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***Wishes You a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.***

**H. Mercer, Markdale.**



# Christmas Preparations
## AT W. J. SHORTILL'S
## Are Now Complete

**Our Quantity, Quality and Prices in everything are unexcelled by any.**

**New Store Fixtures, New Goods, New Prices.**

I have secured in exchange for my Window Display Stand, illustrated in The Standard, a few watch bargains cheaper than I could purchase for cash, which I offer as Christmas Specials while they last.

***Specials in Watches***

Four Gents 17 jewel Waltham, adjusted, 18 size, reg $15 for $9.50
Five Gents 15 " " " " 18 " $12 for $8.75
Six Gents 12 " " " " 18 " $7 for $4.90
Regina, 17 Jewels, regular $14.00 for $9.00.
Regina, 15 " " " $11.00 for $8.00.
Regina, 7 " " $7.00 for $4.50.

***Ladies Gold Filled Hunting Watches***

Five 15 jewel in 25-year case, regular $14.00 for $12.00.

***Boys Watches***

Good value for the price, $1.00 to $5.00.

***Ladies Watch Chains***

Guards, assorted, from $4.00 to $10.00.
Locket Chains from $1.00 to $4.50.
With a good assortment of Lockets to match.

We have over 150 patterns in Gents' Watch Fobs and Chains to select from.

We lead in **DIAMOND RINGS.** We sell nothing but the best. We also think it would pay you to see our Gem Set Birthday and Signet Rings.

Our stock of SILVER PLATE never was better in Tea Sets, Coffee Sets, Baking Dishes, Cake Baskets, Salad Bows, Biscuit Jars, etc.

**FLATWARE**

We have all the leading brands in Flatware in Dessert and Dinner Knives and Forks in Sets, Sterling Silver Tea and Coffee Spoons, leather cased.

Meat Forks, Sugar Shells, Butter Knives, Nut Cracks, Pie and Cake Knives, Carving Sets.

Jewel Cases, Leather Travelling Sets, Ladies and Gents umbrellas, new stock, making a nice Xmas present. From $2.50 to $4.50.

Our stock of Spectacles and Eye-glasses is such that we can fit you with the best while you wait.

We also have an abundance of Parlor Clocks, Mantle Clocks, Fancy Clocks, Alarm Clocks, School and Office Regulators.

# W. J. SHORTILL
**Jewel er and Eye Specialist.**



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## A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," but giving from habit, pride or compulsion casts a pall upon the season of joy and gladness that must make it hollow and wearisome. To give and expect to receive on account of giving is of course contemptible but there are those who give because they are almost certain that those to whom they give will "remember" them and they do not wish to be outdone. By far the greatest evil of giving is the temptation to give beyond one's means. One does not like to be thought forgetful or small, and love naturally seeks a token in some measure commensurate with its thought and the occasion. In this spirit of generosity prudence is often forgotten. Some people, and especially young men, are led into extravagance that involves debt and sometimes dishonor through this silly tendency to be generous at the expense of common sense. The gift question at Christmas is really a serious one and an effort should be made to keep what is well meant and in perfect keeping with the occasion within the bounds of prudence and decency. Little gifts should be quite as acceptable as more elaborate tokens if they mean anything at all to those who receive them. As it is, Christmas is apt to become a burden that seriously presses upon those who are at all tender-hearted.

The two cannon which Mr. H. H. Miller, M.P., secured for Hanover have arrived from Quebec, and will likely be placed on the school ground until that town has a public building of some kind.

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Those who would like to aid the gigantic fight against consumption may do so by buying Christmas stamps, and thus help raise funds for the Muskoka Free Hospital. If only ten cents it will help. Remember they are on sale at this office.

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The Hon. Mr. Hanna, Provincial Secretary of Ontario, is out with his gun after promoters of fake silver mining schemes in the province. Cobalt produced a large crop of them and the Provincial Secretary is now having his officials keep a sharp lookout for suspicious advertisements and prospectuses. Mining companies which do not strictly comply with the mining regulations are likely to find themselves in bad trouble.

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Merchants must recognize advertising as a commodity. It is imperatively necessary that they get this truth fixed firmly in their mind, before they can hope to give it that broad consideration which its importance demands. They should get away at once and forever from the idea that it is an expense, it is a commodity; just as necessary a commodity in the selling of necessaries, as business is conducted to-day, as are the necessaries themselves.

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Mark the young man who is coarse and disrespectful to his mother. No roseate pathway can be hers who shall sustain to him the relation of wife. Not the happiest will be the lot of those who shall come to be his children. Not to be envied is the neighborhood even, in which he must be reckoned a citizen. It does not matter what the mental status of that mother is, how old, how bent or how decrepit, the man to whom she is mother, owes to her gentleness and kindness, tenderness and consideration. Did she fall back, and did the children with superior advantages pass her in the race? But think of her toil and trials, her devotion and denial, her mind and her years that she gave, that her children might derive the benefit. Think of her sacrifice—no wonder she fell behind, with her heart in her home, in the buds that were hers. There is no rank and no station, no condition that may exempt a manly man from a kind regard for a mother.


## HE DIED OF KIDNEY DISEASE

How often we hear of these sad cases. The back—pains and headache were noticed—but not treated. Dizzy spells, frequent calls and languid condition appeared, but nothing was done until the disease was far advanced. Cure invariably results from Dr. Hamilton's Pills. They restore perfect health, destroy every symptom of diseased kidneys, build up constitutions that defy further outbreaks. Because purely vegetable and free from injurious materials, no remedy equals Dr. Hamilton's Pills for Kidney and Liver complaint. Sold in 25c. boxes by all dealers.


## EUPHRASIA TOWNSHIP FINANCES FOR 1908

The Treasurer's Statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Township of Euphrasia for 1908 up to the 15th December, have been printed at this office during the past week and are now being distributed. The report shows the township's finances to be in an excellent condition, having a balance on hand of $4,156.42, an increase of $2,557.37 over that of the same period last year. On Dec. 16, 1907, there were uncollected taxes to the amount of $4,837.39, while this year only $1,495.07 remains uncollected.

The abstract statement shows the total amount of receipts from Jan. 1, 1908, to Dec. 15, 1908, to have been $19,502.39, an increase of $3,117.73 over that of the same period last year.

The expenditures for the year up to Dec. 15 are as follows:

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| Roads and Bridges | $3135 | 20 |
| Stationery & Printing | 99 | 02 |
| Salaries | 508 | 70 |
| Election Expenses | 75 | 70 |
| Schools | 8346 | 35 |
| Charity | 11 | 40 |
| County Rate | 2466 | 00 |
| Board of Health | 23 | 25 |
| Miscellaneous | 380 | 35 |

Total Expenditure $15345 97 which is an increase of $560.36 over that of last year.

Mr. J. H. Gardner is the Treasurer for Euphrasia township and Mr. James Erskine, Reeve.


## BEWARE OF FREQUENT COLDS

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White, of Butler, Tenn., says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. I used it for some time and it cured me. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by R. L. Stephen.


## DEATH OF MRS. GEO. HALES

Mother of Mr. T. H. Hale and Sister of Dr. Sproule, of Markdale, Passes Away at Feversham.

A very sad death occurred at Feversham on Saturday morning last, Dec. 19, when Isabella, beloved wife of Mr. George Hales, passed away to her reward. Her illness might be said to have commenced about two years ago. In June, 1907, she was persuaded to take a trip to the Coast, which seemed to recuperate her considerably, but last August she again became very poorly, being frequently troubled with numbness in her limbs, which proved to be the beginning of paralysis, which finally was the cause of her death. Mrs. Hale was born in the township of King, County of York, about 20 miles north of Toronto, in 1840, and was thus in her 69th year at the time of her demise. Her maiden name was Isabella Sproule. About forty-five years ago she was united in marriage to Mr. George Hale, of St. Vincent township, where Miss Sproule was then visiting her sister. After the marriage they moved to Mulmur, where they remained for several years, and then to Osprey, near Wareham, where Mr. Hale bought a farm which he afterwards sold, and then purchased a farm on which he now resides near Feversham. To Mr. and Mrs. Hale were born four sons and three daughters, all of whom are living, as follows: Herb, near Feversham; John, at Flesherton; T. H., at Copper Cliff, and Fred, on the old homestead; Mary, at home; Jennie, school teacher near Burks Falls, and Lizzie, teaching school at Feversham. The funeral on Monday to Feversham cemetery was largely attended, Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, Presbyterian minister, officiating. Of her brothers, Dr. Sproule, of this place, and R. J. of Flesherton, were the only ones who attended the funeral, her remaining three brothers, and also her sister, Mrs. Horton, being in the West. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, among them being a handsome pillow of white roses from her sons, and a pillow of roses and chrysanthemums from the other members of her family.

According to the Walkerton Times a local preacher denounced a certain book in the Public Library to his own satisfaction, and felt confident it would be read no more. Next day the library was besieged by applicants for the very book that the preacher condemned.

Advertise in The Standard.

## MUNICIPAL FORECASTS.

### IN MARKDALE.

Reeve Stephenson will retire from the contest this year, and councillors Campbell and McFarland will be the contestants for the Reeveship. 'Twill be a hot fight. Councillor Wilson wishes to retire at the end of the present year, but it is understood councillor Matthews will seek re-election, although he is reticent on the matter. Among the new ones who are said to have municipal aspirations are Messrs. E. J. Thompson, R. W. Ennis, W. S. Chalmers and J. R. Mathews. Mr. Mark Armstrong is spoken of as a probable aspirant for school trustee.

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### IN HOLLAND.

After twenty years service to the township, Mr. Wm. Hampton has announced his retirement. Mr. Hampton has been most faithful and diligent in the discharge of his duties, and his retirement will be a loss to the municipal board. For the past eight years he has been reeve of Holland with but one contest. The fight for the Reeveship this year will be between Messrs. Wheildon and Greenaway, members of this year's council, and Shute. Messrs. McIntosh and Adams, the other two members of the council, may possibly be in the field for Deputy-Reeveship.

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### IN EUPHRASIA.

As Nomination Day approaches, the usual fight for municipal honors seems to manifest itself, and the coming election promises to be a lively one. Mr. Erskine, the present reeve, having decided to abandon municipal life, leaves an opening for another man. Mr. Wm. T. Ellis, the present deputy, has his eye on the vacant chair; J. T. Miller, an old time member of the council, and C. C. Devitt have also an eye to a seat on the throne. Mr. R. A. Rennie is aspiring to the deputy chair, and will in all probability be opposed by F. M. Davis. The contest for the side seats promises to have the usual quota of aspirants. Mr. Geo. Hutchinson, of Heathcote, will be in the field for the seat vacated by Mr. Conn. Mr. Johnston will again seek a return to his old seat, while John J. Cook will at the request of the electors, enter the contest for the seat formerly held by Mr. Rennie. No better selection could be made, as Mr. Cook is an energetic man of good intelligence and no doubt will be a successful candidate, and one who will render the municipality good service.

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### IN GLENELG.

Our Traverston correspondent gives us the following forecast of the contest in Glenelg township:

For ten years Mr. T. McFadden has filled most honorably and faithfully the position of reeve of Glenelg. He has now announced his retirement, and the honored seat is likely to be hotly contested for. Councillor E. W. Hunt is receiving every encouragement, and is an ardent and able candidate. Mr. Arch. McCuaig is in the field and has a strong, enthusiastic following, while a mass of the ratepayers are urging Mr. Geo. E. Arrowsmith to enter the field. Among the new men offering themselves as Council candidates is Mr. John McNally, of the 6th con. "Mac," as we dub him over the line fence, is a splendid fellow, honest, straightforward and full of vim and energy, has a clever head and has proved highly successful in anything he has undertaken. We believe that Messrs. Weir, Nichol and J. A. McMillan of the late council are all in the field. Mr. Malcolm Black is being strongly urged to offer himself as a candidate again, as is also Mr. Joseph Boyle of the north side of the township. One thing seems sure—the contest will be a most interesting one. "Git thar, ye sons of the sile."


## DOCTORS FEAR TONSILITIS OUTBREAK.

Hundreds of cases are reported. If your throat is irritable and sore, gargle it three times daily with Nerviline and water. Then rub the throat and chest vigorously with Nerviline and put on a Nerviline Porous Plaster. Follow these instructions closely and you will avoid Tonsilitis, Bronchitis and Throat Trouble of every kind. Hundreds are preventing and curing their colds by this method and report it eminently satisfactory. Both Nerviline Plasters and Polson's Nerviline can be had from any dealer, 25c. each.


The men of the Presbyterian Church are getting up an entertainment and oyster supper in the Marsh Hall New Year's night, Jan. 1, 1909. The whole work of cooking, serving, waiting, and of the program will be done by the men. The supper will be first class and a special invitation is given to the ladies to be present. Everybody welcome.


## KEEP THE KIDNEYS WELL

Health Saving Explained by a Markdale Citizen Who Knows from Experience.

Markdale people take their health into their own hands by protecting the kidneys when they show the first signs of help.

Sick kidneys are responsible for a vast amount of suffering and ill health.

In so many cases it is their quick effect for all kidney weakness. Here is a Markdale citizen says:

Mrs. Summers, of Toronto St., Markdale, says: "My back was weak and tender and I had a bearing down pain low in the region of the kidneys. I would take cold very easily and it would leave me in a run down condition. I was weak and nervous and unable to attend to my house duties. Booth's Kidney Pills were recommended to me by the druggist, and after using only one box when I was free of the weakness and pain in my back. I recommended Booth's Kidney Pills to Mrs. H. Smith, my sister-in-law, and she also found a cure for a weak and annoying kidney trouble that all else failed to relieve."

For sale by all dealers, price 50 cents. Foster-Booth Co., Ltd., Fort Erie, sole Canadian agents.


## A Year of Good Cheer.

[illegible] days when medicine [illegible] to be multiplying in a manner the number of [illegible] that flesh is heir to. Woods Hutchinson exists in the wilderness [illegible] human race. Those [illegible] trembled every time they [illegible] ate a dose of [illegible] drank a glass of water [illegible] to the future with [illegible] for in his [illegible] tells them many things they have long wanted to [illegible] did not dare believe [illegible] oldest and tenderest [illegible] among the [illegible] his assaults [illegible] telling us [illegible] from the beginning [illegible] want most as [illegible] to have, he advises [illegible] it is an almost [illegible] appetite. Eat [illegible] things we like best [illegible] think are the [illegible] us.

If the [illegible] the vegetable [illegible] food foddies [illegible] other laddies [illegible] the benefit [illegible] diet the [illegible] these lads advise [illegible] Hutchinson [illegible] very willing [illegible] people [illegible] wonderful [illegible] system [illegible] made upon it [illegible] future. [illegible] love and [illegible] of the virtues [illegible] live but in [illegible] they [illegible] men upon a [illegible]

[illegible] subject of short [illegible] is back to first [illegible] has heard of [illegible] health, wealth [illegible]ired by those [illegible] the morning. Dr. [illegible] was not [illegible] accept the [illegible] authority that [illegible] to bed when [illegible] as long as he [illegible] and late hours [illegible] most of us [illegible] spect for [illegible] forward. And [illegible] almost hilarious [illegible] that "all the [illegible] literary, [illegible] that bring out [illegible] are at their best [illegible] o'clock in the [illegible] of good cheer [illegible] preach—up to [illegible]


## FARMER'S ADVOCATE

Farmer's Advocate is a popular, weekly visitor of homes, and deserved its Christmas number was a feature also much prized. A copy just to hand is superb. The Advocate is due at $1.50 a year, club with The Standard, the two for [illegible]


## Standard Clubbing Rates.

In order to get advantage of the rates it is necessary to pay in advance for The Standard.

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| Toronto Sun | 1 80 |
| Daily World | 3 00 |
| Daily Herald | 1 85 |
| Daily Witness | 1 80 |
| Daily Sentinel | 1 85 |
| Farmer's Advocate | 2 40 |
| Daily News | 2 30 |
| Daily Star | 2 30 |


THURSDAY, DEC

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TEACHER WANTED

For S. S. No. [illegible] to commence Jan. [illegible] Knott, Sec.-Treas. Ont.

TO RENT

Comfortable [illegible] street, Markdale [illegible] once. Apply to R. W. L. Young.

FOR SALE

For Sale—A good [illegible] Rev. A. Shepherd, Markdale.

For Sale—Two [illegible] years old. [illegible] redit. J. M. D[illegible] s-tf

For Sale—One [illegible] year-old, also [illegible] ence posts. J. [illegible] dale.

For Sale—Six-room [illegible] ed by furnace, good well, with three [illegible] vacant lots. Enquire [illegible]

For Sale—A good [illegible] a rural school [illegible] feet long and six [illegible] portion glass from [illegible] at this office.

For Sale—1 [illegible] string, 1 mattress [illegible] mower, 1 [illegible] All nearly new. [illegible] Ennis, administrator [illegible] Geo. Littlejohn's.

FARMS FOR

TIMBER [illegible] 100 acres, all [illegible] con. 13, Artemesia [illegible] Thurston, [illegible] Toronto.

FARM FOR

One hundred [illegible] Euphrasia, all [illegible] This is a choice [illegible] watered. J. R. [illegible] dale.

FARM FOR

Lots 74, 75 and [illegible] West of T. & S. [illegible] 150 acres. Well [illegible] house and springs [illegible] Markdale, or Lucas [illegible] Ardle, Markdale.

FOR SALE

Timber farm [illegible] house and barn [illegible] timbered, [illegible] Creek Station [illegible] "Fax" farm. [illegible] box 45 [illegible]

FARM [illegible]

(In Artemesia) [illegible] 100 acres; about [illegible] class house, log [illegible] well watered, about [illegible] ed; possession 1st [illegible] W. A. [illegible]

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FARM FOR [illegible]

Lot 20, con. 8, Eg[illegible] acres; 90 acres clear[illegible] good cultivation; log [illegible] good repair; barn, 2 sto[illegible] ALSO, lot 21, con. [illegible] 75 acres cleared, good [illegible] well watered. Good [illegible] Lucas & Co., Markdale.

FARM FOR SALE

Lots 76, 77, 78, 79, [illegible] and lot 77 on the 2nd [illegible] ship of Holland, West [illegible] ronto and Sydenham Ro[illegible] taining 250 acres; good [illegible] and bank barn, never fail[illegible] and well at door. Also [illegible] and 30, on the 8th; 310 a[illegible] houses and stable; also a[illegible] Glenelg, lots 83 and 84, [illegible] 100 acres, 50 acres cle[illegible] acres good bush, fine [illegible] 45x65. These farms will [illegible] cheap. Apply to Joseph [illegible] Watrous, Sask.