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SCHOOL REPORTS

Townsend Lake School
 Sr. IV—Rob Terry 57, Jim Goodwill 54, Ernest Ellison 51.
 Jr. IV—Violet Baines 71, Eva Trafford 55.
 Sr. III—Ellison Baker 52, M. P. Terry 59, Victor Baines 53.
 Jr. III—Christie Brodie 53.
 Sr. II—Edna Hall 52, Lena Ellis 51, Willie Ellison 52.
 Sr. I—Albert Trafford 72.
 Sr. Dr.—Mildred Brodie 47, Carmen Baker 34.
 Sr. Pr.—Jimi Moran 57.
 Jr. Pr.—Mae Stafford 52.
 Average attendance 11. Number on roll—18.
 M. Constance Smith, teacher.

C. S. S. No. 3
 Jr. IV—Edna Lyons, Muriel Murdoch, Gordon Moore.
 Jr. III—Ruby Murdoch, Violet Moore, Eddie Walker.
 Sr. II—Artie Murdoch, Ira Madill, Harold Lyons.
 Primer—D. J. Torrie, Ina Thompson.
 M. K. Livingston, teacher.

S. S. No. 15, Euphrasia
 Jr. IV—E. Henning.
 Sr. III—E. Wyville.
 Jr. III—B. Henning, J. McNally, M. Harkley, T. Peniston, Cynthia Longhead, G. Burnett.
 Sr. II—H. Hill, V. Wyville, C. Henning.
 Jr. II—D. Harvey, W. Harvey, Sr. J. J. Bradley.
 Jr. Pr.—J. Henning, M. Diekey.
 Sr. Pr.—N. Wyville.
 M. Hutchison, H. Hill, E. Wyville, R. Wyville, K. Henning, M. Henning, R. Hutchison, teacher.

S. S. No. 10, Holland
 Sr. IV—F. Stafford 1543, B. Watts 1434, V. Watts 1337, M. Jackson 1081.
 Jr. IV—K. Aitken 1087.
 Sr. III—D. Stafford 1712, E. Hampton 1689, H. Bluhm 1607.
 Jr. III—C. Moran 1185, R. Hooley 1058.
 Sr. II—L. Jackson 1142, W. Hopkins 876.
 Sr. Pr.—E. Bluhm 1120, M. Bluhm 658.
 Sr. Pr.—L. Hampton 711, G. Bluhm 666.
 Jr. Pr.—J. Beatty 428, A. Dowling 237, C. Priel 119.
 Pr.—A. A. Jackson 511, D. Hopkins 409, M. Stafford 364.
 Perfect in attendance marked.
 Florence A. Fee, teacher.

S. S. No. 9, Euphrasia
 Sr. IV—Stella Murray.
 Jr. IV—Minola Parker, Maurice Clarke.
 Sr. III—Pansy Parker, Edna Murray, Ross Brender.
 Jr. III—Bert Parker, Johnnie Stewart, Beatrice Rennie.
 Jr. II—Lawrence Sparling, Allison Parker, Bessie Stewart, Grace Murray, Frank Curry.
 Jr. I—Blanche Rennie.
 Jr.—Ivan Sparling, Lawrence Bestward, Alma Parker, Florence Rennie, Jean Rennie.
 Mary Lannin, teacher.

S. S. No. 16, Euphrasia
 Jr. IV—L. Ward, E. Fawcett, H. Hutchinson, G. Wilcock, V. Ward.
 Sr. III—K. Squire, E. Wiley, H. Fawcett.
 Sr. II—E. Wood.
 Jr. II—D. Wiley, S. Ward, D. Wood, V. Wiley, A. Thompson, R. Fawcett, B. Hutchinson.
 Sr. Primer—F. Brown, S. Brown.
 Jr. Primer—S. Morwood, I. Wiley, V. A. Lewis, teacher.

\$3000 WORTH IN GOODS RECOVERED
 About three thousand dollars worth of men's clothing, stolen from Ryan's clothing store, Guelph, about a month ago, was located in Toronto on Friday. The Toronto police got wind of where the goods were hidden

and a number of arrests have been made in connection with the case. Mr. Harry Dicken, Manager of the Ryan men's store, went to Toronto and identified the stolen goods. Action Press.

A Week's Beef in Cold Storage

How long would the foods in cold storage last us if every other means of supply were closed? Probably a few days at most. Compare the holdings for October, 1919, according to a statement by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, our present storage of beef is 15,122,955 pounds less than it was a year ago, or only sufficient for all other sources of supply failed, to meet the domestic demand for slightly more than one week.

"However, present slaughtering is going largely directly into consumption," the Department's statement adds. "Only from 30 to 40 percent of the visible kill per annum does actually go into cold storage before entering into domestic consumption; and a large part of the domestic demand is invariably supplied by local trade and from farm killings. In view of the heavier operating costs, combined with the lower status of hides and the more unsettled condition of the overseas market, when compared with conditions in 1919, the market movements to date have been well taken care of at fairly firm prices—a condition of affairs, considering the steady retail prices of meats, which is the 'golden mean' for producer and consumer."

Pritchard to Stay

(Winnipeg Tribune)
 Another popular Methodist Minister of the city will stay here for at least one year more in the person of Rev. R. G. Pritchard, of Greenwood Place Church. Mr. Pritchard has already served four years, the allotted span for Methodist Churches, and he bids fair rival to Rev. M. C. Platt, of St. John's, who, as announced last week, has been invited to remain there for the sixth year.

However, nothing definite has been done with either of these invitations, other than that they have been accepted subject to the action of the stationing committee, which meets during the 1921 conference next June.

The board of Greenwood Methodist Church, in inviting Mr. Pritchard to remain for a further year, laid special emphasis on what was characterized as his fine work on behalf of the congregation. His salary was raised to \$2,000 with free manse, telephone etc., and it is felt by the congregation as a whole that he will continue his good work of upbuilding the Church as making it more than ever a power for good in the community.

[Pritchard's friends about Markdale will be pleased to learn of his success.—Ed. Standard.]

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LADIES AID CONCERT

A concert and play given in the Armouries on Monday evening, Dec. 13th, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church, was a decided success. The large hall was well filled.

The Markdale Band was present and rendered several selections which were very much enjoyed. Markdale may be proud of her Band. A reading by Miss Caroline Armstrong was well rendered. A duet by the Misses Walker was well received. These two girls are always favorites with a Markdale audience. Mrs. (Rev.) Eagle brought down the house in her reading entitled "The School Concert." Also another number by Mrs. Eagle which everybody enjoyed. Miss Mildred Erskine gave a piano solo in her usual efficient manner. Miss Muriel Murdoch, of Harkaway, gives promise of a coming eloquentist. Mr. W. Lennox, of Rocklyn, is an entertainer from start to finish and will certainly have a crowd out to hear him, when he returns on January 7th to Markdale. Miss Mina Heard gave a very pleasing reading entitled "Ole Mose."

The giving of that noted reading "The Marble Dream" by Mrs. (Rev.) Stanley, dressed in a Grecian gown and standing on a large white pillar, was very pretty and impressive, and one of the best things ever given in Markdale. Mrs. Stanley is an artist.

Play "How the Story Grew" in five scenes, given by eight ladies, was the chief attraction of the evening and nobody was disappointed. The ancient costumes of the ladies added greatly to the enjoyment. Everyone went away well satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

Mr. J. H. Dunlop in his usual capable manner was the accompanist of the evening.

SECRET DRINKING UNDER PROHIBITION

Toronto, Dec. 16th, 1920.
 Rumors are diligently circulated to the effect that under prohibition there is as much or more drinking than before. Stated in this bold way, the report is obviously absurd. Drinking customs and habits produce certain well known symptoms both personal and social life. The decrease in criminality has led to the closing of half our prisons. Large numbers of people have not been drunk since the last six months. In some Provinces, arrests for drunkenness have fallen off by more than ninety per cent. Destitution has almost vanished. Houses of refuge for night shelter have little to do.

While it is not claimed that all this decrease of crime, drunkenness and poverty is due solely to the enforcement of Prohibition, it is claimed that if anything like the amount of liquor were consumed now as in the old days these facts would not exist. Cash business in the stores has increased so as to satisfy every merchant of the stoppage of the main drain upon income.

At the same time one may admit that some drinking that took place in the bars is now carried on in homes and apartments. Until the frontiers are closed to the importation of liquor, and until short circuiting is prevented by other legislation, there will be certain facilities for this kind of consumption. One must not minimize the evil. Competent authority has assured us that it is this semi-domestic dabling in alcohol which is the main factor in the moral looseness which promotes social diseases. Every careful student of social conditions deploras this evil and hopes to see it eliminated in the near future. It is only idle gossip which represents this as an evil of such magnitude as to warrant either the lapsing back to the old conditions or the defeat of efforts to stop importation.

The evils of drink are noticed now because we are no longer confronted with them on every side. This must not mislead the people or weaken their considered determination to remove from our social life the last traces of the drink trade. For a few years' conditions, may not be quite satisfactory, but the transition period will not last many years, and then—

Markdale Markets

Dairy Butter	43	45
Eggs	55	57
Oats	52	52
Potatoes	\$1.15	1.25
Dressed Fowl		
Chicks	28	30
Fowl	24	26
Ducks	28	30
Geese	24	26
Turkeys	33	40

Read Standard Want Ads., page 5.

CREDIT AUCTION SALE

Of Farm Stock, Implements, Etc.
 J. S. Shepherdson has received instructions from

H. D. IRWIN
 to sell by public auction at his premises, LOT 113, T. & S. Road, (1 1/2 miles south of Markdale) on

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23
 The Following:
HORSES
 1 General Purpose Team; 1 Agricultural-Gelding; 1 General Purpose Mare 5 years old; 1 Agricultural Filly rising 3 years old; 1 Roadster Filly rising 2 years.

CATTLE
 1 Cow recently calved; 1 Cow supposed to be in calf; 1 Heifer 2 years old in calf; 7 Steers 2 years old; 1 Yearling Steer; 1 Yearling Heifer; 1 Heifer Calf; 1 Pure-bred Shorthorn Bull Calf eligible to registration; 1 Pure-bred Shorthorn Heifer calf eligible for registration.

IMPLEMENTS
 Disc Harrow; Root Pulper; Hay Rower; Cream Separator; Lard Toller; Emory Stone; Wind Stone; Set Iron Harrows; Bag Truck; Iron Vice; Panning Mill; Buggy Pole; Buggy; Democraft; Pleasure Sleigh; Set Single Harness; Incubator; Robe; Spray Pump; Chemical Closet; Grain Cradle; Single Plow; Quantity of good Hay; Grain and Lumber; Double-trees, Neck-yokes; Forks; Chains and numerous other articles not stated.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock sharp. Please remember the date and arrange to come early as this Sale must start on time owing to darkness falling so early. Everything is in good condition and will be sold within the least reserve.
TERMS—\$10 and under, Cash; over that amount ten months' credit on approved joint notes or 5 per cent. off for cash in lieu of notes.
 Grain and Hay, Cash.
H. D. Irwin, Proprietor.

HOLLAND COUNCIL

Holland, Dec. 20, 1920
 Council met on above date for the transaction of business. All the members were present with exception of Mr. Ceaser who was absent owing to illness. Robert Howey, Reeve, presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The following reports were received and read: Chairman of the Board of Health; Medical Officer of Health; E. Williams, Truant Officer. Accounts from J. Thompson, Clerk of Sydenham; account of work on the townline Holland and Sydenham; James Foster, care of hall, \$13.43; Peter Telford, tiles, \$111.40.

Acheson—Sargent—That Wm. McKinley receive an order on Treasurer for \$8.68 owing to error in Wilson Ranson's Assessment for 1920.
 Beirnes—Acheson—That James Blaney receive \$4.00 bonus for 20 rods wire fence; and John Walker receive \$14.00 for 70 rods, and built in 1920 on recommendation of Mr. Acheson.

Beirnes—Acheson—That the sum of \$9.00 for rent of Hall collected by Jas. Foster be paid to Treasurer.
 Sargent—Acheson—That the reports of the officers of the Board of Health be adopted and printed in the minutes.

Sargent—Acheson—That George Walker be refunded \$7.88 taxes owing to loss by fire.
 Beirnes—Sargent—That James P. Hare be appointed to interview I. B. Lucas, Hydro Commissioner, regarding Hydro for the Township of Holland, and give a report at the nomination meeting on Dec. 27th, if he can sign the Hydro petition for sufficient lights in Township Hall.

Beirnes—Acheson—That the following dog taxes charged in error be refunded:—W. H. Clark, \$3.00; Eph. Krause, \$3.00; Jas. Conners, \$3.00; Harry Worthington, \$3.00; Alf Lyons, \$3.00; Chas. Tibbitt, \$3.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL (B. C. Friends Included.)
J. A. ERSKINE, Grocer

NOTICE

Having taken over the McIntyre Monumental Works at Orangeville I am now prepared to take care of orders for all kinds of Memorials. To any who are going to buy for next year, I am offering special discounts during the month of January. My reason for this is that we can go your work cheaper through the winter months than later on, when we are rushed. I thank you in advance for any work you may see your way clear to give me.

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The Farmer's Wife

So often the "hard" lot of farm women has been ranted over, and so much unashed pity has been lavished upon them by people who have never known an hour of actual farm life, that it is rather refreshing to read the outcome of a recent investigation in the United States, where the conditions are very much the same as here in Canada.

Some months ago the home editor of Farm & Home, Springfield, Mass., asked the women among the subscribers of the paper to write letters telling what they thought about reports that the "poor farm woman on lonely farms toils wearily with scant reward, and grows old and grey before her youth is gone."

Here are some of the replies:—
 "How many women living in crowded quarters in cities, with scarcely room to breathe, and no real freedom, would exchange places with me and many others situated as I am? As I write, my bonny baby of four-year-old months lies asleep in his crib on the porch free from noise and dust. The older children are playing in the yard with their dog, kitten and dolls. They have oceans of fresh air to breathe and unlimited freedom. Providing meals is no problem, for I have fresh vegetables growing right at hand, a tender young chicken prepared from my own flock (no cold-storage products for us!) We have plenty of fresh milk and butter, and many other good things to eat and grow on. I can look out on fields of ripening grain and thank God for his

blessings.—Mrs. C. E. Plummer, a farmer's wife of Oklahoma.
 "Lonely? Where is there such an abundance of life as in the country? There may not be crowds of people, but nature makes a grander showing. The trees, the grass, the flowers, the birds, the horses, and cattle—even the crickets, jockys, katydids and the frogs—all add to the grand symphony of nature. And then there are the shining stars and the beautiful, bright moon at night, when God seems so near.
 "Where are the members of the family nearer and dearer to each other than on the farm? Where do they understand each other better? How many wonderful evenings are spent together with neighbors around the piano and victrola, singing and dancing! How many pleasant hours are spent driving through the country, going to band-concerts or picnics, or to church on Sunday! And then there is the telephone and the daily visits of the letter-carrier with magazine.
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A Witness Testifies SHE WAS WEAK AND NERVOUS

Brampton, Ont.—"About five years ago I began suffering with woman's trouble. I became all run-down, weak and nervous. I was so completely down and out that I could not do anything, could scarcely dress myself. I had the doctor and took other medicine, but without getting better until I began taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and his Golden Medical Discovery. It was only necessary for me to take about three bottles when I was completely restored to health and strength and I have been in better health than I ever was before. I have had no use for medicine since, but should I need it I would take these same remedies, knowing them to be excellent."—MRS. HARRY KNIGHT, Jessie St.

OWES HER LIFE

Ft. Saskatchewan, Alta.—"It is with great pleasure that I write the following and I hope it will help the many sufferers who do not know the good Dr. Pierce's medicine would do them if they would try them.
 "In regard to my condition, I will say that I suffered from childhood from a very weak back; I had the misfortune of having spinal meningitis when I was one year old and until I was 18 I did not see a well day, but a very kind lady told my mother about Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and she got a bottle to try it. It did me so much good that mother got me 6 bottles. Recently I happened with a car accident and hurt my back badly. My doctor gave me up and said I would not live, but I still stuck to Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and to my surprise in three weeks I was out of bed and better. Love my life to it and nothing else, and shall never be without it.
 "If any sufferer wishes to write I will answer with pleasure."—MRS. NOEL BARTHOLOMEW.

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 Leather handbags and purses, \$1.00 to \$5.00
 French Ivory and Ebony sets, 50c to \$16.00
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