

Alex. Russell THE BIG STORE Alex. Russell

JUST THINK OF IT—Only eight more days to Krismas. Select your gifts at once and have them useful as well as ornamental.

Gifts for Men

- Suspenders put up in boxes 50c pr
Kerchiefs, satin lined at 75c, \$1, \$1.25
Neck Ties in Puffs, Ascots, Derby's,
Strings, &c., from 10c to \$1.25
Gloves, silk lined for.....\$1.20
Fur Caps, Fur Coats,
Silk Handkerchiefs, Initial.

Gifts for Ladies

- Kid Gloves in any shade or color
for \$1.10 and.....\$1.35
Silk Handkerchiefs, Initial
Sable Ruffs at...\$10, \$15, 20, \$22
Sable Muffs .....\$6, \$8 and \$15.
Fancy Collars
Fancy Belts at 25c, 50, 75, \$1, \$1.40
Fancy Handkerchiefs from 5c to 75c

LOOK AT OUR NORTH WINDOW—For some suggestions in Fancy China Gifts. The largest, best selected and cheapest Stock of China in town.

GROCERIES FOR XMAS

- RAISINS—Seeded, Seedless, Layer, &c.
NUTS—Almond, Walnut, Hazel, Peanuts.
PEELS—of all Kinds
CANDIES—Fancy or Mixed.

Shop early and avoid the rush that naturally comes the week before Christmas.

GOODS DELIVERED TO ALL PARTS OF TOWN.

Alex Russell

SUCCESSOR TO J. A. HUNTER.

Rush in Your Fowl as soon as possible and get the big Prices.

At Your Service

In Business or Pleasure

The wise man is equally careful to have his Clothing correct—absolutely. Come to us and buy a prosperous looking Suit, —It won't cost very much,—and we know you'll come again. This is an

All the Year Round

Store. The same good dependable merchandise for all people and purses.

We invite inspection of our goods—bought carefully, to sell correctly, to please constantly.

Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Groceries. Farmers' Produce taken as Cash.

ROBT. BURNET

HOLIDAY PERFUMES

When you need Perfumes either for personal use or for Holiday giving, we ask you to make your selections from our present Stock, which includes practically everything worth while in the line of domestic and foreign goods. These Perfumes we have in fancy packages of all sizes as well as in bulk. We give below a few suggestions in other Goods that will help to show you the extent of our assortment.

- Leather Goods, Games,
Smokers' Goods and Sets, Mirrors,
Travelling Sets, Fountain Pens, Brushes,
Ebony and Celluloid Goods, Wrist Bags,
Shaving Sets and Mugs, Purses, Wallets, etc.,
Lamp Goods, Ink Wells, Box Papers,
Bibles, Hymnals,
Prayer Books, Confectionery

Parker's Drug Store

IF YOU GET IT AT PARKER'S, IT'S GOOD.

VICKERS.

Jno Vickers, of Port Huron, spent Christmas at his home here.

Robt McNaughton's extensive auction sale of farm stock and implements on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, was a financial success.

Walter Park, medical student of McGill College, Montreal, is spending his Christmas holidays with friends here.

Miss Gilchrist, our efficient teacher, is spending her holidays at her home in Barrie.

Mr and Mrs R Kidney, Michigan, spent a few days last week with the former's aunt, Mrs Jno Lawrence.

James Hopkins was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Elizabeth McDonald, of Wootersburg. Congratulations.

Rev Mr Bell is absent from his charge here on account of the serious illness of his brother in Buffalo.

Miss Lizzie Campbell, a former resident of this place, but now a resident of Lumbden, N. W. T., is renewing friends and acquaintances around this part.

Chas F Lawrence, of Forest, is holidaying at his home here.

Ed Fitzsimmons, Georgetown, intends spending the winter in this place.

A concert was held in the school on Monday, Dec 31st, for the purpose of buying a library for the section. The night was stormy, but the attendance was very good. Alfred Corbett acted as chairman in a very able manner. The program was lengthy and interesting consisting chiefly of recitations, dialogues and singing. The dialogues, etc., by the school children were well rendered and much credit is reflected on the teachers and pupils.

ROCKY SAUGEEN.

The Christmas Tree in connection with Burns' Church here was a success. The main features of the program were addresses by the pastor and Rev Mr Newton, of Durham, that were entertaining and edifying. Solos by the talented Scotch singer of Durham, Mr John S Drysdale were worth more than twice the admission fee. Duets by Mrs J Vessie and Mrs A Middleton, and recitations, dialogues, duets and quartets by the scholars from the able training of Misses Amy I Edge and Dora Davidson. After a hearty vote of thanks to those who took part, the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable night's entertainment to a close. Proceeds about \$18.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs James Wilson Sr., is poorly, erysipelas seems to be the complaint.

The friends and acquaintances of Miss Annie Vessie were glad to see her return home from Paris for a few months.

Mr D McCormick, teacher in Kent township, is making home-life happier for a few days this festive season.

Mr Faw, school teacher in Toronto, is spending his Xmas holidays with his parents here.

Angus McKinnon went down to Toronto for a few days.

The remains of the late Jno Brown, of the 7th con, Beninet, were interred in the cemetery here last Wednesday. A large number of friends paid the last tribute of respect to the memory of the departed gentleman. He was not only one of the oldest but one of the most respected men in the township.

Although the weather was rough the day of the Reform convention in Durham, a number from this part attended. The majority of the people here do not agree with the editor of the Chronicle, for their belief is that the right man got the choice, and that Mr Miller is a man that the Reform party of South Grey should be proud to have as their standard bearer of honest and progressive government. It is too bad they do not choose a man to suit the very wise and faultless Chronicle man.

FIRMEN'S ANNUAL MEETING.

Annual Meeting of the Durham Fire Brigade was held on the 21st inst at the fire hall for the election of officers for 1904 and the transaction of other business. The old officers were all re-elected:—R. Torry, chief; John Harbottle, Lieut.; A. McDonald, engineer; F. McClocklin, Asst. engineer; A. Thompson, fireman; E. D. McClocklin, foreman of Hose Reel No. 1; J. Rose, foreman of Hose Reel No. 2; C. Elridge, foreman of H. & L.; J. Rose, Secy. Treas. Prizes for best attendance: J. A. Black 1st, Wm Fakingham and A. Saunders tied for 2nd place. The average attendance for the year was good. 6 names were struck off the list this year, having left town, leaving a total membership at present of 23, in good standing. All business for the year being finished up, the boys all proceeded to the Central Hotel, where an oyster supper was awaiting them. After the oysters and turkey were disposed of, the fire boys with a few invited friends spent a very pleasant time in the parlor with music and song, which everyone present enjoyed very much and hoped they would have the pleasure of seeing repeated again.

MARRIED.

NOBLE—CALDER.—In Toronto on Wednesday, Dec 23, by Rev. Mr. Hesley, Mr. Arnold Noble, to Miss Martha Calder.

MCKINNON—NEWELL.—On Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the manse, Durham, by Rev. Wm. Farquharson, Allan McKinnon, to Miss Jennie Newell, Ben.

DIED.

MACDIARMID.—On Nov. 20, 1903, at Redlands, California, James Stewart, aged 26 years, son of the Rev. Archibald Macdiarmid and Mary Ann Grant Macdiarmid, of Windsor, Ont. (The Macdiarmid's are well known to L-tona people)

PRICEVILLE.

Snow in abundance. Travelling rather unsafe. Weather cold. Everybody anxiously looking for a thaw, or at least finer weather. The concert season will soon be over and we hope the storm will too.

Our late teacher Mr Eastman left on Saturday for his home at Menford. Mr Eastman will be greatly missed, as he was a young man that took great interest in the advancement of every good cause and as an appreciation of his excellent services in the Sabbath School and elsewhere he was presented, as a token of esteem, with an elegant gold watch and chain, by his scholars and others. His successor is another young man from the north east corner of Artemesia, Mr Stewart, who comes with good recommendations.

The concert in aid of the Library was fairly well attended on both evenings. The talent was good. Among those taking part was Mr Ramage, of Egremont and a lot of others.

John McKechnie and sister Miss Maggie, of North Dakota, but formerly of near this place, are visiting friends in this part at present.

Miss Janet McDonald, of Hamilton, spent a few days at home with her mother and family, Mrs Chas McDonald, at Xmas, and returned again on Monday last.

Rev Mr Matheson, of this place, and Rev Thom. of Flesherton, exchanged pulpits, Sunday before last. Mr Thom, in attempting to go to Swinton Park through the drifts, was obliged to return at McDougall's corner, south line. In taking through Thomson's field he came in contact with a big stone, breaking his harness, and of course he remedied but to return, after using a rope a tug. So we see that sometimes even ministers are tempted to return when coming to the Mount difficulty. Mr Matheson was more successful in braving the storm, for he made out all his points, although he had to unlatch his horse several times on the way. Rev Mr Roach travelled the town line to Ebenezer, said day, where man our beast didn't go this winter.

Mrs (Rev) Campbell, of Dromore, (Dr Brander), was storm stayed all last week at her father's, Merchant Brander, of this place.

These that attended college at Owen Sound are spending their holidays at home at present.

Measles are quite prevalent at present in and around Priceville, but of a mild form.

Dugald McCormick, of this town, met with an accident the other day, by upsetting his cutter and coming in contact with a sleigh he was passing, cutting his face, but not seriously.

Miss Rachel Stothart, of Detroit, is at home now.

Councillor Sullivan, of Glenelg, but now of Wellington County, paid a short visit on business, a couple of weeks ago. Mr Sullivan is doing well at the hotel business.

Archie McCaig is making preparations for a new brick house he intends to erect next summer.

No sideroad opened from the townline, Glenelg and Artemesia, S. D. R., until the last line at Ritchie's School house, so that there is very little communication from the south to the north.

This winter, Christmas was observed in the usual way, some with merry hearts, while others with sadness, for many a home is found on this Xmas day with an empty chair at either end of the festive table, and sometimes at either sides, for in some instances the son or the daughter that filled their places 12 months ago has been removed by death, so that this season of the year acts in a twofold manner, by bringing to the one home joy and happiness in having a whole family reunion at the Christmas table, while in other homes it brings sorrow in thinking of those that are gone during the year never to return again.

Oyster supper in connection with the Methodist body on Tuesday evening, 6th January.

The Scottish Singers are billed to be in the Presbyterian church on January, 5th next.

Wishing the Editor, staff and many readers compliments of the season we close.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

Of course we refer to Xmas Presents and at this season of the year the puzzling question is "What Will I Get Him?" That will be easier answered after you have our stock of Men's requirements. We will give a very small list below which may help you to decide.

- Men's XMAS NECKWEAR Four-in-hand, knot, puff, bow and ascot shapes. Correct styles & coloring, 25-75c
Men's SUSPENDERS Rolled leather ends; neat, solid brass buckles; Fancy webs..... 50c
Men's OXFORD MUFFLERS Fine silk and satin, with quilted satin lining. Neat fancy Patterns and plain blacks,..... 50c to \$1.50
Men's FULL DRESS MUFFLERS Fine satin with corded silk lining; the noblest muffler shown, \$2 to \$5
Men's GLOVES Kid and Mocho, unlined and silk and wool-lined; all colors..... 50c to \$2.00
Men's SLIPPERS Embroidered, alligator and opera..... 85c to \$2.25
Men's SHIRTS Hard and soft bosom, very new..... 75c to \$1.25
Men's SHOES Slater's Invictus and Cork Soles..... \$3.00 to \$5.00

The above is only a small list of what we can show you in the line of presents for men. Not luxuries, but useful articles.

Just Comes in Right

OUR SALE OF BOYS' CLOTHING. Look up the list of the week before last, a chance to give him a nice Suit at a low price. And while we are talking, if the man requires an OVERCOAT, our special \$8 and \$10 coat can't be beat if equalled in the County.

Give us a Call; The Store for Men's Wants.

Theobald, The Clothier.

The Season's Problem

—AND—

Its Solution

THE PROBLEM: What shall I give this Xmas? Something useful and at the same time suggestive of the season will be very acceptable.

Our Christmas Goods

Differ from the ordinary lines in that, they are more of the nature of novelties than goods of the same class, carried at other seasons. They are put up in tasteful boxes with HOLIDAY DESIGNS "Christmas Greetings," etc.

THE SOLUTION: Following are a few suggestions for the Gift Buyer, all of which, are what can be called Christmas Goods and suitable for Gifts.

For Your Gentlemen Friends:

- Ties, Cravats, Mufflers, Chest Protectors,
Gloves, Suspenders, Underwear, Silk Handkerchiefs,
Pyjamas, Fancy Socks, Pins, White Waist Coats,
Cuff Links, Silk Garters, Collars, Woolen Gloves,
Shirts, Silk Squares, Patent Shoes, Hats & Caps, etc.

For the Ladies:

- Handkerchiefs, plain and fancy, and in Fancy boxes, Kid Gloves,
Lined and Fur trimmed Gloves and Mitts,
New Fancy Silk Stocks in Persian and Military effects,
Neck Ribbons, Silk Cambric and Bolting Cloth Collar Tabs,
Fancy Garters in dainty boxes, Silk Belts and Corsets,
Silk and Crepe de Chine Mufflers, and White Wool Mufflers,
Umbrella Shawls and Opera Wraps, Beautiful Finette Laine Blouse Lengths,
Patent Leather Shoes and Hosiery.

For Your Mother or Married Friends:

- Cosy down Comforters, White and Colored Comforters and Quilts,
Reversible Wool Rugs, Table Linen and Table Napkins,
Table Cloths and dozens of other things which go to make the home bright and comfortable.

We will spare no effort to please our customers. You are invited to come and look at things, you will not be pressed to buy and our suggestions and experience will be at your service.

We have a full Stock of Candies, Nuts, Table Raisins, etc. Come early and get one of our Beautiful Art Calenders.

H. H. MOCKLER

Report of Swinton Park School for Fall term of 1903. 5th Class—Maggie Knox, Lizzie Aldcorn, Willie Knox, Jenny Hardy, 4th—Rob Aldcorn, Nellie Kinnell, Willie Watson, 3rd—Vina Dnox, Annie Porter, Vernon Meagher, 2nd—Geo. Campbell, Reta Kinnell, Jesse Campbell, Jr 2nd—J. J. Pattison, Jennie McNalty, Willie Knox, Pt 2nd—Richie Hannam, Jim Meagher, Bert Knox, 1st—Abbie McNalty, W. J. McLeod, Susie McNalty. Average attendance for 1st half year of '03—41. Average attendance for 2nd half year of '03—44. Most regular attendants in 1st half year—Grace Knox and Vernon Meagher, eq. In 2nd half year—Susie McNalty and Abbie McNalty, eq. In the year: 1st—Abbie McNalty, 208 days, 2nd—Grace Knox, 205 days, 3rd—May Aldcorn, 204 days. School kept open 207 days. E. J. WILSON, Teacher.

Report of S. S. No. 12, Egremont, for the months of November and December. Class 6th—R D Henry, Sr 4th—Nelson, Jr 4th—Maggie Lawrence, Annie Mary Brown, Harold Hunter, Sr 3rd—Kinell, Jesse Campbell, Jr 3rd—Bert Lawrence, Aggie Adams, Brown, Fanny Patterson, Mary Wilson, Mary B. Reid, Sr 2nd—Nina McLeod, Fatt Lawrence, E. Patterson, Hugh Patterson, Reuben Watson, C. Nelson, W. Wilson, Jr 2nd—John Davis, Martin Wilson, M. Eccles, C. McKenzie, Arthur Lee, Pt 2nd Sr—Edgar Henry, Maggie Eccles, Cecil Davis, Jean Ferguson, Goldwin Lawrence, M. Hamilton, T. Brown, Pt 2nd Jr—Roy Eccles, Bert Ferguson, I. Lee, Pt 1st Sr—Jessie Reid, Elsie Eccles, Mary Ferguson, Irene Watson, Pt 1st Jr—Joe Wilson, Walter Ferguson, H. G. HUNTER, Teacher.