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BIG SALE!

We have at present a large stock of the most up-to date Jewelley, Watches and Clocks in the county of Grey and selling it all at very reduced prices.

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W. A. Armstrong.

Notes of an Idle Fortnight

Mackinaw! Beautiful Mackinaw! Charming, romantic island of Indian legend and historical associations! That is about the orthodox way of beginning a description of this island. To the tourist who does not care to delve into the mysteries of the past it is simply an island of about three miles in length and one to two miles wide, lying at the eastern entrance to Mackinaw strait, which separates south from Northern Michigan and connects Lakes Huron and Michigan. The island is high, with bold, rocky shores, and on its western end the bluffs are at present lined with beautiful summer homes of American millionaires. We say millionaires, because from a few experiences we judge that no man possessing less than a million could live there for a summer. A quarter of a mile south of Mackinaw lies another and larger island known as Bois Blanc. Four miles further South-west, on the south side of the strait, lies Mackinaw City (save the term). This "city" is a small town of a few hundred inhabitants. But when you speak of historical associations take off your hat to Mackinaw City, which was known in early times as Fort Michillimackinac. At this fort occurred a most appalling catastrophe during the Pontiac war. After the conquest of Canada from the French by England all the western forts were manned by British soldiers. During the war most of the Indian tribes had allied themselves with the French, and after its conclusion these tribes failed to become reconciled to the change of rulers. What is known as the Pontiac war resulted, and every one of the western forts, with the exception of Detroit and Green Bay, fell before the savage red man. At Michillimackinac there were 35 men with their officers in June of 1763, when the massacre occurred. Besides this force there was a large number of French Canadians. Many of our readers are no doubt familiar with the general outlines of the capture of this fort; how the Indians, on June 2, 1761, while playing a game similar to lacrosse tossed the ball near to the fort gate, when a great rush was made inside, hatchets were grabbed from squaws who had them hidden under their blankets, and the work of death was soon completed. When one attempts to get at the actual number killed on that occasion he meets a difficulty. Our histories do not enlighten us on this point. We are told that the massacre was a terrible one, and yet when one looks into the matter it is difficult to believe that it resulted in very great loss of life. Not a single French Canadian was molested. The commandant says there were but 35 English in the garrison. Seven of these were killed two days after the fort was taken, and twenty men were afterwards released and found their way safely to Montreal. Thus it would appear that only some fourteen or fifteen lives were lost altogether, and only seven or eight lives taken in the actual capture of the fort. While at St. Ignace the writer met an old half-breed named Frances Graham, 72 years of age, who said that he well remembered hearing his grandmother, an Indian woman who lived to a very old age, tell of the incident. She was present on the occasion. Graham's grandfather was an Irishman in the employ of the Hudson Bay company at Mackinaw. The old man proved quite an interesting conversationalist after we got him "thawed out." Point Au Barbe, or in other words Barber Point, two miles up the strait, was so, named said Mr. Graham, because the French voyageurs always stopped there on return journeys from the western wilderness to shave and clean up before presenting themselves at the fort. Graham owns considerable property at St. Ignace. He could not give any information as to the number killed at the sacking of the fort. Whether the number killed was great or small, the event is considered one of much importance in the early annals of our country. The most vivid word picture extant of the affair is to be found in the story as told by Henry the trader, who escaped the slaughter as by a series of miracles, and who still lived in Montreal as late as the year 1809. This story we purpose printing next week as a sequel to these notes.

Subsequent to British occupation the fort was removed to Mackinaw Island, which island previously, and from time immemorial, had been used by the Indians as a place of abode and a burial place for their dead. There are natural caves on the island, and these, when first found, were floored with the bones of dead warriors. Like other points of interest around the lakes, Mackinaw island has its mystic Indian legends. Its name in the Algonquin tongue means The Great Turtle, from a fancied resemblance. The Indian tradition is that Michapous, the chief of spirits, sojourned there and taught the Indians how to make fish nets. To-day there are one or two farms on the island and a large town graces its south-western extremity, where there is a good harbor. The town contains some fine buildings and one of the largest summer hotels we have ever seen. It has waterworks, telegraph, telephone (long distance and local) and electric lighting—a modern town. The most interesting point, outside of the natural bridge, is the old fort, which is not now garrisoned. Old log buildings are still standing within the enclosure, some of them occupied, dating back two hundred years. They were built by the English and held by them until early in the last century, when the fort was abondoned as being useless. During the war of 1812 a thousand Americans attempted to take the fort but were frustrated in the attempt. The island is now a mere beauty spot for lake tourists, thousands upon thousands of whom visit it annually. The town is almost deserted in winter but in summer it has a teeming population, all seemingly bent upon despoiling the traveller who is so foolish as to think of spending a few days there. The visitors are transient—very. A few hours' stay always makes them ready and happy to re-embark for the homeward journey. Still the stream of travel pours through this little portal from points east, west, north and south, and a stream of good money remains behind at Mackinaw. It not for the sights at Mackinaw alone that the tourist goes there, although the island is made the Mecca of it all, but it is for the water trip in conjunction and the magnificent island scenery intervening on most of the routes that so many travellers brave wind and wave during our languishing summer months.

Some of the companies running trips to this resort are making "barrels of money." After the trip became popular they raised the price to nearly double what was formerly charged. The fare this year from Owen Sound or Collingwoon to Mackinaw was twenty dollars. It is a five day trip, and when it was inaugurated a few years ago the price was only twelve dollars. Then the company took some interest in their passengers and gave them time to see the sights. Now passengers are hurried through, the apparent motive being to get back home as quickly as possible in order to rope in another crowd. Moral: Do as we did, take a return ticket to the Sault, then buy a return ticket from the Sault to Mackinaw and take your time. You will see very much more, have a better time, and be about four dollars in pocket on fares.

Eugenia

Harvest is over in this part and threshing is all the go. Our Eugenia people are almost all going to Toronto. They are delighted at the prospect of Flesherton getting the railway, as then they will not have so far to go to the station.

Miss Minnie Roy has gone to Bloomfield, New Jersey. Miss Nellie has gone to her sister, Mrs. Erricson, at Grassflat, Pennsylvania.

Messrs, Long and Oliver of the Owen Sound cement works, were prospecting around here recently.

Mrs. Lindsay of Oxford Mills is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Gilliland, of Eugenia.

Mr. Robert Williams has added a coat of paint to his pretty home, Fairmount Villa. The next addition will be something better by half. More particulars later.

Wedding bells are ringing loud and long in the valley. Congratulations, Richard.

Ceylon.

Mrs. E. Sargent is visiting Toronto friends.

Mr. Will and Miss May Burrows of Riverview are spending a week with their aunt, Mrs. H. Tucker.

Miss Anna Chislett, who has been spending a week with friends in Toronto, returned on Saturday.

Mr. A. McAulay, Mr. J. Cairns, Mr. H. Tucker, Mr. J. Cushnie, Mr. R. Cook, Mrs. W. McMullen and Miss Clara Cook, took in Toronto exhibition this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cushnie of Hiawatha, Kansas, are visiting with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Cook.

Miss Marie Egan gave a birthday party to a number of her little friends last week.

Mr. Wm. Wilson of Cleveland, who has been spending a fortnight with his uncle, Mr. J. Ashdown, received a telegram on Sunday with the sad intelligence of the death of his brother George that morning. Will left for his home on Sunday evening by a freight train to try and get home in time for the funeral. Mr. Wilson and family were residents of this place for a number of years and much respected by all who knew them. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family.

Port Law

Harvesting operations have been progressing slowly on account of wet weather. Some are through while others have nearly all their grain yet in the fields. Considerable grain has sprouted in the stook and the feeding value of the straw has been reduced by the frequent showers. Various threshing machines have been at work in the vicinity and the yield of grain is said to be good.

We are sorry to hear that Miss Badjerow, who lately recovered from inflammation of the lungs, is now afflicted with an attack of appendicitis.

Mrs. H. Down is recovering from her protracted illness.

Mrs. Wm. McLennan has been in poor state of health, having suffered what is thought to be an attack of paralysis.

Miss Annie Menzie, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Fisher, returned last week to her home in Washington state.

Rev. Mr. Thom and his esteemed lady visited arcund this part last week.

Miss Park and Mrs. Carr of Flesherton spent last Thursday with friends here.

Mrs. Jas. Cornfield is visiting the past two weeks with friends at Port Elgin.

Rev. D. A. Holman of Freeport, Mich., visited his brother, Henry, here and looked around the haunts of his boyhood.

Mr. John Haney has his barn about completed. The event was celebrated in royal style the other night.

Quite a number have taken in the exhibition and some purpose going this week.

Mr. Chas. Napier received the other day a threshing separator. It is a McLoskey instead of a Sawyer-Massey as at first reported.

Just after retiring J. W. Johnston of Creemore thought he heard an unusual row outside among his chickens. He got up to investigate, and coming around to the Matchett House yards, in passing the sheds, he heard a squawk which seemed to come from the back of a buggy. A closer inspection of the buggy revealed his six chickens closely nestled in the back thereof. He quietly removed the birds and said nothing. Shortly afterwards the owner of the buggy came along smiling, and drove home, no doubt congratulating himself on the prospects of having such a fine blowout at dinner next day.

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Our showing of New Dress Goods, Trimmings, Mantles, Ready-to-wear Cloth, Skirts, Men's Fine Worsted Suitings, Readymade Clothing, etc., are worthy of your consideration. You will not be doing yourself justice if you do not at least look over our stock before purchasing your needs for fall.

GENUINE BARGAINS FOR THIS WEEK as follows:

$1.00 NIGHT GOWNS FOR 69c.

60 only Ladies' Opera Flannelette Night Gowns in good weight cloth, colors white and light blue, made with frills on neck and cuffs of self. This quality and make is sold in many stores at $1.00. For a leader we have marked them 69c.

35c. LADIES' VESTS & DRAWERS 25c

320 Ladies' Vests and drawers in natural color, ribbed (the vests have long sleeves) fleeced inside, which means they are heavy weight goods and are suitable for Fall wear. They are worth in regular way 35c., but we have decided to let them go at each 25

$5.00 LADIES' DRESS SKIRTS $3.25

10 only Ladies' Fine Black Venetian Black Skirts, handsomely made with strappings of self and button trimmings, lengths from 38 to 44; would sell in the regular way at $5.00. Our price $3.25

$1.85 PARASOLS FOR $1.19

9 only Ladies Parasols in nice fine wool mixture cloth on good strong frame and steel rod. Our price was $1.75 and $1.85, your choice of either only, each $1·19

$2.75 PARASOLS FOR $1.68

14 only Ladies' Parasols of fine silk and wool mixture, in fact nearly all silk and just enough wool to avoid the cloth cutting, made with best frame and steel rod, handles of dresden horn, pearl and natural wood. Our regular $2.00, $2.50, $2.75. All at one price each $1.68

$5 MEN'S RAIN PROOF COATS $3.90

14 only Men's Rainproof coats—made of brown mixture Cover Cloth—interlined with vulcanized—seams are all double stitched, collars are velvet, the style is a fly front, single breasted Raglanett, sizes 36 to 44. These are the manufacturer's clearing lot and sold in regular way at $5, our price only $3.90

$2.25 BOYS' SUITS FOR 1.65

32 Boys' 2-peice Suits in oxford gray and iron gray Tweed—Coat has 3 rows of braid trimmings down both sides of front and around pockets—pants lined throughout. We imported this lot from a British manufacturer at a special price, and if you have a boy or boys between 4 and 11 inclusive, now is your your time to procure a good suit cheap. In regular way we would have to sell these at $2.25, while they last only $1.65

$1.00 FEDORA HATS FOR 59c.

About 50 Men's Black and Grey wool felt, Fedora Hats in the up-to-date shape, medium width brim and silk bands. Our regular prices for this mixed lot were 75c., 90c., and $1.00. Your choice of any to clear each 59c.

40c. CAPS FOR 19c.

66 Men's and Boy's Caps of various Styles—some have leather peaks, others self peaks with braid trimmings, in fact any style that could be desired in the way of a cloth cap, but not many of a kind. The regular prices were 25 30 35 and 40c., all at one price to clear 19c.

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Prints Cheaper Than Ever

12½c. Prints Selling at..... 9c.
10c. Prints Selling at.....7c.
8½c. Prints Selling at.....6c.
7c. Prints Selling at.....5c.
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A Snap in Muslins

For Two Weeks of a large Assortment of Patterns in the same

10c Muslins selling for.....7½c.
8c Muslins selling for.....5½c.
12½c Muslins selling for.....9½c.

Ladies' Sailor Hats

On sale at One Half the Regular Prices.

$1.00 Hats for.....50c.
75c Hats for.....38c.
50c Hats for.....25c.
40c. Hats for.....20c

Bargains in Boots

A large table of Bargain Boots, Regular prices $1.00 to $1.25, now on sale at 50c. per pair.

Jem Jars

We are clearing this line at the lowest market prices.

As we have large orders of Fall Goods coming in, we must have above goods sold out to make room for new goods.

Ladies' vests on sale at each.....5c.
Gent's Summer Underwear, per suit 30c.

A large stock of new Boots has just arrived, the right thing for fall wear.

Men's heavy Oil Tan Crome Bluchers $2.50
Woman's heavy Pebble Langtry for $1.60

We also carry a nice assortment of fine shoes for Men, Women and Children.

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Tenders for Woodshed

Tenders are hereby asked for the construction of a woodshed, 24x16, for s.s No. 8, Artemesia, to be completed before Dec. 1, 1903. Tenders will be opened on Sept. 1. For plans and specifications apply to the undersigned. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

T. R. MACKENZIE
Portlaw, Aug. 3, 1903.