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J. H. SOOTHERAN,

91 KENT-ST., LINDSAY.

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READY WITH.....

Spring and Summer Dry Goods

Our premises have been in the hands of the house-builder for seven weeks, and can say without boasting we have one of the best lighted and equipped business places in Lindsay as the result.

Come and see us; you will think when you step into our shop that it must be a new store, but the old faces so familiar to you will greet you. We are ready for the largest spring and summer business we have ever experienced.

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In our Carpets we are showing a complete assortment of

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Spring Hats for Men and Boy's

The newest, brightest and best that a spring time ever saw; also a complete assortment of Outing and Bicycle Caps. It is here you'll find the assortment and variety of styles.

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- Table Linen, 56 inches, 23c
-" " 60 " 25c
-" " 62 " 30c
-And a very special at 50c a yard.

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Handsome Broche Dress Goods, in Colors, 25c
-Covert Cloths, 50c, 75c, all the newest colorings
-New Silks in all the newest shades for Blouses, Trimmings and Neckwear
-Plain China Silks, in 10 colorings, at 25c
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-Remember we show the best 50c Black and Colored Kid Glove in the trade.

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THE BOMBARDMENT OF MATANZAS

THE FIRST NAVAL ENGAGEMENT OF THE WAR AS VIEWED BY A CORRESPONDENT

Key West, Fla., April 28. The Bay of Matanzas, in which the first battle of the war occurred, makes a deep dent in the banks of Cuba, forty miles east of Havana. From point to point it is forty miles across, and thence it curves with a broad inward sweep to where the town is built on the gently rising uplands.

Into this bay shortly after noon yesterday steamed the New York in stately fashion. The flagship of the fleet had just come from the blockade in front of Havana. She joined the Puritan and Cincinnati just outside Matanzas harbour, and after a brief exchange of signals slightly moved in toward the city.

It was sometime before the correspondents on the despatch boats, which was then not more than a mile away, could divine Admiral Sampson's intentions. Doubt on this part was soon settled. There was a puff from a masked battery on the east shore, followed an instant later by the sharp report of an eight-inch gun.

The New York returned the fire even before the report could be heard. The shell struck near what at a distance looked like a streak of yellow pine; against the dark green background of the hills, and then threw up a cloud of sand.

Glasses showed the yellow streak to be a Spanish battery on which work was being hastened.

Admiral Sampson's object in opening fire became clear. It was directed at a new battery being hastily constructed by the Spanish engineers on the west side of the bay. This work must be stopped. With glasses soldiers could be seen to hastily desert the battery and retire around the bend toward the bay. But there were other shore batteries quickly developed.

From another yellow streak down near the water's edge on the east side of the bay came a tiny puff of white smoke, then the scream of a shrapnel shell. It flew wide of its mark, however, only making a big splash one hundred yards from the New York. The fire of this battery was returned and the first battle was on.

Guns began to boom rapidly then. For sometime the New York used only her smaller guns. But pretty soon the heavy boom of her big gun amidships reverberated among the hills.

After the firing had continued for about sixteen minutes, the Puritan was signalled to get into the game. She took a position on the port side of the New York and about a mile and one-half from the east shore batteries.

There she promptly drew the first two batteries on the west shore. At the first the Puritan only used her secondary battery to get the range of the batteries, which were almost invisible, their locality being indicated, however, by the smoke.

By this time the firing was quite rapid from both the New York and Puritan. The flagship lay so that she presented a broadside to both shores, and she used her guns after a few range-finding shots with excellent results.

The accuracy of her gunners was continually attested by clouds of sand and mortar which flew from around the shore batteries. The Spaniards replied steadily, but with no effect. Meanwhile the Cincinnati was impatient to take a hand.

Finally Captain Chester received permission to bring his ship into action. He promptly chose a position less than two thousand yards from the west shore batteries, and soon developed that while exposed fully to his fire, they could not train their guns on the cruiser.

Until the end of the engagement the Cincinnati maintained an effective fire. This combined and destructive fire soon gave the men on shore enough. In less than twenty minutes from the time they opened fire on the New York their fire had been silenced.

When this was apparent, Admiral Sampson gave the signal to withdraw. The Puritan, being the most ungainly of the three ships, was the last to fire. This prompted a Spanish gunner to fire another shot at the big monitor.

He probably regretted his action. The Puritan replied with one of the 12-inch guns in her forward turret. I had my glasses full on the battery when the enormous shell struck it.

The explosion was terrific. A white column of sand and mortar was thrown fully fifty feet in the air like a squirt from some terrestrial geyser. Tons and tons of earth must have been in that column and what it did to the Spanish gunner when it descended can only be imagined, as the distance was too great to observe the details with certainty. It was a magnificent shot, especially as the rough sea was washing continually over the deck of the Puritan. It ended the battle.

PRETTY ACCURATE SHOOTING.

One of the shots fired by the monitor Terror in the chase of the Spanish steamer Guido, captured off Cardenas Wednesday morning, wounded the quartermaster of that vessel, not seriously, however, as it was only a flesh wound. The distance between the two ships was two miles, and the Terror's gunners put every shot where they wanted it. The sea was very rough, and they only wanted to hit the superstructure so as not to sink the vessel. The first shot struck the pilot house and carried away a portion of it, wounding Quartermaster Manuel Rivas. The second carried away a life-boat, the third hit the pedestal on which rested the compass and the whole thing was thrown into the sea. The fourth shot carried away considerable rigging. At such a distance and at night the marksmanship was superb. Only the six pounder guns were used.

HOW A MORTGAGE WAS LIFTED

SUCCESSING ON A STONY, SWAMPY FARM.

A New York farmer, writing to "Farm and Home" says: After a financial storm we found ourselves in possession of 54 acres of land, which was far from being what we would have chosen as to locality or condition, with a long-standing mortgage on it. Two had tried to lift the mortgage and each had come out the poorer for the fight. Only about one third of the land had ever been cultivated, and even that was in bad shape; another third was covered with old logs, briars and scrub trees; the remainder was swamp land from which much of the timber had been taken. The upland was wet and mostly stony—some of the stones being so large they could be got rid of only by sinking. The soil texture is such that only the best chilled plow will work well in it. The house was fit for only a temporary shelter and a small rough boarded building was the only barn. We had a span of horses, two cows and 13 sheep. We could not at first readily decide whether to go on or give up,—wife and I were about 48, with five children (girls) ranging from one to 14 yrs; then a barn must be built and tools bought. But we started in, with a debt of \$2200—more than the farm had ever been sold for. Twenty years have gone by and the last of the debt was paid 5 yrs ago. Have just moved into a comfortable new house, every bill is paid and our reserve is left in good condition.

A few resolutions were made to start with, the three principals being: That the education of our children should not be neglected; that we would buy nothing, not even a days labor, without having the money on hand to pay for it; that we would keep on hand at all times a little money to be held as a reserve fund to be drawn upon only in case of emergency. It was thought that the rough land would bring most with sheep, so seven of the best ewes (Merino) were selected from which to start a flock, and by the fourth year they had increased to over 40, mostly ewes, and we had also sold a few. One season their fleeces averaged 8 lbs 2 oz, and they never fell below 7 lbs washed wool. A few onions were grown each year and sometimes we had onion seed for sale,—one season \$50 worth. Strawberries were raised the first few years, a market being found among neighbors and at two or three country places from four to eight miles distant. Hens (50 to 100) also did good work, while bees gave us plenty of honey for home use and about \$50 worth per season to sell. Some young cattle and cows have been sold, also a few horses. A little tobacco was set the first two years, which was handled at home by self and family.

I have used more or less phosphate each year, having been quite enthusiastic over it at first, and using over two tons a year, but a more careful watching of results has led me to think that more depended upon the season and cultivation than upon the phosphate. Homemade manure and thorough cultivation, however, pay every time. We put all our manure, no matter how coarse, upon the surface, mixing it thoroughly for hoed crops, but for wheat spreading it as evenly as possible after the seed is sown.

The garden has done its share, the vegetables and fruit saving many a dollar, and the flowers giving a return not to be measured with money. Books, papers and periodicals have helped in more ways than one. Children have been kept in school away from home, in the aggregate about 24 yrs, six of them in college. Though four miles from church, there have been few first days of the week on which we have not found rest there. It has not all been smooth sailing; there have been many mistakes and losses. Some of them large. There has been economy and much self-denial, but no pinching; no outside help and careful use of time. And the saving and bringing together of small amounts has made the difference between lifting a mortgage and been lifted by it.

ORILLIA

STRUCK BY A LOCOMOTIVE.—While crossing the railway track at Tat's mill, on Saturday last, Mr. Lawrence, V. S., was struck by a locomotive and hurled to the ground, fortunately falling out of reach of the wheels. It was lucky that the train was not traveling at high rate of speed, or he would certainly have been killed. As it was, he was considerably shaken up, and sustained several severe bruises.

SCOTCH LINE—VERULAM.

At HOME.—An "At Home," under the auspices of the St. David's Epworth League, was held on Friday evening at the residence of Mr. John Lewis. The attendance was large, and a very pleasant evening spent by all present. The program consisted of club singing by Miss Sarah Lewis; Rev. Mr. Foster of Bobcaygeon, recitation; Miss Laidley, reading; Miss Kenny, recitation; musical quartette, Misses Lewis and Kenny and

MINDEN

ACCIDENT.—A young lad, son of Mr. Geo. R. Ross of Minden township, got his elbow dislocated on Saturday last. His arm remained in that condition until Thursday, when Dr. Curry, who has been absent in Ottawa on the railway deputation, returned and successfully reduced the dislocation which required the assistance of two strong men in the operation.

RETURNED.—Mr. James Hewitt, formerly of the township of Stanhope, who removed to western Ontario a few years ago, has returned to take up his residence with his son John in Stanhope. Mr. Hewitt, sr., is now in his 87th year, but is a hale looking old man and no one would think by his appearance he had seen so many years.—Echo.

MANSE GROVE—ELDON

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.—The following resolution of condolence was passed at a recent meeting of the board of management of St. Andrew's church, Eldon: To Mrs. Neill Smith and family, relatives of the late esteemed and lamented Miss Christina Smith: Forasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God in the dispensation of His omnipotent and overruling Providence to take away from us in the person of the late esteemed and deeply lamented Miss Christina Smith, one whom we have all learned to respect and love as a sister in Christ Jesus, we desire to memorialize in these few sentences to you our deep respect for the deceased, and our profound regret at her unexpected death. It is with feelings of profound regret we realize her loss in the church as a member of the same, as a chorister in the song of praise services of the congregation, and as a member of the C. E. and W. F. M. societies of our church. Yet while we mourn her presence here, we are rejoiced in knowing that she has been but translated to a better land, to the Heaven beyond the tomb, there with the saints and redeemed of God in Glory to sing her Master's praise eternally. With the sincere sympathies of the entire congregation in this,

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FOR MEN, BOYS, YOUTHS, LADIES, CHILDREN

Here are a few of Our Prices

- Men's Stiff Hats, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00.
-Men's Soft Fedora Hats, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.00.
-Boys' Soft Hats, 25c, 35c, 50c, and 75c.
-Youths' Fedoras, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.
-CHILDREN'S HEADGEAR A SPECIALTY.
-Tams, Varsity's Golfs, Glengarrys and Turkish Fez, 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c.
-Ladies' Bicycle Caps, 50c and 75c.

ARMSTRONG BROS.,

Hatters and Furriers.

Messrs. Will and Isaac Lewis; recitation, Miss Rosebury, Bobcaygeon. Mrs. Wilbert Taylor enlivened the evening by several well-rendered selections on the violin. Refreshments were served by the ladies. Games and amusements of all kinds were indulged by the young people. Taken altogether, it was one of the most enjoyable evenings your correspondent has had the pleasure of attending for some time.

your hour of grievous affliction, though hopeless sorrow, we commend you to the God of all Grace, and to the un-failing love of the Lord Jesus Christ, which alone is able to console, cheer and comfort, as no feeble words or aid of man can. We are yours in Christian faith, love and fellowship. [Crowded out last week]

BRAULE'S—MARIPOSA

DONE EARLY.—Our farmers are mostly through seeding, some of them getting the entire season's crop planted without being once hindered by rain. Fall wheat and seeds came through fairly well, some fields requiring patching, but very little has been ploughed up.

OBITUARY.—Sorrow has come to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tremer caused by the death of their youngest child, Arthur Wesley, a beautiful babe about one year old. The funeral service was conducted at Salem on Friday last by Rev. W. Tucker, who preached a comforting and helpful sermon from the words "Except ye become as a little child ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." The remains, beautiful even in death, were enclosed in a dainty white casket and laid in Salem churchyard. He will not return to us but we may go to him.

THINGS SAID AND SEEN.—Zionites have a brand new church platform. It is a decided improvement and the people are wondering how they endured its absence so long. Nature's daintiest creations, Canada's wild flowers, are out, some having been found blooming in the woods before Easter. They in common with the spring weather have mistaken April for May and appeared before due. Messrs R. Hall and A. Seelgrove have rented the south half of the Haskill property and seeding operations thereon are booming vigorously. Fifth line boys are in tribulation again, this time the cause of their woe being the removal of Mr. Ed. Rodman to Little Britain, where he is apprenticed to Mr. E. Robertson, carriage maker. May superabundant success be his. Mariposa's temperance people are beaten, and in spite of law and gospel Parks has got out. Who rules our land anyway? Evidently not the people, when the penalty of a law which two-thirds of our voters said they wanted cannot be inflicted. [Crowded out last week.]



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