



Markdale Standard

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A COMPACT VILLAGE.

Time is money, and farmers as well as town people realize the fact more and more as the years go by. When a tiller of the soil with his wife go to town to do shopping, they dread the tediousness which is so generally experienced in accomplishing their business; and in the majority of instances return to their home hungry and weary. A compact village or town has a decided advantage in this respect; and to those who have had the experience of doing their trading in both the scattered and the compact business centre can fully appreciate the advantages of the latter. The writer was forcibly impressed with this idea recently when in conversation with a farmer who had been accustomed to trading in a town which is scattered in fragments, and who, had scattered to trade in Markdale. He stated that he could do as much business in this village in an hour as he could in the other in half a day. We don't really appreciate some of the advantages of our compact and enterprising village. The stores are all situated within a stone's throw of one point. The hotel, banks, telegraph offices, printing office, implement warehouses, liverys, post office, bakers, dress makers, tailors, seam and dye factories, laundry, woolen mill, cheese box and basket factory, grain elevators and railway depot are all within five minutes walk, so that business can be transacted with satisfactory despatch and without wearisome tramping or unnecessary delay. Then, again, the issuer of marriage licenses and four clergymen are all easy of access. What more would any trader want in the way of conveniences in a place the size of Markdale. We are certain that all will agree as to this being a compact village.

BARRHEAD MILLS.

Barrhead Mills are situated one mile southwest of Markdale, on the boundary of the corporation in the township of Glenglen, and is a superior water power. The large grist and saw mills were built forty years ago by Matthew Dwyer, now of Markdale, and was afterwards owned by the late John R. H. This way for many years the only grist mill in all this district, and to the advent of the roller process system a few years ago, did a large and profitable business. The property was bought by Wm. J. Bowe some 12 years since, who did quite a trade during its declining years, but, latterly, whilst grinding his flour, abandoned the feed chopping and stalks at certain portions of the year. Two years ago Mr. Bowe relinquished the property, thoroughly overhauled the saw mill and has been doing an extensive lumber business since. Last season, he purchased over one million of lbs. of grain, and gives employment to 12 or 13 hands during the season. Mr. Bowe is a man of unusual integrity and unspotted industry and perseverance, conspicuously enjoys the reputation of the community. Such men are a valuable acquisition to the place.

CROP PROSPECTS.

Our correspondents from a number of points in the southern portions of south and east Ontario give us the gratifying intelligence that the district ravaged by the grasshopper plague may be localized within a radius of from twelve to fifteen miles, taking Dorion as a centre. True, outside this range the grasshoppers have done injury, but not to a serious extent; but, it is gratifying to know that the flocks of locusts, the hounds of our country, are largely alienated to meet all the requirements of those who have suffered, if homely and judiciously disposed.

Southern and eastern Artesia are amply provided for their straw crop promising abundantly.

Eastern and south-eastern Egremont have enough and to spare.

Proton never before had greater promise of an abundant crop, and several hundred tons of last year's hay crop ready for the coming market. One gentleman with a supply of iron twenty-five to thirty tons of last year's hay on hand, told one of our correspondents that he anticipated \$20 per ton, and was gratified when told that half that sum would be about the maximum figure.

Melanchton is fully abreast of Proton in the blessings of a beautiful harvest. scarcely a mile can be travelled throughout the length and breadth of that township, but the gratifying spectacle of one or more stacks of hay from last year's crop greets the eye, and is evidence that the mow in the barn alongside is not empty.

Let this distract the efforts of our people to make certain of an outside supply; for, at the time we live in a christian age, and nineteenth century civilization, there may yet be these amongst our favored brethren in this world's goods who might be tempted to take advantage of their fellow-men's necessities.

Lauriston.

Rev. Mr. Gecch of Niagara held services in the school the past week. The large attendance each night showed our appreciation of the services.

A number of Fletcher young people joined in Bell's band last Friday. Miss Sarah Isom of Dumroon is visiting her sister Mrs. Bell.

Mr. Will Dimmick of Glensburg has been holidaying at Mr. F. Walker's. Everyone has been all curiosity to know why he left the service early. Explanations, horses in the corn.

Miss Wilson returned Sunday who spent a day with her son, Nels Olson.

Mr. George Terry spent Sunday at home.

Walter's Falls.

Rev. H. Berry and Mr. Edmund Berry left on Wednesday of last week for a two weeks visit among friends in Walker, Midway, and other parts.

Miss Percy Williams who has been visiting at Mr. Jos. Taylor's for some time left for her home in Meaford on Thursday last.

Mr. Wes Freeman of Toronto is visiting his sister Mrs. Jas. Mower.

Rev. McLaren, B. D., of Temple Hill preached in the Methodist church on Sunday evening in the absence of the pastor, Rev. H. Berry.

Mr. H. Bonnell was in Toronto, on business last week, returning on Saturday.

Mr. W. C. McLeod our teacher returned on Saturday and opened school on Monday.

Mr. Chas. Walker left on Tuesday of last week for the Northwest along with those mentioned in last paper.

Master Jimmie McCullough who has been spending his holidays with friends in Georgetown, arrived home Monday.

We are to have a monthly fair in town on the Saturday before the 3rd Tuesday in each month for the purpose of buying cattle, &c. 8 buyers have promised to attend the fair. Win-

Harness of Owen Sound will be present on the first day, which will be open Saturday the 14th Sept., to buy any number of good sound horses. This will be an excellent chance to get rid of a number of the surplus horses and cattle.

Fawcett—Davis—That the reeve, clerk and Mr. Eaton be a committee to fix the rates for the current year.

Fawcett—Davis—That the reeve and second deputy reeve be and, hereby authorized to get siderrail 15 and 16 in the 10th con surveyed as soon as possible—is carried.

By-law No. 402 and 603 for closing up the original allowance for road on siderrail 24 and 22 received first, second and third readings and passed. Also,

by-law No. 604 to empower the reeve and the treasurer to borrow the sum of \$1000 from the Nelson's bank, Meaford, to meet the current expenses of the municipality until such time as the balance of the taxes for the year '94 be collected were passed and filed with the clerk.

Orders were issued on the treasurer as follows:—Henry White to pay me for work on 3rd line \$27.50; Robt. Daley for ditching on 7th line \$10.00; Richard Shears for work on 11th line \$3.15; Irwin Fawcett for work on towline \$2.50; J. H. Winter for grave \$1.35; Alex. Horning for work on 14, and 16 siderrail \$18.92; Chas. Howard for cutting hill on 6 and 7 siderrail \$16.75; Wm. McCullough for work on 21, and 22 siderrail \$14.40; John Johnston for work on 18 and 19 siderrail and for gravel \$24.50; J. H. Hutchinson to pay me for work in his road division \$6; Robert Johnston, account for cedar and lumber \$23.25; John Abercorn for work on 12 and 13 siderrail \$8; John Howard for cutting hill on 6 and 7 siderrail \$16.75; Wm. McCullough for work on 21, and 22 siderrail \$14.40; John Johnston for work on 18 and 19 siderrail and for gravel \$24.50; J. H. Fawcett to pay me for work on 4th line \$19.37; Jas. Wiley for lumber \$1.50; Chas. McCullough for repairing bridge and furnishing timber \$4.00; Thos. Gilray for work on 14, and 16 siderrail \$16.25; John Murray for cutting hill on 6 and 7 siderrail \$16.75; Wm. McCullough for work on 21, and 22 siderrail \$14.40; John Johnston for work on 18 and 19 siderrail \$16.75; Jas. McCausland for gravel \$2.00; John Drinkle for cedar and repairing culvert \$1.40; Jacob Noddy for graveling on 18 and 19, side road \$11.20; J. M. Davis to pay me for work on towline \$24; J. F. Kerr, for work on 21 and 22 siderrail \$8; Jas. Wiley lumber for supw fence \$102.00; Thos. Gilray to pay me for work on 14, and 16 siderrail \$16.25; John Murray for burying sheep 50 cents.

On motion the council adjourned until second Monday in September.

N. L. Currie, Clerk.

Hollard Council.

The council met in Price's hall, Holland Centre, on Monday, August 12th, for the transaction of township business. Reeve in the chair, members all present.

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