

No shortage of gift ideas

There's no shortage of gift ideas for the holiday season in downtown Georgetown.

Four stores visited recently by The Herald provided a wealth of products sure to please somebody on your shopping list.

Stopping first at North Halton Sports Ltd., The Herald found down ski suits to keep you warm. The jackets ranged from \$109 to \$199 and the pants from \$64.99 to \$115.99.

If that's a bit more than you had in mind, there are Topher and High Sierra ski jackets available at lesser cost.

Pure new wool John Bear ski sweaters are selling for \$39.99, and sales rep Cindy Norton said the Demetre sweaters are apparently all you see on the slopes these days.

For your ski enthusiasts there are ski sunglasses ranging from \$47.99 to \$59.99, and spiffy ski goggles.

For those who like sports in the warmth of their home, North Halton Sports is selling dart boards for \$44.99 and colorful dart flights and shafts.

How about a push

broom for \$34.99 for a curling enthusiast? Or how about a grip saver, for \$8.99, they can slip on their shoe?

Pure wool ski hats with colorful pompoms start from \$5.99 and will keep ears snug even off the slopes.

The latest fashion come-back are ear muffs, and North Halton Sports has the deluxe genuine rabbit fur muffs for \$13.99, and Muffits muffs in bright colors for \$5.99.

Down the street, John Boughton's Jewellers is selling costume jewellery, along with the real thing.

How about a sterling silver necklace from \$25 up so your daughter can wear her charms? Or you can have a gold plate over sterling silver chain for the same price.

For that sweetheart with the freckles, how about a promise ring with a real diamond set in 10 karat gold? It sells for \$75 to \$150.

Sparkling under the counters are synthetic and real rubies, emerald, amethysts, garnets, opals, aquamarines, blue sapphires and pearls. These gems are

Downtown offers a variety of shopping 'buys'

set in rings, earrings and necklaces.

Gold chains, 10 karat, are popular for women, especially the 16-inch ones which fit just around the base of the neck. The longer 20-inch chain has the same fit for gents.

Employee Joanne Pegg said chains sell according to weight and start at \$50. Silver chains start at \$5.50.

She said quartz watches are very popular and make a great gift for someone who's always late or asking you "What time is it?"

For \$20 you can buy a gold plated money clip for that person who doesn't always like to carry a wallet.

Boughton's also has Royal Doulton figurines and floral baskets, clocks, jewellery cases, and cufflinks.

"Most men have an idea of what they want, or they want to buy to match something pur-

chased a while ago," Miss Pegg said. "But we still get lots of men in the store Dec. 24 at 4 p.m. wanting help," she laughed.

Across the street at Towels 'n' Things, The Herald found Christmas tins at \$4.99, practical if you do baking. A pretty tin of homebaked goodies makes a lovely gift.

There are smaller tins that make nice stocking stuffers for \$1.75 and \$2.75. They can be used for storing jewellery, safety pins, earrings.

You can treat your wife to a big fibre pillow for \$17.99, or a queen size one for \$23.99. Goose down pillows are over \$100, salesclerk Nell Pacholok said.

She pulled out a white ceramic storage jar that makes a nice place to put tea bags in, for \$17. It comes in a smaller size as well.

In the same white ceramic material, there are jelly molds that can

be hung on the wall, a garlic holder jar for \$6.99, candlestick holders and jam jars with spoons.

For those with a raunchy sense of humor, there are "Jokes for the John" books that can be hung by the toilet for that spare moment of reading.

Towels 'n' Things also carries framed prints of black and white country scenes by Beamaville artist Kathy Hagerman.

For the fashion-conscious on your list, The Village Shoppe has warm woolly pullovers for \$70, pure silk scarves by Anne Klein and lambswool and angora sweaters.

"Men like a package that's put together," sales assistant Joy Golding said. "We help them put together outfits in the size they like."

There are blazers and pants that can be jazzed up with a colorful blouse. Mrs. Golding said pastels, like pinks, pale lemons and peaches are popular.

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