

**H. MERCER & SON****All Ready for Christmas**

with a most complete stock of goods useful for presents for Men and Children.

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| Men's Overcoats and Suits                                      | \$15.00 to \$25.00 |
| Boys' Overcoats and Suits                                      | \$7.00 to \$15.00  |
| Men's New Ties, in individual boxes                            | .75c to \$1.00     |
| Men's Gloves   | .50c to \$2.50     |
| "Stanfield's" Underwear, soft and warm, \$1.35 per garment up. |                    |
| Bath Towels, new make  | .75c to \$1.50     |
| Ladies' Juliet Slippers  | \$1.75 to \$2.00   |
| Ladies' Burberry Style Coats                                   | \$20.00            |
| Ladies' Gloves   | .75c to \$1.50     |
| Ladies' Coat-Sweaters  | \$3.25 and \$4.75  |
| Ladies' Silk Waists  | \$4.00 to \$6.00   |

We Sell for Less Quality Considered

**H. Mercer & Son, Markdale****CHRISTMAS BAKING**

We have a supply of Cake Cutters, Story-Cake Tins, Pyrex Dishes, Egg Beaters, Flour Sifters, Rolling Pins, Food Choppers, Etc.

WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES would not one of the following be a pleasant surprise?

| For Father or Brother | For Mother or Sister |
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| A pipe.               | A Pyrex Dish.        |
| A Flashlight.         | An Aluminum Dish.    |
| A Pocket Knife.       | An Granite Dish.     |
| A pair of Gloves.     | An O'Cedar Mop.      |
| A pair of Skates.     | A piece of Cutlery.  |
| A Hockey Stick.       | An Electric Iron.    |
| A Skif.               | An Electric Heater.  |
| A Safety Razor.       | A Coleman Lamp.      |
| A Rifle.              | A Washing Machine.   |
| A Coleman Lantern.    | A Range.             |

**THE MANN HARDWARE**

11 Haskett Block, Markdale Phone 43

**Real Good Soap**

A Big Bar of Good Soap—Bright, solid soap with fine lathering and cleansing qualities for the family wash and household use.

For use in washing machines shave or slice a portion of the "SURPRISE" bar direct to the machine. It will do fine work.

**New Bargains at Rosen's**

We have added a new supply of Bargains to our previous stock. Come and get yours.

**New Coats On Sale**

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| New Suits at a Bargain  |         |
| Big range of Ladies' Coats @.....                                       | \$10.00 |
| Skirts, regular up to \$7.50 on sale @.....                             | \$3.49  |
| Towelling on sale, 2 yards for.....                                     | .25c.   |
| Ladies' Boots, good Kid Boots, all sizes, regular \$5.00 on sale @..... | \$2.95  |

**Big Supply of New Caps On Sale.**

Many More Real Bargains in  
BOOTS, SHOES,  
RUBBERS  
UNDERWEAR  
SWEATERS

**M. ROSEN'S**  
Markdale Bargain House

**Flesherton**

(Special to The Standard)

The Presbyterian Guild meeting was made specially interesting last week by a visit from Mr. T. S. Cooper, Agricultural Representative, who spoke on "Triumphs of Agriculture." The address was instructive and was splendidly illustrated with lantern slides.

An enjoyable social time was spent at the Baptist Church on Saturday evening when the members gathered to show their appreciation of their organist, Miss Jennie Roy, who, before leaving on a holiday, was presented with a handsome ivory boudoir electric lamp. The pastor, Mr. S. Rose, made the presentation, expressing high appreciation of the faithful and helpful services rendered by Miss Roy. A short program was rendered, which added to the pleasure of the occasion. Miss Roy and her mother leave on Wednesday to spend a few months with relatives at New York and vicinity.

At the Communion Service in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, seven young people of the congregation were received into membership on profession of faith. The work is encouraging to the pastor.

Before the regular service in the Methodist Church on Sunday evening a good song service was conducted by Dr. Murray. On Monday evening, at the Young People's meeting, Mrs. W. H. Thurston gave an excellent Missionary paper on "Non-English Speaking People on the Pacific Coast."

Mrs. Wesley Plant, 4th line, underwent an operation for appendicitis at her home on Wednesday, of last week, and is reported doing well. Dr. McPault, of Collingwood, operated, assisted by Drs. Guy and Martin.

Mrs. W. J. Boyd has improved her residence with a large new furnace chimney in the centre, built from the cellar up, with neat fireplace on the first floor.

By a newsy letter from Mr. Charlie Jones, formerly of Ceylon, we learn he is now at Prince Albert, Sask., in the employ of the C. N. R., building station houses and water tanks. He reports beautiful fall weather there.

Mr. W. J. Caswell is spending a couple of weeks at Brampton on Provincial road supervision.

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Under the auspices of Owen Sound Methodist District, a Convention for the deepening of Spiritual Life was held in the Methodist Church here on Tuesday of last week, and was inspirational throughout. Rev. John Locke, Chairman of the District, presided at three sessions held, and otherwise took an active part in the proceedings. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. H. Oke, of Flesherton, Rev. J. S. Veals of Kimberley, and Mr. W. H. Porte of Owen Sound.

At the morning session, Rev. H. H. Eaton, of Chatsworth, District Secretary, spoke on the "Purpose of the Convention," and Rev. J. Locke gave a Scripture exposition. At the afternoon session, Rev. R. Nicholson, of Owen Sound, spoke on "Personal Evangelism."

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Returning from the funeral of the late Mrs. Douglas at Markdale on Monday evening, Miss Hulse and father, of Orangeville, called on some of her old friends here. Miss Hulse was formerly a popular member of the High School Staff, and we were pleased to meet her again.

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iting her daughter, Mrs. T. C. Blake.

A beautifully written appreciation of the late Rev. Al. W. Tonge, who died recently at Amherstburg, appeared in the Christian Guardian last week and found a hearty response in the hearts of the people here who appreciated his earnest evangelical preaching while pastor of the Methodist Church.

**Robert J. Sproule Dead**  
Mr. R. J. Sproule, one of the oldest residents here and a public spirited citizen, died on Sunday evening, December 3rd, 1922, after only a few days illness with pneumonia.

Mr. Sproule settled in Flesherton over fifty years ago and was for many years postmaster, general merchant and grain buyer. He was one of the founders of East Grey Agricultural Society, taking a deep interest in it and for many years was Secretary-Treasurer. In recent years he has conducted a real estate and insurance business and by his long connection with the public was well and widely known.

He was Past Master of Pippin Arthur Lodge here; in politics a Conservative and in religion a Methodist, at times filling important offices in the Church. The deceased, who was a twin brother of the late Senator Dr. T. S. Sproule, was born in King Township County of York, in 1843 and was therefore in his 80th year. When quite young he came with his parents to Osprey Township, where he grew to manhood, and later entered mercantile life with the late W. J. McFarland.

He married Miss Sarah Totten, a school teacher, of Woolbridge, who died here many years ago, beloved by all. A son and daughter survive him, viz: Mr. Fred Sproule, barrister, and Mrs. G. A. Higginbotham, both residing in Winnipeg. The latter arrived in Toronto on Sunday and met here with her brother, Mr. J. Franks, but was a short time too late to see her father alive. The funeral will take place from the home of Mr. P. W. H. Hickling on Tuesday afternoon under Masonic auspices.

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Don't forget the Christmas Tree and Concert at S. S. No. 17, 11th line,

and Concert at Harkaway School on December 21st, also the one at Harkaway School on December 22nd.

Kindly keep these dates clear and

prepare to hear something good.

Miss Edna Williamson, of Goring, visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. Hawken last week.

Messrs. Bob Murdoch and Lloyd Lyons went to Toronto last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Wells and family visited Riverdale friends on Sunday.

Miss Margaret Johnson is in Toronto at present.

Look up the program on front page

of this paper; then secure your tickets at Stephenson's Jewellery Store, Markdale.

(Special to The Standard)

Beautiful weather.

Mrs. Alf. Dunlop and daughter, Beta, of Vandeleur, spent the past week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Brown.

Mr. George J. McFadden visited friends at Dundalk recently.

Mrs. John McFadden and daughter, and Mrs. Oscar Truman, of Markdale, spent the past week at the parental home with Mr. and Mrs. W. Clark.

Mrs. Russell Allison and daughter, Ruby, visited friends in Owen Sound.

Your Con is listing F. T. Hill & Co.'s famous Five Crown Flour, and it is the best we have used. It would take a smart woman, indeed, to make bad bread with Five Crown flour.

Miss Alma Brown spent last week with friends in Owen Sound.

Mrs. Gladys Burnett, of Cherry Grove, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McFadden.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tebbutt and daughter, Gertrude, visited friends at Chatsworth this week.

Messrs. Jas. and Earl Semple received the sad news of the death of their uncle, Mr. James Semple, of Watertown, Conn. U. S. Much sympathy for the sorrowing family.

We are sorry to report the Terrible family on the sick list; also Mr. and Mrs. Hawken, Jr., who is now much better. We hope to see them out soon.

Miss Marble McInnis, of Markdale, was a recent visitor with Miss Lawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Garber and son were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. Hawken, 11th line.

The Misses MacLean, of Proton, visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. T