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THE MARKDALE STANDARD

THURSDAY, FEB. 13, 1913

Notes.

Nearly six hundred English wild songbirds are soon to be dispatched to British Columbia, song birds being rare in Canada. The six hundred birds is the first importation experiment being conducted by the Naturalists' Club of Victoria, British Columbia. They comprise 36 pairs of gold-finches, 36 pairs of linnets, 35 pairs of robins, 36 pairs of bluetits and 71 pairs of larks. To keep the birds from pining during their long voyage they will be provided with food closely resembling their natural diet. Thus the larks will be fed on crushed hemp and breadcrumbs; the bluetits on ground nuts and grubs, the robins on breadcrumbs and meal worms and the goldfinches and linnets on canary seed. Special cages are being made for the birds, and the quarrelsome tendency of the robin is provided for by separate apartments.

The report of the Experimental Farms for the year ending March 31st, 1912, is out. Of all the many publications issued from time to time by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa this Annual report is by far the most comprehensive as it deals with practically every phase of Canadian Agricultural activity ranging from the cultivation of fruits and ornamental plants to the growing and preserving of corn for stock food; from the hatching and rearing of fowls to the rearing and feeding of cattle, sheep and swine; from the management of bees to the protection of crops from insects and diseases, and so on throughout the whole range of farming. This report, which provides much useful matter for study during winter months is available to all who apply for copies to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and is now being sent to all those on the mailing list of the Experimental Farms.

The Burk's Falls Arrow says: "The banks get money at three per cent., and then loan it out at six, eight, and sometimes ten and twelve per cent. They pay their clerks on the three per cent. basis and rake in dividends to themselves at fifteen and twenty per cent. If the average business man could hit up the public at that gait, he would be on easy street in a few years."

To this the Durham Chronicle adds: "The Arrow might go further and say that the banks often get the use of money for nothing and charge the depositors on cheques if they have to send them out of their own establishment to make collections. This would be excusable if they didn't handle sufficient of the depositor's money to pay them a thousand times over. Bankers will treat you all right as long as the balance is in their hands, but let the account be overdrawn by five dollars, and you'll have the whole shooting box pouncing down on you in about half an hour. The obligations are all on the one side. No man is under an obligation to another if he pays for what he gets."

Additional Locals.

Shaving Parlor in I.O.O.F. block, oldest in town, and under same management. Artistic hair work, easy clean shaving, shampooing, dying, singeing and honing.
77-9 Herb Irwin.

Mr. Farmer if you have any strayed cattle let The Standard locate them for you. The law provides that they should be advertised for three times in the local newspaper before advertising them in the Canadian Gazette.

There is no better medicine made for colds than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It acts on nature's plan, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions, aids expectoration, and restores the system to a healthy condition. For sale by R. L. Stephen.

"Do you act toward your wife as you did before you married her?" "Exactly. I remember just now how I used to act when I first fell in love with her. I used to hang over the fence in front of her house and gaze at her shadow on the curtain, afraid to go in. And I act just the same now when I get home late."

Despite the stormy weather, a goodly number of ladies gathered at the Methodist Parsonage for the W.M.S. meeting on Thursday, Feb. 6th, in the absence of Mrs. H. D. Irwin, the Vice-President, Mrs. Cook, took, the chair. The subject for the month's study, "Medical Missions in China," was discussed by Mesdames M. Armstrong, Alex. Henry and W. L. Young; and Mrs. C. E. Armstrong contributed a pleasing solo. Refreshments were served at the close, and a social hour was spent.

A Clever Canadian.

The following from the Toronto Star Weekly refers to a former Artemesia girl:

If the advocates of woman's equality in professional spheres ever need a triumphant example, the career of Miss Cora Hind of Winnipeg will serve ideally. Miss Hind is a working journalist, bearing the title of commercial editor of the Winnipeg Free Press. In her case the duties of such a job were peculiarly exacting, as the Free Press undertakes annually a far-reaching investigation of crop conditions in advance of the harvest. With about twenty-five male reporters placed at her disposition, Miss Hind, as the generalissimo, assions them to various districts of the prairie country to secure an authoritative statement on the liklihood of the grain crops. Every man reports daily to the editress, who has the reputation of knowing more about agriculture than nine-tenths of practical farmers. She in turn binds these reports into a readable sheaf and writes an editorial analysis of their points. That analysis is usually accepted in all parts of America as the official advance statement of Canada's grain production. Miss Hind also "does the grain dope" for several British journals of very high standing, so that when an editor in Liverpool wants to know how wheat is sprouting in Alberta he sometimes sends a cable across to "Cora Hind, care of Manitoba."

Robert Russelo, of Leamington, reports felling a soft maple tree which measured 80 feet to the first limb.

NEWS FROM SURROUNDING TOWNSHIPS

BY STAFF REPORTERS

WALTERS FALLS

(Special to The Standard.)

We have experienced stormy and bitterly cold weather for nearly two weeks.

Rev. P. Mathewson and family, from Kinloss, arrived Saturday. We are pleased to see the Manse open once more, after having been closed since the removal of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Lemon to Clifford, over a year ago.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Seabrook, Tuesday, the 4th inst., when their third daughter, Miss Jessie, became the bride of Mr. Matt. Aitken, of Berkeley. On account of the recent bereavement in the bride's family, the wedding was a quiet one.

The Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Dixon on Wednesday, February 19th, at 2 o'clock. Programme as follows:—"The Twentieth Century Boy"—Mrs. A. P. Stanley; "Care of the Sleeping Room"—Mrs. Stanley Murray; "House Plants and Winter Flowers,"—Mrs. W. G. Dixon; "A Good Salad Recipe"—Mrs. J. Thom. Question Drawer. Visitors welcome.

Court Walters Falls No. 637, Canadian Order of Foresters, met on February 1st, 1913, and installed the following officers:

C.R.—S. Marshall.
V.C.R.—C. Dobson.
R.S.—W. Bonnell.
F.S. & T.—A. Ward.
C.—B. Carney.
S.W.—R. Thom.
J.W.—J. Laycock.
S.B.—S. McDougal.
J.B.—E. Marshall.

Last Thursday morning when the news was received here by phone that Mr. James Lemon had met such a tragic death by being caught in the elevator in the Walker House, Toronto, the night previous, the greatest sorrow was felt where he had lived all his life till his removal to Raph, Sask., some years ago. The deceased is survived by a widow, two sons and two daughters, his aged parents and a large family of brothers and sisters, all of whom have the sympathy of the community. Interment took place in the Methodist Cemetery of this place and was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Mathewson had charge of the service.

BEAVERDALE

(Special to The Standard.)

Last weeks storm was the worst for some times With so small amount of snow the roads were blocked completely.

The mail did not get through on Thursday, but it came Saturday, and had to go and come the 7th line.

Mr. John Petch, of Meaford, came to Beaverdale some time the first of last week and could not get back till after Sunday.

Mr. Top, of Meaford, was also caught in the storm. He was staying at Mr. R. Miller's since Wednesday last till Tuesday morning.

Mr. Thomas Wilson is helping Wallace Brett in the swamp for a while.

Mr. Tan Thompson is home again, after spending a fortnight in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Clarke, of Sligo, visited at Mrs. S. Wilson's on Monday last.

Mr. Russell Moore visited his mother on Sunday last.

TRAVERSTON

(Special to The Standard.)

The burg was snowed in last week but the roads leading into it were opened out on Monday.

Mr. E. W. Hunt sold his farm last week to his neighbor, Councillor G. E. Peart. It is a good property, high, dry, fertile. Has been well handled and is most beautifully situated. Mr. Hunt has always been a neat, thrifty, progressive farmer and the fences and buildings are in good repair. It will suit Mr. Peart, being so close to his own farm and he purposes moving up the hill, when he obtains possession. The whole township will be losers by the removal of Mr. Hunt and his clever family.

Mr. Mal. Black is our new mail-carrier. Charlie Smith and his father before him proved faithful carriers, braving many a fierce storm and drifted roads. We trust Mr. Black may give as good service.

Mr. Will Jack purchased a thoroughbred Shorthorn on Thursday of last week from Wm. Bailey, of Muloch. He is a fine-looking animal rising three years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira B. Walker returned from their honeymoon trip a week or more ago and are enjoying happy days at the bride's old home.

The Township Fathers had a desperate time reaching the hall on Saturday. Everyone had their own individual experience, digging themselves out of banks of snow in the raging storm or trying to get their drivers right side up when they turned heels upwards. Reeve Nichol had a most trying experience, but the inspiring pot of tea brewed by the thoughtful clerk, Mr. J. S. Black, and the warmth of that roaring big fire worked wonders and they waded through a big pile of work.

KIMBERLEY

(Special to The Standard.)

Very cold weather at present it being 14 degrees below zero on Monday morning.

Mrs. David Weber visited Vandeleur friends a few days last week.

Mr. Geo. Hutchineon occupied the pulpit on Sunday morning in the Methodist Church in the absence of the pastor, who was storm stayed.

Mr. John Stuart, of North Bay, is visiting friends in this vicinity at present.

Mr. John Fawcett is moving into the "Travellers' Home" this week. Mr. Oliver Irwin, who vacated it has gone to Flesherton to take charge of the "Park House."

Mr. Alfred Plewes is visiting friends in Rocklyn this week.

Moore Bros., of Meaford, delivered 2 loads of flour to the Kimberley mill on Monday. On account of the roads being blocked, they had to go around by Thornbury.

We are pleased to see Miss Maude Smith around again in her asual health.

The Farmers' Club purpose holding a stock judging show some time in the near future. Every farmer who is interested in good stock should be on hand and get all the information that is possible on this subject.

Mr. Archie McLean, of Vandeleur, was a caller in our burg one day last week.

VANDELEUR

(Special to The Standard.)

The roads are in a bad condition at present as a result of the recent severe storms.

Mr. Geo. Badger, of Alberta, called on friends here one day last week.

Quite a number of the members of the Epworth League drove down to Kimberley on Tuesday evening of last week and spent a very pleasant evening with the League of that place.

Mrs. Robt. Richardson and Master Harold, of Flesherton, are visiting at the former's parental home here. Master Harold, who has been under Dr.'s care for a few days is recovering.

Mr. J. J. McGee is ill at present.

Miss Lawler, of Feversham, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Genoe for a few days recently.

Master Earnest Graham, of Daysville, Sask., is visiting his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Graham, in the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. David Weber and family, of Kimberley, were visitors at Mr. A. McLean's one day recently.

PROTON STATION

(Special to The Standard.)

The severe storms last week almost made the roads impassable around here.

Mr. Wes. Lyons is critically ill at present, but hope to hear of a speedy recovery.

Miss Ethel Ludlow returned home last week, after a month's visit with friends in Alliston. Her cousin, Mr. Russell Ludlow, accompanied her home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Corbet and family, of Bethel, have moved into Mr. Robert Acheson's house, and have possession of the post office duties.

Miss Florence Trelford is at home now from Orangeville for the winter.

CHERRY GROVE

(Special to The Standard.)

Miss Maria Myers, of Toronto, is spending a few weeks at the home of her brother, Mr. F. Myers.

Mr. James Lawson, of Owen Sound, spent a few days last week with relatives here.

Messrs. James and Edward Brady returned home on Monday after an extended trip to Collingwood and other smaller towns.

Mr. Frank Hamilton, lumber merchant, of Holland Centre, was in the locality last week on business and secured several thousand feet of lumber.

Mr. Jos. Boyd, the champion Riverdale checker player, was a visitor in the burg recently and went down to defeat at the hands of one of our lady amateurs. Better try it by telephone next time, Joe.

The storm last week blockaded the road to such an extent that traffic received a setback and the rural mail carrier was unable to make his usual rounds. However Pathmaster Stinson phoned his men Monday morning and all was clear in a few hours.

We feel sorry if we have been the means of inadvertently disturbing the equilibrium of the Riverdale correspondent as to the question of large barns, but in sizing up the barn referred to in our items of two weeks ago we did not merely take into consideration the floor dimensions only.

Mr. Ran Bradey is taking a course in Agriculture at Markdale.

Do you know that more real danger lurks in a common cold than in any other of the minor ailments? The safe way is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, a thoroughly reliable preparation, and rid yourself of the cold as quickly as possible. This remedy is for sale by R. L. Stephen.

HILL BROS., Markdale.

For the next two weeks we are going to put the knife into Heavy Winter Goods to make room for New Spring Lines.

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10 dozen Shirts and Drawers, all sizes, Men's Spring needle Underwear, sold at $1.00 a garment, OUR PRICE

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Men's Fur Coats

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$18.50

Men's Fur Collared Coats.

We have TEN Men's Fur Collared Coats, in a fine Beaver cloth, Wrist Band, regular $15.00 and $16.50 Coats, marked for quick selling

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100 pairs Men's Fine Plain Overs, Regular 1.00 for ..... 58c.
100 pairs Women's Fine Plain Overs, regular 65c and 75c for ..... 45c.

This week we will put out all our REMNANTS at ridiculously low prices to clean them up quick.

HILL BROS., - Markdale.

BLANTYRE

(Special to The Standard.)

The cold wave these days is hard on the coal bin and wood pile.

The induction of Rev. P. J. Mathewson into St. Paul's Church and Knox Church, St. Vincent, takes place in St. Paul's church on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall-Beard, of Vandeleur, visited Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Boyd recently.

Mr. Thos. Ashby's sale on Tuesday last was quite a success.

Mr. Wm. Irwin, of Riverdale, was a caller on our line one day last week.

Mr. W. D. Robertson has bills out announcing a sale of farm stock and implements on Tuesday the 18th.

Messrs. Jobe and Cooper, of Meaford, were doing the plumbing on Mr. Will Sewell's new residence last week.

ROCKLYN

(Special to The Standard.)

Mr. W. J. Boyd returned home Thursday, after a three months visit with friends in B.C.

Mrs. King, of Walters Falls, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs C. Carney, a couple of days last week.

Mr. John Patton left Tuesday last for a week's visit with friends in Toronto.

Mr. Alf. Plewes, of Kimberley, is visiting friends at the Lorne House.

Mr. J. C. Tennant, of Owen Sound, District Organizer of the C.O.F., is again in this vicinity.

Please note Rocklyn Carnival is changed from the 18th to the 21st of February.

A few from here took in Holland Centre Ball last Monday. All report a good time.

Mrs. Henry Thompson returned home Tuesday from a few weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. Kellough, of Meaford.

Discuss Seed Grains.

The regular meeting of the Glenelg Centre Farmer's Club was held on the 3rd of Feb. It was at the last minute that the President had to take the subject for the evening. He spoke on the value of advertising our county to the rest of the world and then drifted to the care of the seed. He advocated the cleaning of the seed at least three times before sowing. The first time through the fanning mill put on shake and take off the wind. This will shake out the weeds and some small grains. Then put the grain through the second time, taking off shake and putting on the wind to blow out all the light grains. The third time put on shake again and take off wind. This time put in a somewhat finer screen and shake all the large grains over the back of the mill and allow the small fellows to come to the front. The large grains that come out at the tail of the mill.

Songs were sung by Wm. Greely and T. H. Binns. Mr. Weir will speak on the sales of cattle for this locality at the next meeting on February 21st. The ladies will not be out at the meeting and a talk will be given. All men should try and be present.

Honor Rolls.

S.S. No. 8, Artemesia, for Jan.
4 sr.—L. Lyons, T. Thompson, A. Wilkinson.
4 jr.—A. Lyons.
3 sr.—R. Taylor, R. White, Cornfield, H. Thompson.
3 jr.—M. Taylor, F. White.
2 sr.—L. Pedlar, L. Pedlar, Badgerow, L. Thompson.
2 jr.—H. Blakey, D. Watson.
1st—R. Lyons.

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S.S. No. 18, C. & A., for Jan.
4 sr.—L. Hill, M. Kinsley, M. Ferguson.
3 sr.—G. Littlejohns, E. Walker, M. Walker, F. Thibaudeau.
3 jr.—C. Hill, W. Hamilton, Matthewson, E. Smart.
2 sr.—R. Thibaudeau, B. Littlejohns.
2 jr.—R. Ferguson, J. Ferguson, A. Nesbitt, J. Ferguson.
1 sr.—A. Wilson, D. Hill.
1 jr.—R. Nesbitt, O. Wilson, Littlejohns.
Pr. Sr.—L. Nesbitt, J. Fitzgerald, Littlejohns.
Pr. Jr.—O. Nesbitt.
E. A. Walker, Teacher.

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S.S. No. 2, Artemesia, for Jan.
4 sr.—R. Fadden, E. Hill, T. White.
4 jr.—D. Bishop.
3 sr.—O. Hill, E. Hill, B. Fadden, A. Hennings.
3 jr.—B. Fadden, M. Carter, M. Moore, H. York, L. White.
2 sr.—J. D. Moore, P. York, R. Teeter, L. White.
2 jr.—A. White.
1 sr.—A. Hill, W. Fadden, E. Fadden.
1 jr.—G. Hill, E. Moore.
Sr. Pr.—A. Teeter.
Int. Pr.—J. Beaty.
Jr. Pr.—C. Teeter.
S. E. Armstrong, Teacher.

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S.S. No. 13, Euphrasia, for Jan.
4—W. Varey, A. Patton, G. Varey, M. Perry.
3 sr.—H. Varey, W. Perry, E. Cullough.
3 jr.—D. Falls, A. McDermid.
2—F. Falls, M. Cook, Y. McCullough, L. Boyd, C. Reid.
1 sr.—I. McCullough, C. Clugston, D. Cook.
Pr. A—W. Walker, O. Reid, Thompson, E. Carney.
Pr. B.—B. Carnie, E. Thompson.
Average attendance, 29.
M. H. May, Teacher.

Harry Glen, of McNab, Renfrew County, shot a young eagle measuring six feet from tip to tip of its wings.

Letter from Berkeley.

Editor of The Standard:

When I sat down to write the first letter from Berkeley two weeks past I was far from pointed to write from here to you, even more than them like a home. When they paragraph in they would a thing had to correspondent ly informed was "quite here lately religious prin the trouble have found only between the question come up an pute. It big appear are as much the masculine ask him to before writing create a w tion's if he could would help tious in Hoping the a corner in it worth.

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