

OUR PLANING FACTORY.

We dropped into Grant & Co's steam planing mill and sash and door factory one day this week, and were taken by surprise at the hum of machinery on all sides, together with the number of hands employed in the various departments. The ordinary work of planing, sash and door making and furniture manufacturing is being carried on, while Mr. E. S. Mabce, the energetic agent for patent rack lifters, has a gang manufacturing 500 load lifters for shipment to the front counties. Mr. Mabce expects as soon as this order is complete, to commence another lot, the same number. This gives the factory the appearance of enterprise and activity not usual at this season of the year.

Correspondence.

NOTICE.—We wish it distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

Letter from Southern States.

THE CLIMATE, PRODUCTIONS, AND INDUSTRIES DESCRIBED.

To the Editor of the Standard.

DEAR SIR,—In commencing this letter I might state that before leaving Markdale I promised to write to a great many, and by your kind permission I will write to all through the widely circulated STANDARD. En route to Cincinnati the scenery is grand and picturesque. Cincinnati, the boss city of Ohio, with a population of 400,000, is situated on the North side of the River Ohio in a pocket among the hills. The hills around it are many times higher. The city has so far out-grown this valley that the surrounding hills are utilized for parks and private residences. These suburbs are reached by various "inclined plans." The street cars are drawn up these by stationary engines at the top, and vice versa. The city is pushing out beyond the river on the Kentucky side, taking in the cities of Covington and New Port. Cincinnati is noted for its beautiful private residences. The finest mansion belongs to John Schillitoe, who owns the largest store in the city, size 300 feet square and 6 stories high. He sells nine million dollars worth of goods annually. A suspension and two other bridges span the river here. The furniture factory is said to be the largest in America. New Port also boasts of the largest watch case manufactory in America. Some prominent and wealthy relatives of Mr. Quinlin's of Glenelg, reside here. The soil on the way to Louisville is good, free from stone, and gives growth to tobacco, sweet potatoes, corn, wheat, fruit, blue grass, etc. Louisville, with a population of 200,000, is situated in Kentucky on the South bank of the Ohio River, 110 miles below Cincinnati. With the exception of New Orleans it is the largest Southern city. It is packed full of people going to and from the exposition. There is a rich harvest being reaped by the railroads centering here and the City Street Car Co. Cave Hill Cemetery is the pride of the city, being well kept, and contains many magnificent monuments. None are admitted without a ticket from the office. I paid an interesting visit to the glass works here. In one place I saw about 300 persons around furnaces blowing bottles of all dimensions. The operator dips his tube into the melted glass and takes up sufficient to make a bottle; he first blows it to nearly the size wanted then places it inside a mould and blows again forcing it to the required size. It is then cut off, the neck shaped, and boys carry them away to ovens where they are baked to render them more durable. The wages are high, but dearly earned, as it is said to be very unhealthy work. About one-third of the population are German speaking people. Henry Clay, a very prominent lawyer, and grandson of the great Kentuckian Senator, was shot by Andy Wepler in the latter saloon last September. Louisville has four medical colleges. A few miles south of here is the celebrated blue grass region where the world famed trotting horses are raised. Ordinary farming land sells for \$150 per acre. Kentucky is noted for first prize whiskey. Passing southward through Nashville, Tennessee, to Montgomery, Alabama, one surprise after another greets the eye of the traveller as the train speeds on its way. Not infrequently scenes of desolation meet the eye. On enquiring the cause of this from a fellow traveller, who seemed to be an old timer in these parts, answered, "This, my friend, was caused by the war." Here and there are immense forests of pine and spruce. The train is gathered by climbing the trees and scaling the summits, and from top to bottom. The soil is rich and fertile. As you near Florida, you can detect a vast change in the atmosphere and feelings. All nature seems to be putting on a new dress. Jacksonville is the chief of the innkeepers and tourists, the home of the orange and banana, the abode of the sweet potato and melon. Florida is a new state and is rapidly filling up. It possesses a salubrious climate, receiving breezes from every side. Florida summer heat would force a Canadian to carry a refrigerator around with him to keep himself from spoiling. A good many think that Canada is a place where the mercury remains frozen, and the natives make ice-cream by placing it in the sun. Many Canadians have exchanged their snow and ice for blue skies, sunshine, and a country clad in freshest green. St. John River stands unrivalled in tropical scenery: by its banks grow side by side the magnolia and cypress, the live oak with its festoons of drooping moss, while near the water edge the scrub palmetto flourishes beneath whose shade the alligator sleeps his dreamy sleep. About 50 miles up the St. John we reach warm sulphur springs—called the Springs of Youth. H. B. Stone resides at Mandarin. The weather is warm, the evenings delightfully cool, while the air is filled with sweetest melody by the mocking bird and other birds of sweetest song. Passing nearly due west, we arrived in New Orleans to take in the exposition. With the exception of New Orleans the old slave states appear to have shown a great deficiency of the energy necessary to the creation of large cities or varied manufactures. A word about the exposition. In farming machinery there is everything imaginable with many new and ingenious devices tending towards that perfection which will surely be reached some day if invention continues the rapid strides it is now making. The show of bananas, pine-apples, oranges, lemons, pomegranates, etc., from Florida is grand. The trees have been dug up and brought with the fruit still on them to show the rankness of vegetation. Everything is exhibited in the most novel and interesting way by blending together the rough frontier life and the highest grades of civilization. In a place like this where the best from every clime is arrayed in such rich style the eye becomes accustomed to it and loses much of its interest, and it is only by placing the rough and uncouth side by side with the grand that the over-powering contrast is appreciated. New Orleans, population 350,000, situated on a bend of the Mississippi, 110 miles from its mouth. It is the greatest cotton port in the world. It has also an extensive trade in sugar, molasses, tobacco, etc. Owing to the prevalence of yellow fever during summer months most of the residences of the wealthy are out of the city. Most of the people are buried in vaults, as the land around inundated frequently. Vaults cost from \$20 to \$500 each. We have June weather here.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. McCASKEY,
Formerly of the Revere House,
Markdale, Ont.
New Orleans, Jan. 26th, 1885.

Flesherton.

From our own correspondent.

The entertainment given in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening the 11th inst., by Mrs. C. C. Rosster and Chas. Kelly, under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. society here, may be justly termed a grand entertainment. Although the evening was very inclement, the hall was comfortably filled, altho' not over half the tickets were collected at the door that was sold previously. For nearly three hours the large audience was delighted with the programme. Mde. Rosster proved herself a thorough musician. Her selections on the concertina and piano brought forth loud applause. As a reciter she is very effective, her voice being pleasant, her manner easy and agreeable. Mr. Kelly with an exceedingly fine bass voice sang exceedingly well and was loudly and frequently cheered. Mr. Kelly has a powerful and musical voice which he manages with ease and grace. His solo, "Alone in the desert," was well rendered and received with loud applause. But the treat of the evening was Mr. Kelly's guitar solo, "Spanish Retreat." The encore that followed was no ordinary one. Altogether the entertainment was a decided success.

The Literary and Musical entertainment given in the school house of School Section No. 8, on Friday evening last, under the efficient management of Miss Inkster, teacher, was in every respect, both in point of programme and finances, a complete success. The house was crowded full. A number of recitations and dialogues were given by the children of the school. Among those from a distance who took part in the programme were Miss Drummond, Mr. and Miss Inkster who sang some choice selections. Mr. Grant G. Alister and W. Thompson each recited; Miss Miss, Miss Jack and Mr. J. Blackburn sang a trio; Rev. Mr. Chalmers recited; and a humorous speech

from Mr. Robert Gordon; a duet by Rev. Dr. Hendrick and Miss Drummond caused a good deal of merrit. Mr. Henry Woodcock occupied the chair in a pleasing manner. Miss Inkster is to be congratulated upon her success in her enterprise as the proceeds are to be applied in procuring prizes for her pupils in the school.

Rev. Mr. H. S. Matthews, chairman of the Bracebridge district and who was formerly a pastor on this circuit, preached in the Methodist church here Sabbath morning last. In the evening the Rev. Mr. McDowell held the memorial service of the late deceased Miss Watt.

Holland Road.

From our own correspondent.

The difficulty in connection with the Sabbath School here has been satisfactorily settled for the present. The annual anniversary of the school will be held in the Wesley church on Tuesday, the 3rd of March, when the usual programme, consisting of dialogues, recitations, readings and speeches will be carried out.

The social held at the residence of Mr. Thomas Boland last Friday was well attended.

Miss Kate Leckie, a former resident of this place, is here on a visit. She has been living in Chicago for some time past.

Miss Minnie Hutchinson has returned home from King where she has been on a visit to her friends.

Mr. J. Brodie started on Monday last for Wingham to attend a meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West.

Mr. J. Weber has a large gang of men and teams busy delivering shingle timber at the Eclipse Saw-mill.

Mr. J. McGee's credit sale was not a success. The day was very cold and stormy. Mr. McGee was the largest purchaser himself, which did not add very much to the success of the business.

There was a hop at the residence of Mr. J. Davis last week, better known as the Baswood. There was a full house and lots of fun.

Holland Centre.

From our Reporter.

This place has done more business the present winter than any season in its history. H. Foster pays cash for all kinds of grain and gives fair prices thus drawing a constantly increasing trade.

Mr. L. Anderson has purchased a lot and is erecting a building for a steam shingle mill. He will remove his machinery from 40 side road and expects to have it running by the 1st April. F. Kempf will have a carpenter shop in the same building.

R. Bailey's pump business is quiet just now, but he expects a fair trade when the weather moderates.

C. Price has done an increased business since removing to his new and commodious premises.

Thos. J. Spears has now a comfortable and spacious blacksmith shop, and doing a fair share of the trade. He also had an addition to his family recently.

W. G. Dunbar is also doing a steady business in carriage making and blacksmithing.

M. Smith of the grist mill has done an increased business this season.

Lilburn Bros. have a large stock of logs in and expect to do a rattling business the coming summer.

Mr. Young the tailor, continues to turn out clothing a genuine fit every time.

Jas. Ireton, shoemaker, is prepared to boot the biggest man in the township. He says the cold weather does not wear the boots fast enough.

Mr. Hargrave, harness maker, has pulled up stakes and left.

F. Kempf lost a good cow last week. "Queens' Hotel still caters to the wants of the travelling public in a satisfactory manner.

A Williamson is preparing for a big summer's work putting up load lifters.

Miss Blades can make and trim a ladies headress just right.

S. Watson is now very ill.

Large quantities of very excellent wood is being delivered at the station.

D. Trelford, section boss, has his section in good trim; leaving out the heavy drift.

Mr. Stevenson, latest station agent, is very courteous and also diligent in business. Hope he may stop here as we have had a great number of changes in the past.

Rev. Mr. Chalmers recited; and a humorous speech

MARKDALE.

Fall Wheat	50 75	to	52 75
Spring Wheat	57 75	to	59 75
Barley	50	to	57
Oats	45	to	52
Butter	15	to	17
Eggs	29	to	30
Apples	57	to	75
Potatoes	18	to	20
Hay	7 00	to	8 00
Flour	5 00	to	5 45
Flour	3 75	to	4 25

A RARE CHANCE

A CHOICE VILLAGE LOT in Markdale for sale, opposite the STANDARD office, Mill Street. Has a comfortable dwelling house, shop and stable and good well. A small payment will be made down and balance to suit purchaser or at a low rate of interest. For further particulars apply at this office, or to

WM. WALKER,
Markdale P. O.

DOG LOST.

A BLACK COLEY DOG, long body, short hair, front legs, breast and head white, black ears and black spot on crown of head, long tail, half white. When last seen was at Flesherton Station. Any person giving information or returning him to the undersigned will be rewarded.

WM. HASKETT,
Markdale.

FARM FOR SALE.

FOR SALE, or to rent, lot 14, con. 12, Holland, 100 acres, 55 cleared, comfortable log house, barn log and frame 32 x 50, first class well, 45 minutes walk from school and post office, a decided bargain. Apply to F. TAYLOR, Harkaway, or B. S. McLAUGHLIN, Haydon.

STALLION TO HIRE.

HAVING a large farm to work which requires my whole attention I have concluded to lease my Stallion "Lord Byron" for the season of 1885. This is a rare chance for a reliable man, stock or good security taken in lieu of rent, the horse has proved himself a sure foot getter, and his stock has carried off the highest prizes wherever shown. Lord Byron has taken first money in open races wherever fitted, took first prize at Flesherton races in '84. For particulars apply to DAVID MADILL, Maxwell, where the horse can be seen.

Farm for Sale.

160 acres, being lots 42 and 43 second range West of Toronto and Sydenham road, Holland, about 100 acres cleared and in good state of cultivation, balance well timbered with Maple, Beech and Hemlock, and about 10 acres cedar swamp. Good roughcast house 22x33 with stone cellar, frame barn 40x60 and good out, houses, all with stone foundations. Good young orchard bearing. The farm is well watered, two good wells, one at the house, a fine spring creek crosses the farm near the rear. Only two miles from the thriving village of Williamsford, a station on the T. G. & B. branch of the C. P. R.

This is a rare chance, and terms will be made very easy. For further particulars apply on the premises to

FRANCIS McCANN,
230-44 Williamsford P. O.

NOTICE.

ALL parties indebted to me by Note or Book account, or Due-bill, are requested to settle the same at once with Adam Turner, as I must have these accounts straightened up. I can't do without the money. My books and accounts are left with him, and he is authorized to receive the money and give receipts.

T. S. SPROULE.

A RARE CHANCE.

SAW-MILL FOR SALE.

THE undersigned having lost his health, wishes to dispose of his Saw and Shingle Mill, which is situated 4 1/2 miles West of Markdale. There is an abundance of splendid timber very convenient to the mill; a good business has been done, and an excellent chance is in store for a good pushing man. The mill is mostly new, being erected three years. Machinery in fine condition. Steam power 80 horse. Terms easy. For further particulars apply at this office, or on the premises.

J. A. DUNCAN,
Markdale P. O.

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The subscriber begs leave to announce to the farmers of the surrounding country that he is turning out flour equal to any other roller mill.

No more waiting while the grist is being ground. The following is the scale of exchange—

Wheat Weighing 62 lbs.	40 lbs. Flour.
" " 61 "	39 "
" " 60 "	38 "
" " 59 "	37 "
" " 58 "	36 "
" " 57 "	35 "

with offal in proportion to amount of flour. I find the average weight of new wheat to be 60 lbs. to the bushel, and the most of it, if properly cleaned, would weigh 61 or 62 to the bushel.

John W. Ford.

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