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Seasonable and Up-to-Date Goods at Two-Thirds and Less Regular Prices

Millinery-Half-Price

At the close of what has been the most remarkably successful Millinery Season we have ever enjoyed we shall offer the balance of our Trimmed Millinery at exactly half price. We have in all about 50 trimmed hats, most of which have been placed on sale within the past two weeks and all good value at their regular selling price. In connection with this announcement we desire to thank the ladies of Markdale and vicinity for their very generous patronage extended us during the past season. You've given us a loyal and gratifying patronage which we very much appreciate and which shall be to us an incentive to go on and do even better for you in seasons yet to come. This Millinery will all go on sale this Wednesday evening at exactly

HALF PRICE

Ladies' Sailors

(Less than Half Their Value)

After selling hundreds of these very serviceable ready-to wear hats we still have a sufficiently large and varied assortment to suit the most exacting. The balance will be sold in this way.

Sailors worth 50 to 75c. for only 25c.
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First comers as a matter of course will get best choice

Ribbons 2c. and 5c.

250½yards fancy silk ribbons, 4 inches wide, clearing at per yard only 5
178 yards silk ribbons, assorted colors, 1 to 2 inches wide, clearing at per yard 2
125 yards silk Veiling (assorted colors) full width, this is the winding up of our veiling season and a general clearing up of stocks, 15,20 and 25 cent veiling clearing at 10

$10 00 Men's Suits Clearing at $6.50

25 Men's Suits, embracing all sizes from 36 to 44. This clothing offering presents a money-saving opportunity to economical buyers which is very seldom met with. In this lot is to be found some of the very best sellers we have had on our counters this season, but as there are only one or two of a line, though, a good assortment taking the lot in its entirety, you'll have no trouble in getting fitted and suited with the best clothing value you've ever handled. English Serges and Worsteds, fine Tweeds, single and double-breasted, thoroughly well tailored, perfect fitting and absolutely satisfactory in every detail. On sale now worth up to $10.00 for only 6.50

Ladies' Cloth Skirts

Another big shipment of Ladies' fine cloth Ready-to wear Skirts, in Homespuns, Snowflakes, Ladies' Cloths, Lustres, Serges, etc. The lighter weights in these are lined throughout, velvet bound, and perfectly finished, not a skirt in the lot (and there's 150 of them, all sizes and lengths) but is worth 15 to 40 per cent. more money than we've marked them. Excellent skirts, the nicest you have seen at 1.50 to 4.25

Boots, Shoes and Slippers at 50c.

125 pairs of Boots, Shoes and Slippers, for Women Misses and Children. This is a final clearing up of our shoe stock in these lines and gives you a pretty fair choice in almost all sizes. After selling thousands of pairs of shoes and slippers, making a little money on each, we do not mind losing on this small lot. It's our way of keeping our stock clean and applies to all departments of this big store. While these 125 pairs last which are worth all the way up to $2.00, your choice for only 50

HARDWARE! HARDWARE! HARDWARE!

A complete stock in every line—one of the best in the county. We're doing a splendid hardware business, and why shouldn't we? Prices no where are less than ours—the selection we give you is the best you'll find—courteous treatment given you at all times as a matter of course—and our personal and absolute guarantee goes with everything we sell.

MARKDALE

A Letter From the Wheat Fields

BY F. T. CARR

Away to the West! On that most beautiful day, the fourth of June, after bidding adieu to the loved ones at home, we entrain at high noon at our favorite spot, Flesherton. As "all aboard" rang out, a hiss of steam, a ring of bell, a grind of wheel, and the elegant coach commenced to rush through space and we realized we were off for the great wheat garden of the spacious Canadian West once more. So after a parting wave of handkerchief we settle down in our cosy seat for contemplation—and what fond memories throng the mind! Home land, cherished ones, shall we ever see you again? The gliding landscape slips by—hill and dale, rock, moor and fen, bejemmed with fair Ontario's merry homes, and ere we are aware "Owen Sound" startles our ear and charms our eye. Soon our train stops. The stately Athabasca rides gracefully on the bosom of the deep, the leviathan of the great inland sea (Lake Superior) as if inviting one on this warm June day to tempt the fates by a taste of life on the ocean wave. The coquetry is so entrancing we tumble to the charm, and at 5.40 we loose from the mooring and almost imperceptibly glide away Northwestward, while points, and bays, and headlands and promontories appear in successive array and then fade away in the rear distance. But the exhilarating sensation! Bless us! this is pleasant. Now the sun sinks into the bowl of waters and darkness comes on apace, whilst in the luxuriously fitted parlor of the vessel the ladies (God bless them) vie with each other to entertain the company so recently thrown together from the four quarters of the compass. The evening is whiled away with sweetest music and song and beguiling story. Ere long tempting refreshments and then all hands seek the quiet of neatly appointed staterooms, while one often hears the query, "Have you got the key of your bunk?" The ceaseless onward punch, punch of the engine, the whirl, whirl of the screw, and morning light of the fifth finds us 140 miles on the seaway; and 360 more miles ahead. Noon, and our merry crowd are delighted with the lovely sail up the St. Marie river, with beautiful landscape on either side and the numerous craft on the waters, laden with commerce of all kinds, bound hither and thither, whose crews wave a cheer as we salute and pass full speed ahead. It is a charming day, balmy, cooling breezes tempering a hot sun. The verdure on the banks lends a refreshing coloring to the ever-changing scene, restful and pleasing to the eye, while the field glass brings nigh and reveals many pleasant surprises shoreward. And now we heave in sight of the far-famed Sault. Far-famed, and justly so, for it is one of the most interesting spots on the line of travel. We notice at once the gigantic enlargement of the towns on either side, Canadian and American, and the railroad and lake traffic displays, since our trip over this route twenty years ago. Then our boat went up through the American canal; now we go up through our own Canadian canal—a most magnificent waterway, all our own. We glide in between massive walls of solid masonry some 50 feet in length. The gates of the lock close behind us, the waters are let in in larger volume, we rise the height of a ship, masts and all; the gates open ahead, and we are "out on the ocean sailing, to a home beyond the tide," (may it be so in a higher sense) with Port Arthur the next port of call. Supper over, deck promenade, 3 pipes, turn in for repose. Sunday morning, bright, calm and clear. A glance at the ships log reports 13 miles per hour travelled. At 10.30 o'clock the prominent Thunder Cape is sighted and passed. A tin with sealed top, containing papers, mail and reports for the lone travellers on the rockland, is tossed over board and hastily picked up by a man in waiting in a skiff on the briney surf. How awe-inspiring is the scene! It is a sublime moment in anyone's life when they can stand on the deck of a vessel and, looking over an expanse of waters, they can gaze on the highlands, where mountains are on mountains hurled, till it seems earth, and rocks, and heaven blend. Truly a sublime prospect, richly repaying the traveller to view. Here we become acquainted with the very genial, much reported Dr. Wilkie, of India, a fellow passenger on his way to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Ministry, at Vancouver. The Dr. in a very friendly way introduces himself and one feels right at home with him, while he enters into animated conversation on the live topics of the day and hour. A very scholarly man, and yet we find that even such a scholar and educator and missionary as Dr. Wilkie certainly is, can be biased in his views and arguments on some vital points of political and social life. This he discovered to us whilst speaking of the approaching meeting of the Supreme Grand Orange Lodge of British North America at Winnipeg. The Dr. remarked that that was, in his opinion, an institution that was no longer needed and had outgrown its usefulness. "And why, Dr." Because he had seen some two or three Orangemen drunk on the day of celebration. And so, Dr. Wilkie, you excommunicate the whole Orange Association, because of some few weak individual members indulging their diseased appetites to excess! Well, Dr., we have seen individual members go from the communion service at the church, and that on Sunday, to the hotel, and be drunk before going to their home, and yet we do not undertake to excommunicate the church because of that. But, Dr., I am in a position to advise you that we as the Orange Associations are making every effort to eliminate the objectionable practices and errors that may have crept in amongst our membership, and visit with just punishment evil practices, and if you will take the trouble to notice, the Supreme Lodge at this session will take up this very question of the liquor evil and handle it without gloves. I believe, and pronounce upon it most emphatically, the Dr. was glad to learn of such being the case—but, oh shame Orangemen, that anyone a member of our noble order should so demean himself and smirch the sanctity of the Association in such a way and be a cause of reproach and contempt in the minds of the educators of our youth throughout the world. This was our reflection.

[Mr. Carr's very entertaining observations will be continued next week, dealing with the balance of the journey. In our estimation the above is the best thing we have ever had from Mr. Carr's facile pen, and we are sure our readers will appreciate it.—ED. ADVANCE.]

The Grey Division

The probable division of Grey County by the redistribution with the population of the municipalities according to the last census will be as follows:—

North Grey—Owen Sound, 8776; Sarawak, 1326; Keppel, 4160; Derby, 2146: Sydenham, 3406; St. Vincent, 3108; Meaford, 1916; making a total of 24,874.

South Grey—Sullivan, 3697; Bentick, 3551; Hanover, 1721; Normanby, 4630; Egremont, 3607; Durham, 1422; Glenelg, 2724; making a total 21,382.

East Grey—Markdale, 892; Artemesia, 3923; Thornbury, 786; Holland, 3504; Osprey, 3085; Euphrasia, 3441; Dundalk, 762; Collingwood, 3902; Proton, 3108; making a total of 23,393.

Knifed the Constables

Constables Campbell of Hanover and Cousins of Walkerton appeared before Judge Barret yesterday on the charge of compounding a felony preferred against them by Constable Briggs of Walkerton. The facts of the case briefly are as follows: Some few months ago Christ. Hertel, a stock holder in the Ball Furniture Co, lost a knife which he valued at 75c. It appears that an employee in the factory, Charles Lesso by name, found the knife under a machine. He made no bones about it in the light of it being in his possession, loaning it to the boys in the factory and so forth. Hertel, naturally, anxious to secure possession of his property, left the matter in Constable Campbell's hands. Cousins, a Walkerton constable, being in Hanover at the time, was engaged by Campbell to assist him on the case. Together they interviewied Lesso in one of the town hotels, and it is alleged that they frightened him into putting up $5 to hush the matter up. His honor Judge Barret suspended the constabes until the fall assizes.—Hanover Post.

To Consumptives.

The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with severe lung affection, and that dread disease **consumption**, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used, which they will find a sure cure for **consumption, asthma, catarrh, bronchitis** and all throat and lung **maladies**. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is invaluable. Those desiring the prescription, which will cost them nothing and may prove a blessing, will please address, Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON, Brooklyn, New York

Came Astray

Come to the premises of the undersigned last November, one steer 2 yrs. old this spring. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. R. BROWN

Feversham Jul, 14 1903

TOWNSHIP OF OSPREY

Bylaw No. 424

NOTICE is hereby given that a Bylaw was passed by the Township Council of Osprey on the 30th day of May, 1903, providing for the issue of debentures to the amount of $1400 for the purpose of public school section No. 11, and that such bylaw was registered in the registry office of South Grey on the 17th day of June, 1903.

Any motion to quash or set aside the same or any part thereof must be made within three months from the date of Registration and cannot be made thereafter.

Dated this 14th day of July, 1903.

THOS SCOTT, Clerk

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12 dozen Ladies' Cotton Hose—stainless black, seamless feet, full size, summer weight

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