F. T. HILL & Co. = Markdale

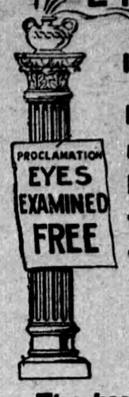
Our Great February Graniteware Sale

Selling Graniteware at such ridiculously low prices only happens but once a year. We do this because February is the quietest business month we have in the year, and in order to keep our business thoroughly alive we put on our great February Graniteware Sale. The goods are made by the McClary Mfg. Co., of London, one of the best makers in Canada, and the prices represent the closest possible selling prices, only made possible by the immense quantity we buy, which makes it impossible for competition to meet our prices. So we say to you: buy your Graniteware now and make big savings. These prices for the month of February only.

Graniteware Tea Pots, all sizes, at exactly half price.

Granite Tea Pots		Granite Coffee Pots	
25c Granite Tea Pots for	12½c.	25c Granite Coffee Pots for	12½c.
35c " " "	18c.	35c " " "	18c.
50c " " "	25c.	50c " " "	25c.
75c " " "	38c.	75c " " "	38c.

The following lines are included in this great sale at correspondingly low prices: Preserving Kettles, all sizes; Berlin Kettles, Water Pails, Spiders, Sugar Bowls, Rice Boilers, Pudding Pans, Roast Pans, Bowls, in fact everything you can think of.



In CHILDHOOD has blighted many lives because the pain caused thereby produces an aversion to study.

The backward child too often becomes the unsuccessful man.

W. A. Armstrong,
Jeweler & Optician
FLESHERTON.

THE MARKETS.

Carefully Corrected Each Week

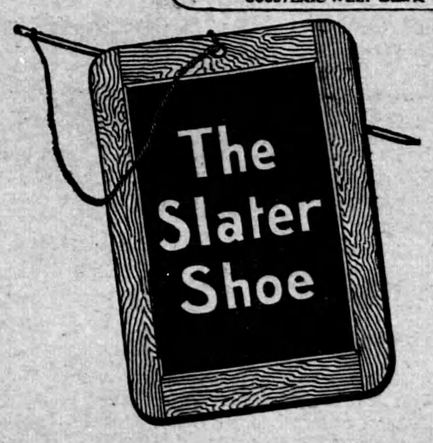
Wheat	1 00 to 1 00
Oats	36 to 36
Peas	80 to 80
Barley	45 to 50
Hay	12 00 to 14 00
Butter	22 to 22
Eggs, fresh	24 to 25
Potatoes per bag	40 to 40
Geese	12 to 12
Ducks	12 to 12
Chickens	10 to 10
Turkeys	18 to 18

J. and W. BOYD Merchants
Flesherton Ontario

This week we are showing all the new spring goods, the newest and most popular goods available, including the newest dress goods in the market in fancy stripes and colors, navy brown, olive green and the extra new shades in amethyst and vieux rose; also ginghams, zephyrs, linens, foulards and Indian bead suitings. Also prints, muslins, etc. Our regular line of prints, extra quality at 12½ cents, and our special at 10 cents.

BOOTS AND SHOES

In this department we have added the Slater shoe, which needs no advertfsing, having gained for itself a reputation second to none. Satisfaction guaranteed or your money refunded.



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A NEW ASSESSMENT PROPOSAL

A proposition is now before the Ontario Legislature to further amend the Assessment Act by making it optional with municipalities as to whether or not they will assess land values higher in proportion than improvements, including business assessments, incomes and salaries, the difference in rates to be determined by the municipality. Of all the anomalies in our social system the assessment law has been the worst. When a farmer purchases an unimproved piece of property he is supposed to pay on an assessment of actual value. He goes to work and expends a couple of thousand in clearing and erecting buildings, perhaps borrowing money for the purpose, when immediately up goes his taxes accordingly and he is forced actually to pay two rates of interest on the investment—one called taxes. In this way a premium is put upon unproductive land and enterprise is retarded. In the villages and towns it works the same way. The proposed law aims to do away with this condition of affairs and place the higher proportion of taxes where they ought to be, on unproductive and speculative property, while improvements thereon are encouraged.

While we think there has been too much nonsensical tinkering with our municipal laws by ambitious members of the Legislature, yet we believe that here is something that should be welcomed—a forward step in the right direction. The idea is to leave it with the electors themselves as to whether they will adopt the system or discard it. We would like to see the Government give the people an opportunity to test something of the kind.

While on this subject we wish also to remark that the business assessment as embodied in the last revised Assessment Act is a decided hardship in many instances and a protest against its continuance in the present form is justifiable. There are small business propositions in this country which do very little more business per annum than what they are actually assessed for—widows or cripples who try to eke out a living for themselves—but who must pay taxes on a minimum business assessment of $100 as well as on the property they occupy. This is not only a hardship, but has a tendency to throw individuals on charity, because they cannot afford to continue their business in a small way. With the law amended as above such a condition of affairs would be eliminated.

It is time for a change in the Assessment Act. Two hundred and ninety municipalities have petitioned in favor of the measure above outlined.

EVEN LORDS HAVE LIMITATIONS

When he visited Canada last fall Lord Charles Beresford was met with a rousing reception. Those who owned dress suits pulled wires to meet him, and those who were of the submerged tenth and could not work wires, seized every opportunity to gaze open-mouthed at him—a real, live lord! Everybody was happy, and presumably Condor Charlie more than all the rest, but how such and old man could stand all the affairs planned in his honor is more than we can fathom.

Why "royalty" is so intensely popular with Canadians may be laid to its scarcity; and a rare specimen of monkey would cause about as much interest. If we had a few lords, and such like, living in our midst a contempt born of familiarity would surely arise; but such is not the case; and so we must be highly hono(u)red and de-elighted when one consents to patronize us for a while.

In England, where most of the "big guns" of the empire exist, a different state of affairs is found. There are so many Lords, Earls, and so forth, hanging around that some are bound to be nuisances in spite of their titles, and when they become seriously disliked among their superiors the title will not stave off trouble.

Our late visitor, Condor Charlie as he is often styled, is paying the penalty of a garrulous old age. He holds a position which demands that he keep his mouth shut; but he seems to forget it—at election time, anyway; and so if signs do not fail he is in danger of finding himself in an uncomfortable position, where he will be retired from his office without a pension, and with a meagre portion of the honor which should follow a successful public life.

THE FIRST THAW

Those who like to shiver through the winter, and hug the roaring stove, making believe that the arctic weather we sometimes encounter is not one of the charms of Canada's winter, had their innings this week. (We write "had" because there is no telling how long it will last.) Sunday brought a brand of weather springlike in its mildness, and it was a relief after the rigorous winter atmosphere of the preceding months.

There is a rare joy in the first thaw. The air is balmy; the snow melts and drops from the overhanging eaves, sometimes to the discomfort of the unwary passerby. But do not the signs say that King Winter is losing his grip on things? An indefinable something says that the grass is preparing to grow again. The sap is beginning to gather strength in the tiniest of rootlets and willrise to the very tips of the twigs and cause the mantle of leaves to unfold—all in its own good time.

The thaw will develope a cold; that is certain, but we ignore it. 'Twould be wrong to spoil the joy of the spring day dropped into the winter this way by unnecessary shiverings over winds which have yet to blow. Anyway, the snows that will fall before spring comes are not terrible ogres besetting the future. They are willing to make friends if you only meet them part way. And the spring will be made more beautiful by the memory of the white blanket which will then have mysteriously faded away.

ARE WE "DOWN" ON EATONS?

We were asked by a reader this week what we have treasured up against the T. Eaton Co. In reply we would say: "Absolutely nothing." We have a great big esteem for the enterprise which makes such an immense business possible and profitable. If they can honestly get the business (and they do) they have a perfect right to.

We think anyone is foolish to buy there if they can buy nearly as cheaply at home. But still the ones who are more to blame are those who suffer most—the merchants who do not advertise their goods that the prospective buyers may be able to decide wisely between Toronto and local stores. The T. Eaton Co. is conducting a great school for merchants all over Canada, but those who realize it are all too few. The day has come when the merchant must advertise or allow the cobwebs to cover his stock, and the big Toronto stores are demonstrating this fact by a systematic campaign of advertising.

The muzzling edict does not apply to the dogs of certain Fleshertonians—it would seem.

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In Chatham they combine crude oil and gas to make gasoline. In Toronto skim milk and water are mixed and produce cream.

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The newspapers are thrusting the cost of living before our eyes, while the pulpit dins into our ears the cost of dying—and there we are, between two fires, as it were.

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The present mad dog scare will result in the decease of a lot of useless dogs. At least it would were it not for the fact that it is always the other fellow's dog which is useless.

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We read in a Saskatchewan paper that all the good horses have not gone west, and it tells of a team being sold for a good price there. Now, if Saskatchewan is not the "west" what is it, will someone please tell?

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Why in creation doesn't the C.P.R. equip its freight trains with steering apparatus, that they might keep to the track. Nearly every week there is a run-off on this line, with consequent delay to the mails.

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Our article in these columns several weeks ago re price-cutting appears to have hit a mark, for last week an valued exchange "went off" in a hysterical spasm. We do not pose as an information bureau, and so will not attempt a reply to any of the irrelevant questions asked. No, friend, two wrongs never yet made a right. Let the other fellow run on the rocks if he insists; but just paddle your own canoe. It is the wisest course, and will win out in the end. Any actions (such as price-cutting) which work against the welfare of the craft will always concern us, dear Review.

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The Advance is strongly in sympathy with the Conservative attitude at Ottawa regarding the building of war vessels. It is a shame that this country should be saddled with an immensely costly navy for all time to come at the present juncture of its history, when a couple of good war vessels presented to the mother country would answer every requirement. A questions o serious as this should not be settled offhand by any government without giving the people who pay the piper an opportunity of expressing their opinion. As a matter of fact the government knows very well what that opinion would be.

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This journal will never see any good in prize-fighting. It is a disgusting and useless line of sport (with apologies to sport) and should be frowned down, kicked out, or disposed of in some way. But in spite of this one must admire the nerve of such a man as Battling Nelson, who took a terrible punishing at the hands of his opponent last week, and yet was game to the end. Many men would want to run after the first punch, but Nelson took all that was coming his way, and his face was fairly battered to a pulp before the fight was stopped. Such an exhibition is disgusting in the extreme, but all the disgust cannot quench an admiration of the spirit of the boxer who takes his punishment with a fine disregard for pain, and with a pluck worthy of a better cause.

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A newspaper lays the blame on the driver when his horse becomes frightened by an automobile. It is claimed that the fear of the driver is communicated to the horse—and then an accident. Quite touching, isn't it? The farmer is driving along the dusty thoroughfare, when suddenly he is filled with terror by the appearance of an automobile in the distance. Then his terror is transmitted along the reins (as the message over a telephone wire) and the gentle horse participates in his driver's fears. Were it not for the driver the horse would never think of running away. Oh, bosh! Would it not be well for the driver to drop the lines when a devil wagon appears on the horizon and let old Bess amble along on her own hook? It is a clever theory sure enough, but is a little wide of the mark.

HOMES

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The People's Store

Watch This Space Next Week For Our Spring Announcement

J. E. LARGE - - EUGENIA

HURRAH for the new spring goods, new prints, ginghams, ducks, linens, suitings and vestings. Although cotton goods of all kinds have taken A BIG ADVANCE in price I think we can give you better values than you got last year, as we procured ours before the advance.

We have the very latest in boots and shoes for the spring and at very reasonable prices.

FURS You needn't wait to get furs at spring prices, you can get them here now. This is your chance to get a cheap fur or fur coat. If you are interested call and ask to see them.

In all winter goods we give you a real bargain as we want to make room for more spring goods.

The very freshest and best groceries always on hand.

CLOVER SEEDS You will soon be looking for that. Come and get some of Steel Brigg's first quality clover and grass seed. We have it on hand now.

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The undersigned is now prepaired to do all kinds of Custom Weaving. Plain, Twilled and Satinette,

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