

Markdale Standard.

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HARD TIMES.

Nearly every person we meet seems to have the same monotonous complaint, "hard times," and we are led to consider, why is this thus. Is the cry a reality, or merely a custom which being contagious has become universal? There are people (not a few) whose conversation seldom reaches beyond the "weather" and the "hard times," yet we have reason to believe that hard times is a reality with very many. There must be a cause for this state of things, and it is well to seriously consider what it is in order to have it removed or if possible steer clear of it in future. Experience is a grand teacher, tho' often an expensive one, yet a lesson which costs little is apt to be forgotten soon while that which is more expensive will likely be the better remembered. The state of trade of our villages depends largely on the prosperity of our agricultural community surrounding them, and the result of the past seasons operations in this district are, we would consider, fairly remunerative. The crop of '87 was on the whole a good average, while the markets (except for wheat) are above the average. There has been the present winter a greater output of the products of the forest than usual, which is a desirable state of affairs, yet there is many in close circumstances while the majority seem to experience a financial depression. It is true the past two or three years has been an unprofitable period with farmers, the effects of which are yet felt and seen, yet there must be other reasons for the general experience of "hard times." We are inclined to the belief that speculation and extravagance are the chief causes for the prevalent depression. When times are good and everything going well with us there is a strong tendency to speculate, and enter into engagements to be met in years to come, building our calculations on the prospect of continuous abundant crops and high markets: in the same way we become extravagant in our living adding luxuries to the necessities of life, and when a reverse comes find we have been drawing on the uncertain future and are left. The road from economy to extravagance is easy but to retrace our steps to habits of self denial and frugality is not by any means so easy, yet "necessity has no law" and individual as well as national financial depression may be mitigated if not entirely evaded by the constant practice of self-denial and economy.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The Prince of Wales, will celebrate his silver wedding next Saturday.
The new Brockville and Westport Railway, was formally opened for traffic last Saturday.
A large foundry and workshops, and another large elevator, will be built at Fort William by the C. P. R., the coming summer.
Two hundred and fifty clergymen of the Church of England on Saturday presented a petition to Mr. Gladstone in favor of Home Rule for Ireland.
The results of the fishery commission are not yet law, and from present prospects, are scarcely likely to come to anything. The Americans say the sacrifice is all on their side, while many Canadians are howling about being sold to the yanks. One thing certain they both cannot get the best of the bargain.
The number of private bills of which notice of application has been given to the House of Commons is eighty-five. There are 23 by railway companies for acts of incorporation; 28 by railway companies for amendments to charter; 26 miscellaneous acts for incorporation, and amend-

ments to charter; 1 for naturalization, and 7 for divorce.

A bill has been introduced into the Legislature to amend the Voters' Lists Act to provide for the preparation of a supplementary voters' list towards the end of the year of persons who may vote at municipal elections, so that persons who purchase property after the revision of the general list may secure the right of voting at such elections.

Talmage was asked how the tone of the modern press might be improved and he answered:—By stopping growing against it and ceasing calling it the "unscrupulous press," and all reformers and clergymen employing the newspaper more and more for the dissemination of right ideas. If often the newspaper is open to bad news we must remember that it is also open to good news, and there is not a church or a Christian, or a reformatory institution that cannot have justice done him or it, if he will apply at the reportorial rooms of any respectable newspaper.

The Dufferin county, petition for the repeal of the Scott Act has been passed through the council at Ottawa.

The manhood suffrage measure introduced in the Legislature by Mr. Mowat is to be passed this session.

THE INCORPORATION BUBBLE.

Editor Standard:

In your editorial comments in last issue of STANDARD relating to the town incorporation, and its ignominious defeat, your imagination has run riot with the facts of the case, as far as the difference was concerned. You state that "an affidavit from Samuel J. Coleman, to the effect that said S. J. Coleman had recently taken a census of the village * * * was seven hundred and twenty and not more. Now, Sir, those quotations are facts, until disproven by better testimony than you appear to have at command. Had your too vivid imagination not driven you to a false conclusion, without exercising the customary editorial scrutiny, you would have discovered that Samuel J. Coleman did not make affidavit to the document in question; but, of one thing I am assured, the figures given in the petition for the defence were strictly correct, and had the Corporationists deemed them otherwise, there is no doubt an inquiry would have been instituted before letting the pet scheme die for want of an effort to save its life. If the members of the deputation were not waited on in taking the census by myself it was because the number of persons in their household were well known. Had you, or your confederates supposed you could confute my figures, why not have demanded a delay in proceedings by the Legislative Committee?—It would have been only a few days delay: but, sir, you were afraid of scrutiny into the demerits of the document you presented to the Legislature, which set forth that the population of Markdale was in or about one thousand, and that the population was rapidly increasing, a statement not borne out by the facts:—in short, every allegation in the petition for incorporation was false and misleading, and, if the would-be fathers of Markdale resort to questionable methods in carrying the first point in the nursery stage of our infant municipality, the ratepayers may rationally ask, "what next?" The flagrant falsehood was widely disseminated by so-called persons of purity, in order to hoodwink the unsuspecting public. There are certain persons in this world whose cranky minds are never satisfied—even the most rigid truth fails to appease their suspicious souls; for, the advocates of incorporation three years ago, discredited the man they employed to take a census, because his figures did not tally with their desires.

I admire the cool philosophy of the committee who, since coming home, have discovered that the smaller share is the greater measure. This is encouraging certainly for the ratepayers. No doubt those gentlemen expect to occupy seats at our Civic Board, and in anticipation of that event, are preparing the public mind with a new set of arithmetical rules which they intend to apply to the financial affairs of this virgin municipality. When you next address yourself to the Public bear in mind that your own person is finite, hence mortal, and that although you "run" the Standard, yet you are subject to the immutable Law of Sinai, which commands that "Thou

shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

Respectfully Yours,
S. J. COLEMAN.

March 5th, 1888.

[In reference to the above, S. J. Coleman says he "did not make affidavit to the document in question." This seems to us a direct contradiction to the facts. The chairman of the Private Bills Committee read the document above referred to, as an affidavit, and whether it was an affidavit or a Declaration, or Affirmation it makes no difference. We are surprised that a man who should understand the nature and importance of an affirmation, would show such recklessness in making one. It is most absurd to think that any citizen knows the exact number of inmates of half the households of our village without at least enquiring of some member of the house for the desired information, and even in some instances (and we have reason to believe those instances are numerous) said S. J. Coleman showed a determination to take an incorrect census where he did enquire for instance, at one house on this street, he refused to count a member of the family who was absent a short time on a visit; and a relation who was making her home at same house, he also refused to count. Another family of six was put down at five; another of five put down at four; another four was not to be found on the list, and thus it ran. The deputation were deprived of an opportunity of investigating fully the list which was affirmed as being correct, but there was sufficient to convince them as well as the members of the P. B. committee that said census was not by any means correct. Now, when those oppositionists are as reckless as to affirm to the correctness of a census thus taken at random, what may we not expect from them, or what confidence can reasonably be placed in their assertions? We deem it quite unnecessary to follow the above communication through in order to disprove other statements.

According to the census taken by the Village Police three years ago the population was 772, and it is simply preposterous to think, after adding territory which takes in twelve families, with the undoubted growth of the place, that the population is now only 720. If S. J. Coleman wishes to investigate the accuracy of his census list, we are fully prepared to prove that it is glaringly incorrect.]

Reasonable Remedies.

If the iron wedge will not draw build a fire of chips and heat it.
Heap up and tramp down solidly the snow around the young fruit trees.
Water, green food and meat fowls must have to prosper during the winter.
Watch the outlets of the tile-drains, that they do not become closed with ice.
There is one part of the farm that is not benefited by drainage; the manure heap.
Politeness pays in the cow-stable. A gentle man gets more milk than a harsh man.
Straw and corn-fodder are best worked into manure by putting them through good animals.
The best preventive of trouble at lambing time is daily exercise for the ewes during winter.
Take the bride with you when you go to breakfast, and put them near the stove when you eat.
Separate the weak animals; they need extra feed, whereas with the stronger they get scant feed.
Profit in farming comes from the maximum crops, the products of winter through and summer work.
If the chain pump is clogged up with ice do not give the crank a jerk. Both wheel and chain break more easily when very cold.
Every farmer may be the architect of his own fortunes, and it is poor policy to let the job out on luck.
Harness hung in the stable is damaged as much by the gases and dampness there as if worn by use.
When green wood is used for fuel part of the heat is absorbed to convert the water in the fuel into vapor.
If you do not wish cloddy and lifeless ground in the spring keep the cattle off the fields when the soil is soft.
Straw alone is a poor feed, but mixed with cotton, or linseed cake, wheat bran and oats and clover hay, it makes excellent food.



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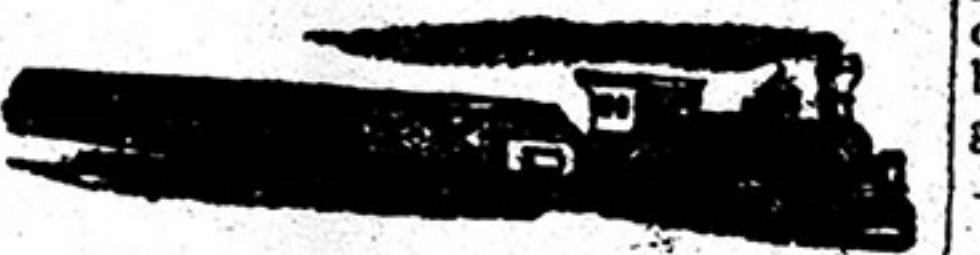
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TRUSTEES

Notice to Creditors.

Of William Mason of the village of Markdale in the County of Grey, Carriage Builder, Insolvent.
The Insolvent has assigned to me for the benefit of his creditors under 48 Victoria Chapter 20 Ontario.
Creditors must file their claims duly verified with me on or before the 20th day of March, 1888, after which date I will proceed to distribute the estate having regard only to the claims of which I shall then have notice.
A meeting of the creditors of the said insolvent will be held in my office in the Town of Markdale, in the County of Waterloo, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the afternoon on Tuesday the 20th day of March 1888 to appoint Inspectors and to give directions for the disposal of the estate.
A. C. FRASER, Galt, Trustee for Insolvent.
Dated 28th February, 1888.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of Arthur Dinmore.

Notice is hereby given that Arthur Dinmore, Bookkeeper and Stationer, has made an assignment to me of the FRANCIS BYRNE, for the benefit of his creditors, under 48 Victoria Chapter 20 Ontario and amendments.
A meeting of the creditors will be held at the office of Messrs. DeWard & Lawson, Solicitors, No. 4 King Street East, in the City of Toronto, on Tuesday the 6th day of March, 1888, at the hour of 3 o'clock p.m., for the appointment of Inspectors and giving directions with reference to the disposal of the estate. Creditors are requested to furnish proof of their claims by attaching vouchers and full particulars on or before the said date to the undersigned or before the Inspectors otherwise they will not be entitled to share in the assets of the estate.
Dated at Toronto this 28th day of February, 1888.
FRANCIS BYRNE,
50 King Street E., Toronto,
Solicitors for the Assignee.

DEWARD & LAWSON, Auctioneers.

AUCTION GALE.

Auction Sale of valuable Farm in the township of Glenelg.
Under and pursuant to the power of sale in certain mortgage from J. Ronald Johnson deceased to the Newway and Co. which will be produced at the time of sale and on default of payment of the money hereby secured, the same will be offered for sale by Public Auction at Markdale Hotel in the village of Markdale, Ontario, on Tuesday, MARCH 29th, 1888, at one o'clock p.m. the following property to-wit:
Lot No. 22, in the 8th concession of the township of Glenelg containing 100 acres or less except one and one twentieth acre to be reserved for a road deviation. About 20 acres are to be cleared. On the premises are a large house and barn.
Terms 10 per cent at time of sale, for the balance terms liberal and will be made known at time of sale. For further particulars apply to Messrs. Wm. Lucas & Co., Markdale, or to Messrs. Barwick and Franks, Vendors Solicitors.
Toronto, February 28th, 1888.

TENDERS WANTED.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon, 20th day of March, for the erection and completion of brick veneer School House, to be built at School Sec. No. 16, Euphrasia, the lowest any tender not necessarily accepted. Plans &c., may be seen at the residence of the undersigned on and after the 7th March.
J. A. ELLIS, D. R. ELLIS,
Architect. Secy.

HOTEL TO LET.

Known as the Mansion House in the village of Markdale, possession given 10th of March, for particulars apply to
O. REYNOLDS, Markdale.

J. F. HALSTED, M. D.

—PRACTICIAN, SURGEON, &c.—
Holland Centre
Will be at Berkeley every Tuesday and Friday afternoon from one to four o'clock.

FARM FOR SALE.

Lot No. 4, on the 12th con. of Euphrasia, 2 1/2 miles from Markdale.
378-95 GEORGE McWALL

Dress & Mantle Making.

I BEG to inform the Ladies of Markdale and vicinity, that I am now prepared to do all kinds of Dress & Mantle Making at my residence on Mill Street. Perfect workmanship guaranteed. Terms reasonable. Your attention is especially called to my "Dressmakers' Magic Sewing" Tailor system of cutting. Those desiring to learn to cut by this system can do so at moderate cost by applying to me, as I am sole agent for the Co. of Grey. This system is the only one now in use by the first class city dress and mantle makers. Try it and be convinced.
875-101 MRS. WM. LITTLEJOHNS

FARM FOR SALE.

LOT 151 con 3 west of T. & S. Rd. Ardenia, 50 acres, about 20 acres clear of stumps and stones, balance good hardwood land. Five miles from Markdale and four from Fleeherton. For further particulars apply to A. S. Thompson, Fleeherton P. O. or J. J. Thompson, Orillia.

FARM FOR SALE.

LOT No. 24, con. 4, N. D. R. Grey, 100 acres, will be sold cheap and easy terms of payment, for further particulars apply on the premises, or by letter to
J. S. BLACK, Toronto P. O.

Magistrate Council.
Council met pursuant to a resolution passed on 24th February, 1888. Minutes all present. Minutes of council read and approved.
Law No. 890, for reducing the labor, carried through stages and passed. The same to be as follows, viz: Every person assessed at more than \$600 liable for 2 days more than \$600 and less than \$1,000, 3 days, \$500 or any fraction thereof over \$250 one additional day. Reeve and Deputy Reeve appointed to enquire into the validity of the report that said securities were sufficient security, and to report thereon to the council, said report was engrossed on the minutes of the council. The amount of arrears of taxes charged on Lot 19, in concession No. 22, in the 8th con. of the township of Glenelg, amount returned on through this lot being \$15 acres in the 7th con. of the township of Glenelg, the Treasurer was instructed to Mr. Paterson, (Murray) \$4.50 printing by the Board of Health. T. Russell & Hutchinson, Stationers, Toronto, \$32.30. Also to pay to J. L. Stewart, Secretary of the Agricultural Society \$50 being amount granted to said Society on 15th of December, but earlier date this year owing in connection with the same.
The tender of Mr. Paterson (Murray) for printing Minutes of Council and Voters List was the lowest tender and satisfactory.
The Reeve was instructed upon the Freehold Loan Commission of Toronto with a view to an engagement, regarding the deviation road at lot 27 of concession No. 16, Euphrasia, Council adjourned until Friday in March next.
B. DUNLOP, District Dealing.

Wm. Heard, son of J. Fleeherton, was accidentally shot while out rabbit hunting. A grain of shot entered the second pierced his eye. He was taken to the hospital in order to have the shot removed.
The Dundalk Herald necessity of better fire that prosperous village.
Mr. McLean, Walker, appointed returning officer for the Scott Act election in the County of Grey, was pointed Indian agent.
The Meaford Mirror, published upon its seventh year, stands developing in usefulness. We wish continued success.
The petition for the repeal of the Scott Act in Halton County, presented on Thursday last by Mr. J. J. Thompson, was successful. We wish it to be.
Business men and farmers, Durham and Ontario, are taking steps to have the County of Grey extended from Durham Sound.
The Owen Sound twenty-five years of age, stands developing in usefulness. We wish continued success.
Mr. F. J. Thompson, of the Thompson Bros. Co., purchased the bar of W. B. Stephens & Co. at Owen Sound.
A tea meeting of the ladies of the County of Grey was held at Owen Sound on April 24.
A fire occurred at night, which destroyed the printing office and the premises of J. S. Black, Toronto P. O.