F. T. HILL & Co.

June Offerings for the Wool Season.

We are big buyers of Wool and can handle any quantity for which we are prepared to offer the highest price in Cash or Trade. We are the only department store in Markdale carrying a full line of cluding hardware for which we accept all kinds of produce in exchange, we do not hardware we will get it for you, nor do we have to pay hardware merchants 10 per quirements in these lines. Remember, when trading at this store you get hardware you anything else at the closest prices. So bring your wool and get what yo elsewhere.

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...ten dozen Ladies Fancy Silk ...ome with insertion 25, 35 and 40c .....19c.

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...r. Fisher, dealing with another ques- ...on, declared that it was intended by the new act to do away with the practice of making salary appropriations in the estimates "notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act."

The bill was given its first reading.

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BEATEN TO DEATH.

Victim of Thieves .Expires in Port Arthur Hospital.

A despatch from Port Arthur says: James Simby died in Port Arthur hospital on Saturday, and someone, as yet unknown, will have to face a murder charge. Simby, together with two other Englishmen, were arrested last week, they being found sleeping in a box car. Simby had over $200 in cash on him and he paid a small fine for the liberty of himself and two companions. About two days afterwards he was picked up at Rossport badly battered and bruised, and in an unconscious condition. His money was also gone. He was brought to the Port Arthur hospital and grew gradually weaker, the end coming on Sunday morning. The police are looking for the two men who were arrested with him at Port Arthur.

CATERPILLAR PLAGUE.

Train in New Brunswick Stopped by an Immense Army.

A despatch from St. John, N. B., says: Caterpillars are creating havoc in many sections of the Province. An army of them is reported from York county between Tracy and Cork stations, on the C.P.R. line between Fredericton Junction and McAdam. On Thursday evening the pests started to cross the track, and a heavy freight train that came along and rushed on them was soon stalled. Three times in a distance not greater than a mile the train was stopped by the pests. The train crew were ...to use shovels to clear the track. ...port that there were millions of ...ars, and that they had eaten al- ...y green thing in sight, and had wrought particular havoc to poplar trees. More than an hour was spent in getting the train past the spot, and it was only by shovelling the caterpillars off the line and piling up gravel that the trainmen succeeded in overcoming the difficulties.

TWO WERE MURDERED.

Terrible Tragedy on a Yukon River Boat Near Selkirk.

A despatch from White Horse, Yukon, says: Major Snyder of the Mounted Police has received news of a murder on the river, a short distance below Selkirk. The telegraph line from Dawson to White Horse is out of order, and the news came via Valdez and United States cable. The message is as follows:— "Ned Elfost arrived in Dawson in boat No. 113 alone. He had been seen on the river with two others on the way down. The sound of shooting was heard by other small-boat passengers on the river bank below Selkirk."

Inquiry by Major Wood as to who left here in boat No. 113 showed that Ned Elfost, Emil Anderson and David Bergman left in the boat on May 16. The murder probably occurred five or six days later, as that time would be required to run from here to Selkirk. Whether the murder was for the purpose of robbery or the result of a quarrel is not known. The names indicate that all were Scandinavians, either Norwegians or Swedes, people not given to quietly obeying orders. The supposition is that the close intimacy of travelling for several days in a small boat engendered strife and bad blood, which culminated in murder.

PAY AS YOU ENTER CHURCH.

Cash Registers Placed at Entrances of R. C. Church at Worcester.

A despatch from New York says: The parishioners of St. Casimir's Church of Worcester, Mass., on Tuesday learned through the new parish priest that their application to have an auditing committee has been refused by Bishop Beaver, and that, instead, cash registers will be put in the church. The congregation must pay their dimes at the door and can see their money registered. The bishop hopes by this means to straighten out the financial and other tangles in which the church has become involved.

STEAMER ABERDEEN BURNED

The Stewardess Was Compelled to Jump From the Upper Deck.

A despatch from St. John, N. B., says: On Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock the steamer Aberdeen was burned to the water's edge at Cole's Island, in the St. John River, a few yards from where the ill-fated Crystal steamer went up in flames last year and four men were burned to death. The lives of the crew of the Aberdeen, nine souls in all, were saved almost by a miracle, and, as it was, Mrs. McLeod, the stewardess, had to jump from the upper deck into the arms of James Hutchinson, the engineer, standing on the guard below, and both narrowly escaped being plunged into the river. The fire was discovered by people on the shore returning from a dance, and their cries awoke the members of the crew. In an hour the steamer was a bare hull on the bottom of the river, and practically nothing was saved from her. Great difficulty was also experienced in saving the steamer Sincennes, lying not fifteen yards away, and also Fred West's store and the cheese factory situated a few feet away. The Aberdeen was valued at $10,000 by her owners and insured for about $3,000. The cause of the fire is a mystery.

...c to 46c cut- ...c. yellow, offered at 78½c and 78c lake and rail.

Flour — Manitoba patents, special brands, $6; seconds, $5.40; strong bakers', $5.30; winter wheat patents, offering now at $3.30.

Barley—No. 2, 55c to 57c.

Peas—No. 2, quiet, nominally quoted at 92c.

Rye—No. 2, none offering; quotation about 88c.

Buckwheat—No. 2, nominally quoted 64½c to 65c.

Bran—Offered outside at $17.50 to $18; about $20.50 track here.

Shorts—$20.50.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Creamery, prints, 21c to 23c; creamery solids, 20c to 21c; dairy prints, choice, 18c to 19c; dairy prints, ordinary, 16c to 18c; dairy tubs, 17c to 18c; inferior, 15c to 16c.

Eggs—Prices rule easy at 17c to 18c.

Cheese—New cheese, 12c to 12½c for large, and 12½c for twins.

Beans—Primes, $2 to $2.10; hand-picked, $2.10 to $2.15.

Honey—Strained, 11c to 13c per ...nd; combs, per dozen, $1.50 to $1.75.

...atoes—Ontarios, 75c to 80c; Dela- ..., 85c to 95c in car lots on track

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PROVISIONS.

Pork—Short cut, $22 to $22.50 per ...rel, mess, $18.50 to $19.

Lard—Tierces, 11½c; tubs, 11¾c; pails, 12c.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats — Long clear bacon, 10½c to 11c, tons and cases; hams, medium and light, 13½c to 14c; hams, large, 11½c to 12c; backs, 16c to 16½c; shoulders, 9¾c to 10c; rolls, 10c to 10½c; breakfast bacon, 14c to 15c; green meats, out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, June 23.—Flour — Manitoba spring patents, $6.10 to $6.20; second patents, $5.50 to $5.70; winter wheat patents, $5 to $5.50; straight rollers, $4.25 to $4.50; in bags, $1.95 to $2.10; extra, $1.50 to $1.75.

Rolled Oats—$2.75 in bags of 90 pounds.

Oats—No. 2, 50c to 51c; No. 3, 47½c to 48c; No. 4, 46c to 46½c; rejected, 45c; Manitoba rejected, 47½c.

Cornmeal—$1.75 to $1.85 per bag.

Millfeed—Ontario bran, in bags, $20.50 to $21.50; shorts, $23 to $24; Manitoba bran, in bags, $22 to $23; shorts, $24 to $25.

Provisions—Barrels short cut mess, $22.50; half barrels, $11.50; clear fat backs, $23; dry salt long clear backs, 11c; barrels plate beef, $17.50; half barrels do., $9; compound lard, 8c to 9¼c; pure lard, 12½c to 13c; kettle rendered, 13c to 13½c; hams, 12½c to 14c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 14c to 15c; Windsor bacon, 15c to 16c; fresh killed abattoir dressed hogs, $9.25 to $9.50; live, $6.75.

Butter—Finest creamery, 22½c; in round lots, 23c to grocers.

Cheese—The market is quiet and a shade easier. Westerns, 11½c to 11⅝c, and easterns 11⅜c to 11¾c.

Eggs—Selected, 17½c to 18c; No. 1, 16½c to 17c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, June 23. — Wheat — Spring firmer; No. 1 northern, $1.09¾, carloads; Winter steady; No. 2 red, 95c Corn—Higher; No. 2 white, 76c; No. 2 yellow, 75½c. Oats—Higher; No. 2 mixed, 52½c; No. 2 white, 56c. Barley — 55 to 60c. Rye—86c, No. 1 on track. Canal freights—Wheat 5c to New York.

Minneapolis, June 23.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, old, $1.11⅛; new, $1.10⅞; No. 1 Northern, old, $1.09⅛; new, $1.08⅞; No. 2 Northern, old, $1.07⅛; new, $1.06⅞; No. 3 Northern, $1.03⅛ to $1.05⅝; July, $1.06⅜; September, 91¼c. Flour—First patents, $5.30 to $5.40; second patents, $5.20 to $5.35; first clears, $4.20 to $4.30; second clears, $3.50 to $3.60. Bran—In bulk, $18 to $18.50.

New York, June 23.—Wheat — Spot firm; No. 2 red, 99c in elevator and 99c f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth $1.15⅛ f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, $1.06 f.o.b. afloat.

CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto, June 23.—Choice export steers sold from $6.15 to $6.45, with bulls at $4.75 to $5.

Lots of choice stall-fed butcher cattle sold from $5.50 to $5.80, with picked steers quoted up to $6. Good loads sold from $5.15 to $5.50; medium cattle, $4.25 to $4.75; medium and fair grass-fed cattle, $3.75 to $4.25. Choice cows sold from $4 to $5; common cows, $2.50 to $3.50.

Stockers of about 800 pounds were quoted lower at $3.50 to $4. Good feeders are worth $4.50 to $4.75. Trade in milkers was quiet but fairly steady.

Calves were quoted at 3c to 5½c per pound.

Ewes were quoted at $4.25 to $4.60 per cwt., and bucks and culls at $3.50 to $4. Spring lambs were lower at $3.50 to $6.

There was no change in hog prices, selects being still quoted at $6.15, fed and watered, and lights and fats at $5.90.

FIFTY DEATHS DAILY.

Terrible Ravages of the Cholera in the Philippines.

A despatch from Manila says: Fifty deat occur daily from cholera in the province of Pengasinian near Manila. The total since January 20 is eighty deaths in the islands.

The electric railway is to be extended to Puslinch Lake from Hespeler.

As a result of the Banque St. Jean failure a state audit of all banks may be proposed.

...n a High Windstorm Flames ... Main Street of Tow...

A despatch from Burk's Falls says: By a fire which broke out on Saturday afternoon a large portion of this little town was wiped out of existence and damage running into many thousands of dollars caused. The fire is supposed to have originated in the drying kiln of the Knight Company, Limited.

There was a high wind blowing at the time and the flames swept rapidly along the main street, eating up everything before them. The efforts of the people themselves were utterly unavailing to stop the progress of the fire, which before it was got under control had completely consumed over thirty business places and dwellings.

An emergency message was sent to Huntsville and a special train was rushed out from there with the fire brigade and equipment. They did good work in assisting and stopping the progress of the conflagration, and by about 9 o'clock at night the fire was practically over. The telegraph wires leading into the town were burned early in the course of the fire, so that no direct messages could be sent out. The Grand Trunk wire at the station, however, was utilized in getting messages to those who had business interests in Burk's Falls.

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BUCKBOROUGH CONFE...

Bailiff's Starling Evidence at the ...g Fire Enquiry.

A despatch from Tillsonburg says: "I done it. I told him I would go done with him." This is the statement which may convict Chester Buckborough of setting fire to the Queen's Hotel on May 20th, causing the death of three persons and injuring many more. The confession was repeated by the last witness called for the Crown at the preliminary hearing before Police Magistrate Hare on Thursday, and it was sprung upon a crowded court room with dramatic suddenness. Up to that point the hearing had proceeded without anything more definite being adduced against the accused than that he had been heard to say on more than one occasion that he would get even with John Mero, the proprietor of the Queen's Hotel, and that Mero stated he saw the accused in the hall of the hotel after the alarm of fire had been given. That evidence was probably enough to necessitate the commitment of the prisoner for trial, but when Chas. Crossitt, bailiff of the district Division Court, made his dramatic statement there could be no doubt as to what action the Magistrate would be compelled to take.

Crossitt in his evidence told how he happened to pass along the street while ...ns, Rangey says: "I the hotel was still burn ...Bullard, even he was interested and st ...what was doing. Chan ...ext to Buckborough, no ...d with a crime, wh ...of the ...mitted it, is the ...on in the dark history of cr ...related his brief conve ...Buckborough. He said: "I ...borough, 'It's a pretty sa ...he said, 'I done it. I told ...an oath), I'd get even wi

W. E. Kelly, Simcoe, w ...C. Brown, Tillsonburg, ap ...prisoner, submitted Cross ...cross-examination. "Why ...Kelly, "do you ask us t ...you heard this and told

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SHOT HIS SIST...

Fort William Boy Pointe... and It Went ...

A despatch from Fort ... says: Two children of Ja... section foreman, aged 5 ... playing round the roundh... day, when the boy got h... The boy in play pointed ... his sister, and it was di... dentally, fatally wounding ... who died shortly afterw...

Harry A. Collins, Supre... of the Independent Order ... died on Saturday afterno...

The lower Lincoln pap... Catharines was destroye... Friday, causing a loss of ... sand dollars.

MISS MARY TWEEDIE EL...

Daughter of the Lieutenant-Gove... New Brunswick Marries Coachr...

A despatch from St. John, N. B., says: Hon. L. J. Tweedie, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, and Mrs. Tweedie, who were in the city on Wednesday to attend the wedding of the daughter of Hon. F. E. Barker, Chief Justice of the Province, met with a disagreeable surprise soon after they left the church, when the Lieutenant-Governor learned by telephone that his daughter, Miss Mary R. Tweedie, had made a runaway match at St. Stephen, N. B., eloping with David McKeown. Mrs. Tweedie was utterly prostrated by the news, and the Lieut... was greatly disturbed. T... case came from Scotland ... ago, and had been emp... ernor Tweedie up to ten ... left then, and another ... engaged. Miss Tweedie ... ing friends in St. Stephe... evidently had followed he... and on Wednesday they ... subsequently leaving fo... sail, it is thought, for t... As Miss Tweedie is nine... and the man a few yea... ing can be done by the