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Our stock of Gloves and Lace Mitts is necessarily large, silk, Taffeta etc. in Black, Tan, Cream, White, etc., at from 13c to 50c per pair.

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47 inches wide at 14 cents.
48 inches wide at 16 cents.
54 inches wide at 24 cents.
58 inches wide at 29 cents.
60 inches wide at 33 cents.
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4 pairs men's cotton hose, 25 cents.
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Men's wool or black cashmere hose 20c.
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Heavy Cottonade (special) 18c. Men's Suits, $2 50 up.
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Heavy Tweeds, 25c up. Azure Silks, 10c yard.
Roller Blinds, complete with pulls, oil colors, 25c up. Nice Prints, 5 and 6c.
Ginghams, pretty patterns, 5c. Oatmeal and Castile Twin-bar Soap, 5c.
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Love Me Now

Published by request

If you're ever going to love me, love me now
while I can know
All the sweet and tender feeling which from
real affection flow.
Love me now while I am living, do not wait
till I am gone
And then chisel it in marble warm love
words, on ice cold stone.

If you've dear sweet thoughts about me why
not whisper them to me?
Don't you know 'twould make me happy, and
as glad as glad can be?
If you wait till I am sleeping, ne'er to waken
here again,
There'll be walls of earth between us and I
couldn't hear you then.

If you knew someone was thirsting for a drop
of water sweet
Would you be so slow to bring it? Would
you move on laggard feet?
There are tender hearts all round us who are
thirsting for our love,
Why withold from them what nature makes
them crave all else above?

I won't need your kind caresses when the grass
grows o'er my face,
I won't crave your love and kisses in my last
low resting place,
So then, if you love me any, if it's just a little
bit,
Let me know it now while I am living so I
can own and treasure it.

Swinton Park

From our own Correspondent.

A number have finished seeding, while others are still awaiting an opportunity to finish between showers.

Miss M. Scott was called away to attend the funeral of her sister last week.

Born—May 16, to Mr. and Mrs. John Haw, a daughter.

Fire—On Saturday morning about three o'clock the Esplin church was burned to the ground. Cause of fire is unknown.

Weddings—On Wednesday last Miss Cassie Haw, of Hopeville, and Mr. Jake Smith, of Egremont, were united in marriage. The Rev. Mr. Humphreys tied the knot Also Miss Sarah Hill and Mr. Wm. Marshall were made man and wife a few days before. We wish the young couples a pleasant journey through life.

Mr. Wm. Knox is visiting among friends here at present.

Mr. Thompson, student, has charge of the services in the Presbyterian church at present.

Maxwell.

From our own Correspondent.

The morning of the 24th was opened by royal salutes of twenty one guns. Soon the villagers were at work erecting flags on all important points. The day was spent by tramping through the bush along the Beaver in search of the speckled beauties.

The cheese factory is completed and the machinery will be placed in position this week. Operations will commence 1st of June.

For the last few days Mr. George Hamlin has been at work on Dr. Scott's lawn. Anyone who doubts George's skill as a gardener and floral architect has only to visit the same to be thoroughly convinced.

Rev. M. M. Goldberg occupied the pulpit of St. Marys church last Sunday morning. The Rev. J. C. Ferrier took the Markdale and Berkley appointment.

Mr. Albert Nelson spent the 24th at his parental home in Egremont.

Dr. Scott, Mrs. Scott and Mr. Wm. Guy, Sr., spent the Queen's birthday at McIntyre.

Mr. and Miss Cairns spent Sunday at Mr. Strachan's.

Maxwell is thinking of having a monstrous picnic on Jubilee Day, 22nd of June.

Dan declares he can kick the keg higher than any other man in Maxwell.

Priceville

From our own Correspondent

The Queen's birthday passed off very quietly in this burg. A few of our citizens betook themselves to Dow's lake but did not meet with very wonderful success except J., who caught a bouncer with a silver hook.

A few days ago some one helped himself to about a ton of hay which was lying in a stable near the school house. The hay belonged to Mr. M. Scott and Mrs. Munn. As the building is somewhat isolated the thieves got away with the feed unnoticed, but it was a daring trick nevertheless.

The S. O. T. intend holding their annual picnic to Eugenia Falls on Saturday, June 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavigne, of Detroit, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McAulay.

Misses Eliza, Sara and Mary Campbell, of Guelph, are spending a few holidays with their parents.

Markdale

From our own Correspondent

Mayor Jackson, while out bicycling, ran into a buggy coming up the gravel road, getting rather a bad fall but was not seriously hurt.

Master Willard Irwin was in Toronto last week, undergoing an operation on his eye. A lump growing on his left eye was the trouble.

Mr. Charlie Ricketts, of Weston, spent the 24th with his parents here.

Mr. Frank McFarland, of Upper Canada College, was home this week. We are glad to hear of Frank's success in the shooting match recently held there

Mrs. Biggar spent last week in Brampton.

Mr. J. H. Dundas spent the 24th in Toronto.

Vandeleur

From our own Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Carson of Priceville spent 24th with friends here.

Miss Nellie Anderson of Glenelg is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Hutchinson, Jr.

Mr. John Boland raised a straw shed on Tuesday of last week.

The masons have commenced work at Mr. Geo. Shannon's new house.

Mr. Rob. Pritchard of Markdale visited his parents here on the 24th.

Mr. Albert Hutchinson left for Feversham on Tuesday morning to work in the cheese factory.

The members of Christ church, Markdale, held a garden party at Mr. Geo. Hutchinson, sr., on the evening of the 24th. notwithstanding the evening was damp and chilly, there was a very large gathering.

Master Roy Nevins of Emery spent the 24th with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hutchinson.

Eugenia.

From Our Own Correspondent

The country is looking lovely now. Much rain has fallen this spring and this has caused a rapid growth of grass, although other vegetation is somewhat later than last year at this time. Their was a slight frost on Friday night last, but little if any damage was done by it to the fruit trees.

Mr. Moses Sherwood met with a rather severe accident at Mr. Porteous' barn raising on Friday last. One of the plates, when being raised, slipped and struck Mr. Sherwood on the head, completely scalping one side of his head. However, we are pleased to hear he is getting along well under the circumstances.

Mr. John Armstrong still remains in a very precarious condition. Hemorrhage of the lungs still continues.

The special meetings now being held at the hall by the Rev. Mr. Thom and Mr. Rodgers of Toronto are well attended. The hall is filled to overflowing at every meeting. Mr. Rodgers is a forcible speaker and a sweet singer. It is hoped great good will result from the meetings.

Mrs Gilliland met with a severe accident on Sunday morning when bringing in the cows to milk. She fell and injured her back. She had to be carried home and is severely hurt.

Miss LeGard of Flesherton was the guest of Miss Meldrum on Sunday last.

Mr. Herb Johnston of Flesherton was home to spend the 24th with his mother at Eugenia.

Rev. Mr. Thom and Mr. Rodgers had an exciting adventure last week while visiting at Mr. Gordon's, on the 12 con. When coming out of the lane Mr. Rodgers was pitched out of the buggy. He was driving, and the lines in his hand dropped, when the horse, a spirited animal, ran away. Mr. Thom jumped from the buggy onto the horses back to catch the lines, but the horse broke down the gate and threw Mr. Thom off. Fortunately neither of the gentlemen were hurt except a few bruises and a bad shaking up. The horse ran as far as Eugenia, where it was caught. The animal was not injured nor the buggy broken.

Mrs. Samuel Fisher has been very sick the past week.

The 24th, as usual, brought large numbers out to Eugenia. Our romantic little town still holds a charm for all lovers of the beautiful. The scenery at this time is charming. The Methodist garden party was a decided success. The Ladies of the church had an elegant supper laid at the church, to which ample justice was done by a great many, and the splendid rendering of the Last Leaf, by the Flesherton Dramatic Club, was a genuine treat to all who were fortunate enough to hear it. The hall was filled to overflowing, and many could not gain admittance. All the characters in the drama were true to life. Mr. Thurston made a real specimen of the drunkard. [Is this intended as praise? We trust the word "real" will not be taken literally.—Ed. Advance.] Miss Keefer as Patty Jones was excellent, also Mrs. Armstrong as Mrs. Ashton, Mr. Lindsey as Dick Bustle, and M. Wilson as Tommy Chubbs. Mr. Pedlar made a stern father, and Dr Mahan, his son, was well shown, also Miss Gjerdrum as the affectionate daughter. In fact all the performance so delighted the audience that it is hoped the club in the near future will favor Eugenia with a similar performance. The proceeds amounted to thirty dollars.

The Fire Bugs Sentenced

Orangeville, May 20—After a trial lasting two days and a half at Orangeville the celebrated Melancthon fire case came to an abrupt termination this afternoon. James Ballard was found guilty on Wednesday, and David Ballard, Wm. Reid and James Corbett withdrew their plea of "not guilty," and substituted that of "guilty," in the hope of some slight clemency from the court. Alonzo Smith was also arraigned and pleaded guilty. This leaves only the case against William Delaney, which will not be pressed at the present assizes. This was done after consultation among counsel. All this morning the prisoners' hopes of acquittal have been waning, and the reading of letter sent by Ballard to Carey was a stroke of the theatrical, which completed their discomfiture. Mr. Myers, Q.C., announced at ten minutes after two this afternoon, that, having advised with the prisoners, and, in view of the developments in the witness-box, he wished to withdraw the plea of "not guilty" for that of "guilty." W. R. Riddell, for the crown, said he had no objections to this course being pursued, and his Lordship formally recorded the plea of "guilty." The collapse of the case for the defence is attributed to the celerity of the crown officers in arresting the witnesses on whom the arsonists relied for a subborned alibi. The crown, by getting confessions from these men, and using them as witnesses, completely wrecked the defence. Alonzo Smith, when arraigned on the charge of setting fire to his own farm on June 4th, 1894, pleaded "guilty" in a weak and faltering voice. The prisoners were then formally arraigned on all the indictments now against them, and the crown went through the formal procedure of calling a jury and one witness on each indictment.

THE SENTENCES

Orangeville, May 21.—The climax of the great Melancthon fire conspiracy was reached this morning when Judge Ferguson imposed the following sentences on the prisoners: David Ballard, 12 years; James Ballard, 12 years; Alonzo Smith, 12 years; William Reid, 8 years; James Corbett, 8 years. The prisoners, with the exception of Reid, spent the night in weeping. Alonzo Smith, the dare devil of the lot, was the first to break down after he had yielded and pleaded guilty. Yesterday afternoon he was led sobbing from the court, and his mother, who has not spoken to him for months and was to have testified against him, also broke down in her place in the gallery.

This morning at 11 o'clock when, after 16 hours' deliberation, his Lordship was prepared to pronounce sentence, the court room was crowded. His Lordship then asked the first prisoner if he had anything to say. Dave Ballard said that he had nothing to say more than that he would ask for mercy. Dave Ballard was then sentenced to twelve years in Kingston Penitentiary. Dave sobbed quietly to himself.

William Reid said he hoped his case would be a warning to others.

His Lordship said he had found difference in the degree of offending between himself and Dave Ballard and sentenced him to eight years. Reid did not move a muscle.

James Corbett had nothing to say except a plea for mercy and was sentenced to the same term as Reid. He stood with bent head, but showed no emotion.

Alonzo Smith had nothing to say. His Lordship though him culpable in a larger degree than either Reid or Corbett and sentenced him to twelve years. He sat down and hid himself from the eyes of the court.

James Ballard had nothing to say either and was given the same term. He was quite impassive throughout.

The sentences were a surprise to the prisoners and everybody else. Nobody thought the Ballards and Smith would get less than fifteen or twenty years, or that Reid and Corbett would get more than five years each.

The county of Grey has thirty licensed auctioneers.

Jas R. Thompson of Meaford neglected to turn off the gas at the Paterson house, Owen Sound, with the result that three physicians had to work over him for three hours to restore him to consciousness and he is yet in a critical condition.