F. T. HILL & Co., = Markdale

Making Big Preparations

For Christmas Shoppers

This week we are preparing for the Christmas trade. New lines of Christmas Goods are steadily arriving from day to day, and in a few days our store will have taken on its Christmas garb. Our efforts have been put forth to give you the biggest value we have ever offered in many lines.

This Week it will Pay you to buy Millinery

We have decided to offer our entire stock of Trimmed Millinery at prices that barely cover the cost of the goods and are this season's styles, and new goods. Buy your new hat now.

$2.00 and $2.50 Hats for $1.75
$2.75 and $3.00 Hats for $2.00
$3.25 and $4.00 Hats for $2.50
$4.00 and $4 50 Hats for $3.00
$5 00 and $6.00 Hats for $3.75

These prices next two weeks only.

Christmas Suggestions for Christmas Boxes

In the following we have a very large and tasty assortment and popularly priced, at prices you feel like paying: fancy dress belts, gold handled parasols in a variety of styles, fancy 'kerchiefs in silk, linen and lawn, ladies' fancy nett and silk waists, boxed frillings, fancy collars, brooches and combs, fancy neckwear, slippers of all kinds, fancy and plain, mufflers, furs and fancy china. Many other little nick nacks not possible to mention.

Custom Weaving

The undersigned is now prepared to do all kinds of

Weaving on the Shortest Notice

Plain, Twilled or Satinett.

Rugs and Hammocks a specialty. Hit and miss rags and coloured warp found, 20c a yard, stripped rags extra. Office, 5th door north of bank on Sydenham Street.

Wm. LEES, — Flesherton, Ont.

Our Clubbing List

The following prices are for strictly paid in advance subscriptions only. We have no accounts with other papers.

Flesherton Advance	$ 1 00
Youths Companion	1 75
Toronto World, daily	2 00
Toronto Daily News	1 30
Weekly Globe	80
Mail-Empire	75
Family Herald & Star	80
Toronto Star	1 30
Farmer Sun	80
Farmers Advocate	1 30
Weekly Witness	75
SaturdayNight	1 55
Home Journal	55
Poultry News	15

THE MARKETS.

Carefully Corrected Each Week

Wheat	1 00 to 1 00
Oats	33 to 33
Peas	83 to 83
Barley	45 to 50
Hay	12 00 to 14 00
Butter	22 to 22
Eggs, fresh	24 to 25
Potatoes per bag	40 to 40
Geese	12 to 12
Ducks	12 to 12
Chickens	10 to 10
Turkeys	19 to 19

CHRISTMAS GOODS AT BOYDS'

Do you realize that Christmas is near at hand? We have taken time by the foreelock and carefully made an estimate of your requirements, and are prepared to sell you Christmas goods of good quality very cheap; to assist you in making a choice we outline some of our stock as below.

Furs

Fur Caps	1.50 to 9.00
Fur Ruffs	1.50 to 15.00
Ladies' Muffs	3.50 to 12.00
Fur-lin'd Jackets	22.50 to 60.00
Men's Coats	15.00 to 60.00

Woollen Goods

Ladies Gloves	25 to 50
Clouds, white and coloured	25 to 55
Shawls	55 to 1.50
Sweater Coats	2.25 to 3.00
Mufflers	25 to 55
Ice Wool Scarfs	1.10 to 1.35

Crockery

Dinner Setts	7.50 to 28.00
Tea Setts	3.75 to 7.50
Water Setts	1 50 to 2 00
Glass Setts	1.00 to 2.25
Jardineres	25 to 1.00
Bedroom Setts	1.50 to 4.00
Parlor Lamps	1.50 to 3 50
Berry Bowls	25 to 2.50
Pitchers from	5 to 2.50

Men's & Ladies' Gloves

Ladies Kid Gloves	1.00 to 1 75
Men's Gloves	.75 to 1.85

Linens, Novelties

Side Board Scarfs	25 to 1.50
Tray Cloths	15 to 1.00
Pillow Shams, each	50 to 1.50
Table Napkins per doz	85 to 3.75
Drawn Work Novelties	15 to 150
Table Cloths	1.00 to 3.00

Handkerchiefs

Fancy Emby Handkfs	5 to 25
Hem stitched "	25 to 75
Fancy Silk "	15 to 50
Gents Silk Mufflers	25 to 1.75
Men's Neckwear	25 to 50
Ladies' fancy silk collars	25 to 1.00

Fancy Slippers

In Felt, Carpet, Velvet and Leather

Children's	25 to 45
Misses	25 to 45
Women's	39 to 1.75
Men's	50 to 1.75

Table Cutlery

Silver Knives and Forks, per doz	5.75
Silver Forks, per doz	1.00 to 5.00
Steel Knives and Forks	1.35 to 4.00
Silver Knives, celluloid handle	2.50 to 5.00
Silver Tea Spoons, per doz	90 to 4.00
Dessert Spoons, per doz	1.50 to 5.50
Silver Plate Table Spoons	1.50 to 6.00
Carving Setts	2.00 to 4.50
Reliance Plate Sugar Shells, each	50 to 1 75
Berry Spoons, plate	1.50 to 2.50
Cold Meat Forks	1.25 to 1.50

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W. H. Thurston - Editor.

HON. I. B. LUCAS ON TEMPERANCE

There may have in the past been some who looked askance at Hon. I. B. Lucas' claim to prohibition sentiment, but these did not know the honourable, straightforward and well grounded principles of the member for Centre Grey. He certainly never has given cause for the doubting Thomas to explode his peculiar views. Last Sunday Mr. Lucas presided at the meeting of the Canadian Temperance League in Massey Hall, Toronto, and according to the Globe this is what he said:

Public opinion in favour of temperance was general, and he prophesied greater temperance victories than have been in Ontario. "The only matter debatable in the temperance question," said Mr. Lucas, "is the question of routes to the goal." The chairman also expressed the opinion that the present local option route was safe and sane, and advised temperance people to keep the question out of politics and unite in a great non-partisan endeavour to crush the evil.

That does not sound like a man with weak convictions.

ANOTHER WESTERN MUSHROOM

We received last week a copy of The Rosetown (Sask.) Eagle. A year ago Rosetown was the virgin prairie, and today it has a population of 800. E. E. Bellamy, son of Chas. Bellamy of this place, is the secretary-treasurer of the new Rosetown Board of Trade.

There is an air about the Eagle that would be absurd in Ontario newspaperdom—it is full of boastings of the big things the future has in store for Rosetown. Here the growth is so slow that such effervescent talk as the Eagle is crammed with would be the cheapest of "play acting." But in view of the rapid march of western progress the small western towns of to-day must be recognized, as they will be the cities of tomorrow.

We are pleased to note that the western march of progress is sweeping so many Grey county old boys on to success. May their numbers never grow less.

A LOCAL OPTION BOOMERANG.

Numerous of our exchanges where local option contests are on have advertisements both for and against the measure. We cannot find fault with these papers for accepting the advertisements, but it is doubtful if the advt. in the Shelburne Free Press will do much to further the cause of the advertisers. It bears the caption "What SCIENTISTS Say Against Local Option," and the whole advt. is a series of eulogies for beer as consumed at the tables in the homes. If that is all these noted scientists had to say against local option, their opposition is not to be considered, for the conditions they so heartily support are the very conditions which rule under local option.

The advt is in favour of light beers being used in the home and favours temperance rather than prohibition. It is an undisputed fact that temperance is an unknown factor as far as concerns the licensed bar, so the advertisement in question is really an argument for local option.

Next week you may purchase what Santa didn't bring you.

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The residence of a St. Louis editor was dynamited last week. It's becoming as dangerous to be an editor as it is to be a king or emperor these days.

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Chicago will try "cold air" rooms in two schools as a health experiment. Could the same scheme not be applied to the annual nomination and election?

C. R. Mears, an Englishman, is making preparations for a dash to the South pole. Wouldn't it be queer to see an Englishman hanging head-downward from the south pole?

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While the lot of the average English emigrants in Canada may not be envied by Canadians, yet there must be a bright spot in the lives of numbers of them. We refer to the numbers of English puddings that are sent in as Christmas gifts. In cases of numerous recipients the pudding is most appropriate, for the men are too shiftless to provide for their families properly, and the gift of a little "old country pudding" is acceptable. But still this shiftless class is fortunately in the minority.

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The Toronto schools are all to be decorated with a gaily flaunted Union Jack each day in the week hereafter. The movement will have the good effect of introducing to Torontonians the flag which they are in duty bound to love and revere. The Union Jack is only too seldom displayed in Canada. A lesson might be taken from the patriotism of the United States, but it is doubtful if the hysterical worship attributed the Stars and Stripes is after all a consummation to be desired, and our own apathy is perhaps the saner and wiser course.

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The Clarksburg Review winds up a protracted and red-hot scrap with the Thornbury Herald-Reflector by a scathing series of comment last week—declaring that as far as The Review is concerned, the fire-works are ended. The case is on a par with the man who had been convicted of the error of his ways, at a revival meeting, and pulling a plug of tobacco from his pocket, bit off a generous quid, accompanying the movement with the declaration, "boys, this is my last chew!" He is still chewing.

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It has been stated by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux that in two years the whole civilized world will be ready to adopt the penny postal system, which has proved so successful in the British Empire. It now costs five cents to send a letter from France to England, a distance of about forty miles, while from England a letter can go nearly around the world for two cents. While the universal penny postal system would not be of much benefit to The Advance or the majority of its readers, yet there are great numbers in Canada who would feel the benefit. Therefore, let it come.

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The principal event of world wide interest during the past week was the taking off of Leopold, king of Belgium. There is, however, no world wide sorrow over the event, either in diplomatic or private circles. The deceased king's treatment of his African subjects has been a crying scandal and shame to all civilized nations, and how to repress his avariciousness and crime had become a puzzling but insistent question to other powers. His demise will, no doubt, give a satisfactory solution and a reprieve to the suffering natives of Africa; therefore his death should be a matter of rejoicing and thankfulness to all Christian peoples, rather than otherwise.

Is There a Santa Claus?

No Santa Claus? Yes, my little man, there is a Santa Claus, thank God! The world would indeed be poor without one. It is true that he does not always wear a white beard and drive a reindeer team—not always, you know—but what does it matter? He is Santa Claus with the big, loving Chrismas heart, for all that; Santa Claus with the kind thoughts for every one that make children and grown-up people beam with happiness all day long.

And shall I tell you a secret which I did not learn at the post-office, but it is true all the same—of how you can always be sure your letters go to him straight by the chimney route? It is this: send along with them a friendly thought for the boy you don't like; for Jack who punched you, or Jim who was mean to you. The meaner he was the harder do you resolve to make it up; not to bear him a grudge. That is the stamp for the letter to Santa. Nobody can stop it, not even a cross-draught in the chimney, when it has that on.

Because—don't you know, Santa Claus is the spirit of Christmas; and ever and ever so many years ago when the dear little Baby was born after whom we call Christmas, and was cradled in the manager out in the stable because there was not room in the inn, that Spirit came into the world to soften the hearts of men and make them love one another. Therefore, that is the mark of the spirit to this day. Don't let anybody or anything rub it out. Then the rest doesn't matter. Let them tear Santa's white beard off at the Sunday school festival and growl in his bearskin coat. These are only his disguises. The steps of the real Santa Claus you can trace all through the world as you have done here with me, and when you stand in the last of his tracks you will find the Blessed Babe of Bethlehem smiling a welcome to you. For then you will be home.

JACOB A. RIIS, in OurDumb Animals.

Donald Gunn, head of Gunn's, Limited, died as a result of injuries sustained on Yonge street, Toronto.

Osprey Council.

The Council of Osprey met at Maxwell on Wednesday, Dec. 15, according to adjournment from Nov. 13 last. The members were all present. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. Communications, petitions, accounts, etc., were received from: Alex. Finley, pathmaster in 1908, certifying that R. J. Brown performed two days statute labor in winter 1909 for lot 31, con. 7; Dr. W. C. Ryckman, asking for the privilege of erecting a telephone line from Gordon's corner to Maxwell; Donald Gillies, pathmaster, regarding obstruction on the road opposite lots 37 and 38, con. 2 N. D. R; petition of James Lougheed and others, asking exemption of taxes of Andrew Murphy on account of his loss by fire; Abraham Lincoln Smith, offering to cut out 30th sideroad, con. 1 and 2 S. D. R.; E. W. Norman, Reeve, gave notice that Wm. Scutt had not built the bridge over the Mad river on con. 3, N. D. R., according to plans and specifications, and he had refused payment; certificate from Charles Fenwick, pathmaster, that Wm. Scutt performed four days' road work in 1909 for lot N. ½ 10 and 11, con. 5; treasurer's statement of accounts from Jan. 1st; township of Nottawasaga, acct. $8, for tile.

Orders were issued on the treasurer to pay the treasurer township of Nottawasaga, $8 for tile; Robt. Brown, $2, refund of statute labor; Wm. Scutt $4, refund of statute labor; Marshal Kerton, $8, hire of hall; J. C. Hamilton $4, use of hall; Robert Weir $2, use of hall for council meetings.

McCallum—Taylor—That the petition of James Lougheed and others, asking exemption of taxes for the year 1909, amounting to $19.32 for Andrew Murphy for lot 23, con. 7 be granted on account of loss by fire—Carried.

Taylor—Buie—That the communication from Abraham Lincoln Smith be laid over until next meeting—Carried.

McCallum—Taylor—That Dr. W. C. Ryckman be granted the privilege of erecting a telephone line from Gordon's Corner to Maxwell and that the Clerk prepare a by-law to grant the privilege—Carried.

Norman—Buie—That the Clerk notify Wm. Scutt to hand over to him the plans and specifications for bridge over Mad River on con. 3 N.D.R. at once—Carried.

—Thos. Scott, Clerk.

Christmas Goods

The People's Store, Eugenia

Do not fail to come and have a look at our stock for Christmas. We have spared no pains whatever in decorating and arranging all the lines of goods for the holiday trade. New designs just arrived in all pretty shades of dress goods—the best qualities you can possibly get for your money. Dainty trimmings to match every shade.

Pretty new waistings in silks, wools, delaines, etc. Do you need a new coat. This is your opportunity to get the right thing at the right price. We have some of the very best values ever offered. Ladies' fine beaver cloth, sample coats in brown, green, navy and black, trimmings of silk braid, satin buttons, etc., semi and tight-fitting. Do not buy until you first see all these lines.

Men's fine black beaver shell, rubber interlined overcoats, Alaska sable collars, at a price that will make you smile. Boys' and men's ready-made clothing always the best.

A full range of print, flannellette, flannel and woollen goods in all the different lines. Ribbons and fancy goods a specialty. Frilling with 7 frills to a box at 30c, beautiful assortment just in.

Millinery—Millinery—Now is the time to buy. All millinery reduced to half price to clear up the season's stock. Veilings all selling at 22c per yard until done.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Beautiful patterns in Japanese, German and hand-painted china. Cut, present and opalescent glassware in everything you want. Collars, ties, neckwear of all descriptions, kid gloves, driving mitts, fancy belts—in fact, everything to choose from to select your Christmas gifts for children and grown-ups. See our display of fancy handkerchiefs from 2 for 5c, up to 50c, kimona handkerchiefs for making fancy aprons etc at 15c each.

TOYS IN ABUNDANCE HERE

Everything in toys from 5c up—full range to meet the fancy of every child. Beautiful gift books for the older ones. Christmas cards and postals from 3 for 5c, up to 10c.

Our Christmas specials in candies and nuts just in. Fresh fruits of all kinds—the very best. Groceries all fresh and clean.

Do not fail to call and see us

J. E. LARGE, - Eugenia.

For sale by Sproule, Higginbotham and Co., Flesherton