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BIG FIRE SALE

NOW ON

We secured and have now on sale hundreds of dollars worth of "Salvage Goods" bought from a large wholesale house in Montreal. These in part are slightly soiled with clean, fresh water, though a great many lines are not even marked. We place the entire lot on sale at ridiculously low prices, among which are:

LADIES' $3.25 to $4.90 CLOTH SKIRTS $1.98

36 Ladies fine Cloth Skirts, in black and colors, beautifully made and trimmed, in a splendid assortment of sizes. These are particularly nice goods not one being even slightly soiled and all are sure to be picked up quickly. Your choice while they last 1.98

A SECOND BIG DROP IN THE PRICE OF

GRANITEWARE

When we in October last purchased two carloads and eleven cases of Graniteware we did so at the very lowest price Graniteware up to that time had ever been sold for in Canada, and which enabled us to undersell everybody in the graniteware business. Our second purchase of six more carloads, which arrived in December and which are now retailing, was bought at a still lower price—sufficiently low to make it possible for us to discount our prices of a month ago by about 20 p.c.

Every dollar's worth of this immense purchase of graniteware was made by the McClary Co., London, Ont., than whom there's no better graniteware manufacturers anywhere.

During the past three or four weeks we have sold over fifty thousand pieces (representing hundreds of cases) of this same graniteware to leading retailers in Toronto, Hamilton, Peterboro, Port Hope, Orangeville, Collingwood, and scores of smaller towns, at lower prices than those offered by any manufacturer or jobber in the graniteware business.

It's not any wonder then is it that we are amply prepared to protect our home customers by giving them genuine Canadian-made Graniteware at prices away lower than you've yet heard of.

And should some dealers (whose capacity for handling graniteware is limited to a few cases totalling a few hundred pieces) inform you either verbally or otherwise that they are in a position to even approach our prices you can say for us that purchasing as we do, a carload for every case they purchase, and retailing it as we do, 20 per cent. less than they are able to buy it for wholesale (for we are thoroughly posted on the prices charged by every wholesaler and jobber in the business) we naturally, for a good long time to come, do pretty much all the graniteware trade of this section.

We have in the lot practically every line that's made, and every article is marked at as low a price as the few quoted below:

McClary's Granite Pie Plates, 5 cents
McClary's Granite Tea pots-20 cents
McClary's 12 qt. Granite Pails 35 cents
McClary's 1 qt. Granite Dippers 12½c
McClary's Granite Tea Kettles 45 cents

Make up your mind to buy Graniteware—there's nothing in the market to take its place, particularly so when prices are so interesting as now.

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SPECIAL CLEARING

PRICES THIS WEEK

We want more room for our purchases of Spring Goods which will arrive shortly and are clearing out a lot of desirable COLD WEATHER GOODS at prices that make them a most profitable investment —if you don't use them this winter you will make splendid interest on your money by keeping them till next.

$1.50 Felt Boots for $1.00

Fifteen Pairs Womens Felt Boots—medium last, lace or gaiter, good stout sole, buff foxed, sizes 4, 5 and 6. Regular $1.50.

Selling for One Dollar.

50c Fancy Slippers for 30c.

Children's Felt and Velvet Slippers, trimmed fur, some felt soles, sizes 9 to 11, very pretty, suitable any time for house wear. Regular 45 and 50c. quality.

Selling for 30 Cents.

Women's Wool Lined Rubbers for 29c.

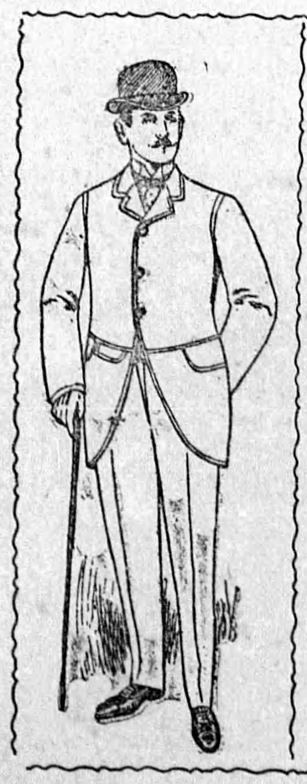
Sixteen Pairs Women's Wool Lined Rubbers, medium last, mostly size 4 but a few larger sizes included. Regular 55c. quality.

Selling Price 29 Cents.

Youth's Boots for 79c.

A lot of Youth's Heavy Lace Boots, just suitable for early spring wear, some grain, some buff, some split leather, sizes range from 9 to 12, but the majority are size 11. You'll find some $1.25 lines among them—none sold less than $1.00.

All Selling for 79 Cents



An Extra Special in Men's suits

Before our spring clothing arrives we want to clear out a pile of Men's Suits, consisting of lines of which only one suit is left. These were some of our best sellers, and if you need one every day suit now, or are likely to do during the next six months, it will pay you well to buy one of these.

All sizes from 36—42 are represented and the patterns are good—neat dark patterns in checks and stripes, some single and some double breasted, well made, finished and trimmed. Some $6.50 suits are in the lot, none sold less than $5.00 regularly.

All Selling Now for $3.95

ANY one needing FURS will find it very much to their advantage to drop in and see the special values we are giving to wind up the season. It's a paying investment to buy Furs now

Men's Black and Natural Dog Coats
Men's Wombat and Buffalo Coats
Ladies' Astrachan Jackets
Ladies Caperine Ruffs & Gauntlets

ALL GREATLY REDUCED

Grey County's Semi-Centennial

From the Owen Sound Times.

Next week the county of Grey will have passed its fiftieth birthday. On March 1st, 1854, the county was set apart by an order in council, the county buildings, which were then nearing completion, were taken off the contractor's hands, and a proclamation was issued recognizing the new municipality. For two years previous to 1854 a provisional council had looked after the erection of the new county buildings and the preliminaries necessary to the formation of the new county. Previous to that in 1852, Wellington, Grey and Waterloo were combined under the name of the Wellington district with one council which met at Guelph. In 1853 Waterloo became a separate county and Wellington and Grey were united. In the following year Grey was erected to a separate county. The first officers of the county of Grey, all of whom are now dead, were Judge Wilkes, Sheriff Snider, Thos. Lunn, registrar; W. R. Armstrong, clerk of the peace; Peter Inglis, clerk of the crown and county court, and John Miller, gaoler, father of the Governor Miller, who is now in charge of the county's prisoners. Although the gaol was not fully completed the keys were handed over to the late John Miller on March 1st, and a short time afterwards the first prisoners were placed in his custody. Greenway Steele, a mulatto, and his mother, Martha Watt, were the first prisoners to enter the gaol. They were arrested for a robbery near Johntown—now the village of Chatsworth and were sentenced to terms in Kingston penitentiary. One night before their removal friends came along, and as the gaol wall had not been built, they took some of the scaffolding from around the building and pried off the bars. Thus the first prisoners in the county gaol escaped. Martha Watt was captured the next year in Chatham, and brought back to Owen Sound. She was then removed to Kingston by stage to serve a two year sentence. It took two weeks to make the trip to Kingston. The son, Greeway Steele, was never recaptured. Many years afterward he came back to Owen Sound, but his crime had been long forgotten and he was not arrested. With the largest territory in the province, the county of Grey had developed into a prosperous commonwealth of nearly 75,000 people. Its county town was grown from a hamlet to the proportions of a city. The county is practically free from debt. Though twenty thousand dollars is outstanding it is partly provided for by a sinking fund that has been accumulating for 7 years. It would be only a technical untruth to say that the county of Grey is free from debt. The first meeting of the provisional council met on April 15th, 1853, at the inn of Jas. Coleman, now the Royal hotel, in the village of Sydenham, now Owen Sound, pursuant to a proclamation of the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine. Mr. Lunn, reeve of Sydenham, was appointed to take the chair. The members present were Messrs. Lunn, Jackson, McNab, Carney, Grey, Allen, Smith, Robertson, Beachell, Jones and Pringle. The provisional council met again on February 15, 1853. The first council of the county of Grey met at the inn of James Coleman on the 23rd of January, 1854. Richard Carney was the first warden, the other members being as follows: Artemesia, W. K. Flesher; Bentinck, George Jackson; Collingwood, Mr. Olmstead; Derby, H. Coulter; Egremont, James H. Doyle; Euphrasia, James Kerr; Glenelg, James McGurr; Holland, John Allen; Normanby, Thos. Lackey; Osprey, Sir Jas. D. Hay, bart; Proton and Melancthon, James Beachell part of the year and Jas. Brown for the balance of the year; St. Vincent, Jesse T. Purdy; Sullivan, Thos. Pringle; Sydenham, Wm. McDonald, Warden Carney being the other representative. The administration of the affairs of the county has been in the hands of good men, and the almost unequalled financial standing is due to their careful and economical business management. The wardens since the farmation of the county are as follows: Richard Carney, Wm. K. Flesher, George Jackson, John McDonald, James Kerr, Thomas Gamey, Samuel J. Lane, James Edge, Hugh Reid, James Paterson, George Jackson, Joseph Rorke, Robert McGhee, James Murdoch, Dr. C. E. Barnhart, Finlay MacRae, Dr. W. S. Christoe, C. R. Sing, David McNichol, John Cameron, John Chrisholm, Victor Lang, Nicholas Read, John Clark, Robert McNaught, Chas. Moffat, Thos. Gilray, James Cochrane, Samuel Rogers, William Lemon, Joseph Pringle, George Binnie, Jas. Anderson, James Allen, M. Richardson, John McDonald, Charles Gordon, George A. Brown, Chas. McKinnon, D. K. Preston and Joseph Pringle.

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At the assizes in Barrie last week, a slander case of considerable interest, was tried before Justice Ferguson, and a jury. The plaintiff was Thomas Cleaves of Nottawa, and the defendent D. E. Buist of Collingwood. The latter was accused of saying that Cleaves would steal. The plaintiff's story was corroborated by Mr. and Mrs. T. Pearce, and the jury brought in a verdict of $250.00 and costs.

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CHEESE FACTORY TO RENT

Tenders are hereby invited up to Feb. 15, 1904, rental of cheese factory situated 1½ miles south of Maxwell, in the township of Osprey.

For particulars apply to the president,
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