smaller income, and to attempt to do so would add to the already overcrowded class of the poor and ignorant and thus lower the standard of American citizenship. The preacher went still further with a declaration that he would refuse to perform the marriage ceremony for any man whose income was less than \$12 a week, or for any person who was suffering from tuberculosis—the former because he considered it wrong to encourage the increase of poverty, and the latter because it was a sin to propagate through matrimony the ravages of the "great white plague." In theory and principle many will approve these utterances, though to a part of them some exceptions may be taken, and it is obvious that many difficulties would beset the way of putting them into execution. The evils of improvident marriage, which practically populate the world with pauper children, are obvious. Yet it would not be just to draw a strict pecuniary rule in the matter. Some parents are better fitted to care for children on \$600 a year than others on twice that sum. Moreover, marriage and its responsibilities are often incentives to thrift and to ambition which otherwise might be lacking. Also in some communities or circumstances marriage might be judicious on a much smaller income than in others. The question of health is more easily determined and, on the whole, much more pertinent. There can be no question of the great physical and moral wrong which is involved in the marriage and parentage of persons suffering from various diseases which are either directly communicable, or at least in predisposition hereditary. It has more than once been suggested that licenses to marry should be refused to persons suffering from such maladies, and the arguments in favor of such a course are many and strong.

But perhaps the most noteworthy and commendable feature of the utterances in question is the recognition of the right and, indeed, the duty of the minister or other officer to exercise a certain degree of discretion in accepting candidates for marriage. Too often they have acted as though they had no discretion in the matter, but were under compulsion to perform the marriage, for all who might desire it. In this way many deplorable marriages have been contracted. In some cases it has required a violent stretching of charity to accept the plea subsequently made, that the minister did not recognize the impropriety of the match. It is difficult to understand how any minister can appreciatively read the words of the marriage service and then perform that service hastily, thoughtlessly, or for persons of whose fitness for he is not reasonably assured. The plea that in any case it is best to marry a couple lest other evil befall them is, of course, hopelessly specious. Nor is it unhesitatingly to be granted that all persons have a natural and unalienable right to marry and propagate the race. The general tendency of the civil law is to increase discrimination and to require proofs of fitness, at least in certain respects, before granting licenses, and the very fact that licenses are required implies the power of government to impose certain conditions under which alone marriage is permissible. If such principles prevail for the welfare of the state, they may well prevail also on the grounds of pure morality, making ministers of all men who perform marriage ceremonies the most prudent and circumspect.

## The National Anthem.

If a few concert directors were to follow the example set by Dr. F. H. Torrington a few nights ago in Toronto, it would not be long before an end—a much-needed end—would be put to one most objectionable feature of concert programs. Dr. Torrington was conducting an orchestra at Massey Hall. At the close of the entertainment when the orchestra began the National Anthem, nearly everyone in the audience, as usual began the scramble for hats and coats. Dr. Torrington stopped the orchestra; then he informed the astonished audience what the National Anthem was supposed to mean, and expressed the hope that the time would come when "God Save the King" would not be the signal for a rush for the doors. Those who were in that audience will, it is safe to say, remember the incident and profit by it.

But a rebuke to one audience will not break up the senseless habit. It will need a lot of treatment. With a great many it has become second nature to rush, as if the National Anthem were a sort of "All change cars" signal. Something seems to tell them that they MUST be out on the street at once, and they try to make up for lost time.

Did they ever stop to consider what the National Anthem is? Probably not, or they would not act with the entire lack of courtesy that now prevails. Did they ever stop long enough to realize that the National Anthem is a prayer for the safety of the reigning sovereign? That they might as well go rushing out of church during the benediction? The cause of all the trouble is thoughtlessness—in other words, selfishness. These offenders against reverence and good manners have never paused to think what they were doing. It has never occurred to them that by their actions, using the few moments that should be given to the prayer for His Majesty, to serve their own convenience, they displayed dishonor and irreverence. They have thought of nothing but that "the show's over; it's time to go home." It is possible to bring them to realize the true meaning of the National Anthem. The task will not be easy, but it is possible, and if means are adopted—prayer, caution, even ridicule—to point out what is expected of them, we do not despair of yet seeing the day when the people will stand quietly, reverently and join in singing "God Save the King," leaving hats and wraps till the anthem is finished.

### PRICEVILLE

Miss Bertha James visited a few days in Markdale last week. Misses Jennie and Louisa Watson spent Thanksgiving in Durham. Miss Maggie McLeod visited in Durham from Friday till Monday. Miss Mabel Berry returned last week from visiting friends near Hamilton. Miss Ethel Ferguson, of Owen Sound, spent the Thanksgiving holiday at the home of her uncle, T. A. Ferguson. Rev. Mr. Laidlaw, of Eugene, preached the missionary sermon in the Methodist church last Sunday. Mr. Laidlaw is a fine speaker. The Italians are again working in this neighborhood, making a ditch near the C.P.R. crossing at the gravel road east of the village.

### WODEHOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hicks spent Thanksgiving with friends in Owen Sound. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hutchinson, of Heathcote, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Fawcett. Miss Ursula Brown, of Markdale, attended the low supper at Mr. S. Wiley's on Thanksgiving evening. Mr. Chas. Noble, our genial blacksmith, has returned from a three-months' tour in Western Canada. The League of Wodehouse and Ebenezer spent a pleasant evening with the Meaford Road League on Wednesday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stewart, of Toronto, have been holidaying with friends in this locality and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson. Enough snow has fallen within the last few days to make fair sleighing, but many of our best weather prophets say it will be of short duration.

We must apologize to the Riverdale cor. for a slight mistake which occurred in a former issue of The Standard, as we did not mean to cast any reflection on our neighbors to the west. The annual shooting match and Thanksgiving dinner given by the boys of Wodehouse took place last Monday afternoon and evening. The dinner given at the home of Mr. Sam Wiley was enjoyed by about fifty of the young people who spent the evening in music, games and other amusements.

## KIMBERLEY HAPPENINGS

ry weather. R. J. Stuart... have to thank Mr. R... for a fine roast of venison. John F. Lee... is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ferris. Mr. Alfred P... and Harry... are visiting... Walker, of... of her brother... of the salary... Ella Simpson... Thanksgiving... and Mrs. J... visited... during the past... Amos... What friends during the past... What does this... and Mrs. J... were guests... Kimberley... will hold a... public hall on... Stuart... all his property... Sound District... 10111e Canada... the past two... at Clarksburg... home this week... Mamie... the past six... friends at Edmon... and Mrs. M. R. Ham... died a number... on Wednesday... week in honor of their guest... Gertrude Caesar... J. R. Fawcett... Maude, at... field at Temple... evening of... taking part in the... Jasper Stuart... in company... of Flesherton... the past two... of Parry Sound... were successful... and a... out shot the...

### TRAVERTON

lady... on Monday... Sunday School... on the... classes... membership... Edwards... cattle to Mr... on Friday... sly Polled... evangelistic... Sunday... names were... membership... of the...

the fierce... on Thursday... Will Stodd... still one... grows more... the every day... quite brisk... neighborhood... the with... aged father... and other men... over the... which took... Friday morning... illness of a few... in the County... in the year... there on Christmas Day... Mr. John... after came to... many years in... here the family... three daughters... the popular... prospective... who resides in... who died in boyhood... of Guelph; Mrs. Young... and Lizzie... father. Thirty years ago... came to this neighborhood... resided here till... when they retired... During their residence... deceased lady won the... and esteem of all her... cheery words and manner... never-failing hospital... funeral took place... cemetery on Monday after... a big concourse from... hood assembled with the... Durham to show their... sorrow and respect... ever a devoted wife... most tender, a neighbor... a true follower of the... lowly One.

## Standard W

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Lost—On Friday... Lauriston and... blanket. Finder... at this office.

WORK WANTED  
A woman up in... procure work... general house... this office.

As I have received... gasoline engine... to take contracts... Jos. McCullough

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For S. S. No... to commence... Knott, Sec. Treas... Ont.

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A few lines... and papeterie... this week at...

For Sale... ed by furnace... well, with three... vacant lots. Enqu...

Shingles for... wanting shingles... Victor Roller Mill... tions before purch... stock and good qua... H. Baird, Markdale.

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Farm For Sale... 25 acres cleared... tion, balance timbe... con 8, Glenelg... on Wright & McArdle.

FARM FOR SALE  
Lots 74, 75 and... West of T. & S... 150 acres. Well... house and springs... Markdale, or Buc... Ardle, Markdale.

FARM FOR SALE  
125 acres, being... con. 12, Holland... Markdale, new... cement floors in... comfortable house, w... 85 acres cleared... John A. Fawcett... Markdale, p.o.

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Lots Nos. 124 and 125... First Range N. E. of Tor... Sydenham Road, Arteme... acres; 70 acres in state... cultivation, balance l... bush. Fair house and fra... Soil clay loam, rolling... hills or gravel. Three m... Markdale on Gravel Road... on corner of lot. This w... one of the best farms in... ship. Apply to W. G... on next farm south, or to... Wright & McArdle, Mark...