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Mercer is selling Men's Summer Coats for $1.

Men's Vests, white with colored spots $1.25

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Boys 2 piece washing Suits, sizes 22 to 25 at $1.

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Mercer always has the prettiest patterns in Flannelettes so the ladies say, and good washers too.

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MARKDALE, JULY 28, 1898

GENERAL NOTES

In sinking a water tank at Morden, Man a flow of natural gas was struck, not, however, strong.

Four hundred thousand dollars have been collected by the government for royalty dues in the Yukon.

The Masonic Grand Lodge of Ontario paid out last year for benevolent purposes the sum of $10,775.

For assaulting guard Lilly of the Central Prison, Toronto, Fred Sheibe was given six months in the Central.

The consumption of tobacco in Canada per head of the population is about two and a half pounds; in the United States five pounds.

The Prince of Wales is suffering from a fracture of the left knee cap and fears are expressed that it may result in permanent lameness.

At Moosomin, Assa, last week police man Morrow was awarded $2000 damages in his suit against W Meek for injuries sustained by shooting.

Mr Alfred Pearce whose headquarters are at Toronto has been promoted to the position of Superintendent of the Orangeville, Teeswater and Owen Sound branch of the C P R.

The Salmon catch in British Columbia this season so far is reported very light and canners are becoming downhearted fearing that there will not be more than half a pack this season.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company have decided upon extensive terminal facilities for Sarnia and Port Huron. Round-houses and machine shops are to be erected at these places at an estimated cost of $50,000.

Mr J D Clarke late editor of the London Advertiser, and ex president of the London St Andrews Society was in behalf of the Society presented with an address at a very largely attended Scotchman's picnic held at Port Stanley a few days ago.

A desperado known as "Soapy" Smith who has been the terror of the Yukon district for plundering and robbing was last week shot and instantly killed by one Frank Reid who committed the deed in self defence. Reid was shot in the groin and dangerously wounded by Smith.

One of Toronto's rising young physicians, Dr Moffat of Parliament street, died one day last week under the influence of chloriform while getting teeth extracted in a dentist's office. Dr Moffat was a son of Rev Dr Moffat who was for many years pastor of the Presbyterian congregation at Walkerton, but has been for some time Secretary of the Upper Canada Bible and Tract Society.

Four Indian outlaws in the neighborhood of Port Arthur, who in the past four years are said to have murdered six white men were cleverly captured and lodged in Port Arthur jail last week. These desperadoes are brothers and lived in a secluded spot on the Pic River. They were armed to the teeth and were the terror of the surrounding inhabitants as well as the officers of the law.

Vandeleur

Miss Gilray our teacher accompanied by her father called on her successful pupils who wrote at the entrance and leaving examinations. There has been about thirty promotions in this school this year showing the interest and competence of the teacher, who we hope will be here another year.

Mr and Mrs J I Graham visited Erping friends last Sunday.

What with the late frost, bugs and the long continued drouth the praties are going to be small.

Mr S Bowles is comfortably domiciled in his new house which he built this summer.

Berkeley

Mr and Mrs J Lund were in Toronto last week attending the wedding of Mr Lund's brother.

Mrs Allen and son JA of Proton Station visited her daughter Mrs J Virtue last Sunday.

Mrs T Robinson is visiting friends in Hillsburg.

Mrs Will Hope of Owen Sound spent Sunday with her parents here.

Master Joe Lund is visiting his uncle Mr N Wilson, Redwing.

We have much pleasure in congratulating Master Jimmie Gillespie on passing his exams.

Meaford Road

Mr Chard of the 4th line spent a few days last week visiting with his cousin Mr George Wright.

Mrs and Miss Pritchard and Mr Ernest Silcox were on a visit to Chatsworth friends last week.

Dr Christie of Flesherton very ably filled the Wesley church pulpit last Sabbath for the Rev Mr Ward.

Miss Gilray's pupils who attended the entrance and public school leaving examinations were all successful in passing. Miss Gilray may utter the proud boast that not one of her pupils who have each year attended these examinations have failed in passing.

Mr and Mrs Allen of Glenelg were the guests of their cousin Mr George Warling, last Sunday.

Maxwell.

Our village was almost deserted on the 12, nearly everybody accompanying our orange lodge to celebrate the day.

Miss Lizzie McIntyre of McIntyre and Mr Albert Thompson 4th line Artemesia were united in marriage on Wednesday afternoon at the Presbyterian manse by the Rev Mr Fleming.

On Wednesday evening July 13th by Rev Mr Douglas, at the Methodist parsonage Miss Aggie Gamey, youngest daughter of the late Thos Gamey, Esq, M P P was united in marriage to Mr W B Clinton 8th line Osprey. Miss Lizzie Guy assisted the bride and Mr Smith the groom. We wish the young couple much happiness.

Mr Geo Preston returned to Winchester recently.

The cheese factory is booming. The proceeds of its sale were paid last week and the patrons are well pleased.

Mr Wood and Miss Lizzie Little passed through our vicinity last week.

Rocklyn

On the evening of Saturday July 23 death entered the otherwise happy home of Mr Hugh Curry, blacksmith of Rocklyn, and claimed their youngest born, a bright, handsome, blue-eyed boy, of about eleven months. The little fellow passed away at about half past six o'clock in the evening. After tenderly watching and nursing the dear little boy through a very painful illness of some two weeks' duration the parents with calm and commendable resignation submitted to the will of God saying: He has plucked another blossom.

We are very sorry to hear of the illness of Mr Robt Reid's little daughter.

Mrs George Crabtree and daughter Freda are visiting friends in Stayner and in this place this week.

Rev Mr Scott and two daughters visited our League on Friday night. Mr Scott made some very helpful remarks, Miss Scott presided at the organ.

Mr and Mrs Buchanan of Vandeleur attended the funeral of their nephew, Emerson Curry, on Sunday.

Miss Ethel Silcox and her brother of Chatsworth are holidaying at their aunt's, Mrs W Abercrombie.

Blantyre

A good flower would be a welcome visitor in this neighborhood. The hay is all housed, and was a good crop in this locality, but on account of the continued drouth, the farmers are compelled to feed their stock that which should be kept for winter.

Fall wheat is an exceptionally good crop.

Messrs A Clarke & Sons steamed out from the village blacksmithshop on Saturday, selling ready to start threshing for Mr Thomas Douglas on Monday.

Councillor Ward passed through the village on Saturday night with a new Waterloo reaction engine. Robt says it is a dandy. We are a progressive people, nothing second hand for us.

Our blacksmith Mr E Manning is very busy setting tires. A good shower would injure this part of the trade. He is also a successful bee man, having taken over two tons of ripe honey from less than forty hives. Beat this who can.

Our popular storekeeper, Mr R C Gillies, wheeled over to Strathavon on Sunday, to see his sister, or perhaps some other man's sister.

Mr John Weatherhogg of Meaford wheeled up on Sunday to see his old friend Mr A C Paterson.

The Rev J F McLareh, pastor of Temple Hill church, preached a very impressive sermon on Sabbath from the words "My yoke is easy," Matthew 11-30.

Lauriston

Every one is busy with their fall wheat, they report a good crop.

Miss Mary McCarty, of Toronto has been visiting under the parental roof for the past six weeks.

Master George and Miss Maggie Walker of West Berkeley spent a day in the beginning of the week with Miss Tottie Wilson.

Mrs B Wright, who has been very ill for the past two weeks is on a fair way to recovery.

Mr and Mrs S Dinsmore and children of Clarksburg, spent part of last week with Mrs D's parents Mr and Mrs F Walker.

Our school is undergoing repairs, which will greatly improve its appearance and also make it much more comfortable.

Mrs D McCarty left for Toronto ten days ago to visit her daughter Mrs Christopher.

Kimberley

Rev Mr Plunkett has moved into Mr Thos Wickens' brick cottage, lot 3, con 4, and Mr John McGowan occupies the house vacated by the preacher.

Mr C Knott let a job of lot 9, con 4 of chopping out road allowance. Mr Jas Lawrence got the plumb at $12.

Mr John Drinkle has a good sample of barley cut, cured and housed.

Mr Henry Hurd has a fine crop of clover saved also his fall wheat housed. Others are doing likewise.

Master Tommy Ball of Toronto came to visit his uncle and aunt Mr and Mrs James Hill, lot 2, con 5.

Mrs John Fawcett went to 10th line Collingwood to visit her ma and bring Miss Mina, her eldest, home.

Mr John Plewes can supply honey by ton or lb.

Well water is getting scarce.

Master Stanley Thurston has been at Kimberley for some days.

Miss Lewis is head cook at the "Travellers' Home." Mr A Burritt is ditto at the "Mansion House," but old bachelors cook their own grub.

Mr Thos Wickens resides with his daughter, Mrs Geo Proctor.

Walters Falls

Mr Jno R Wickham left on Tuesday last for a 3 weeks visit in Keewatin.

The Misses Lilly and Rose Taylor are visiting at Midland at present.

Mr Walter Seamens of Owen Sound is visiting his grandma Mrs R Walters.

Mr Hogg of Thornbury, visited Mrs T Walker of this place last Thursday.

Mr Freeman and Byron Carney took in the excursion to Niagara last week.

Mr and Mrs Jas Carris of Chesley are visiting friends in this vicinity.

Messrs Seymour Campbell, Ab Taylor and Geo Reid biked to Midland on Saturday and spent Sunday with the formers brother T Campbell.

Messrs S S Taylor and Thos Campbell are building an addition to their houses.

Miss Nelly Shunk returned home from Meaford on Friday of last week.

There should be something done with our two weather prophets for between them they have badly arranged things. They have given us no rain for 3 or 4 weeks. If they can't do better than that we will have to dismiss them and try some person else.

Mr Thos White of Strathnairn filled the Methodist pulpit very acceptably on Sunday evening.

Dentist Campbell here next Thursday.

Harkaway.

Mr Lorgheed is home from Muskoka and reports having had a very pleasant and enjoyable time among old friends and neighbors.

Mr James Logan is at present visiting his daughter in Michigan.

Miss Hamilton of Owen Sound is the guest of the Misses Murdoch this week.

Mrs T A Wilson of Crampton and three children visited last week her sister-in-law Mrs P Smith.

Miss Elsie Wilson of Toronto spent last week with her brother and sister Mr Wm Wilson and Mrs P Smith of this place.

Wes Lyons felt somewhat wilted in the shop in Markdale or overdone scorching on his bike and is holidaying at home for a month.

Miss E Moore who was under the weather for a few days we are glad to learn is again able to work the pedals.

Mr John Bruce of Owen Sound spent two or three days in our burg renewing acquaintances.

Our young people are having a big time picking berries in the big marsh. It's good as a picnic.

Our school population is still increasing. Another boy in Mr Wm Carbert's family since last report.

We have had a new preacher every Sunday for the last month and everybody enjoyed the variety, but we are all hoping to see Rev Mr Simpson next Sunday improved in health after his brief holiday.

Dry—Dryer—Dryest—but we are living in hope, for although all signs of rain so far have failed still this is the only dry spell we ever had that was not followed by rain.

Examinations

S S No 1, Artemesia.

Sr 3 to 4, Mary Pritchard, 524; Gracie Graham, 474; Katie Davis, 652; Dave Weber, 527; Willie Johnston, 443;

2 to 3, Ena Johnston, 405; Rosie Gilbert, 366; Mamie Weber, 307; Howard Graham, 468.

Public Leaving, Bernie Buchanan, 764; Daisie Davis, 729.

Entrance, Ernest Silcocks, 777; Ida Holly, 600.

Pt 2 to 2, Ina Smith, Annie Hislop, Millie Milligan, Eva Gilbert, Mina Weber, Violet Warling.

Pt 1 to pt 2, Maggie Davis, Sammie Buchanan, Annie Buchanan, Bella Buchanan, Wilfred Graham, George Douglas, Geo Summers, Janie Summers, Roy Graham, Stella Summers, Gordon Warling, Edgar Milligan, Willie Hutchinson, Stuart Hislop.

Pollie Gilray, teacher.

Strong Enough for Cancers

Cancers are caused by poisonous humors in the blood. The only non-surgical treatment known is Sloan's Indian Tonic. This is a powerful blood purifier and at the same time blood builder. It cures scrofula, eczema and salt rheum, in 30 days and boils and pimples in a week. Two hundred doses, $1.00. Sold by all druggists.

Glascott

Dry and warm weather. Grain and root crops suffering for the want of rain.

Haying is about completed and has been saved in excellent order.

We presume that if the farmer had the ruling of the weather this last two weeks he would be puzzled whether to decide in favor of rain or a continuation of the favorable weather for hay making.

Mr W J Bell is suffering rather a severe loss lately by fire which more or less spread into a twenty-four acre field of fall wheat from a burning fallow. It raged furiously last Friday and Saturday. A large gang is on at present endeavoring to save the remaining crop.

Misses Fannie and Maggie Ditner came up from Toronto on Saturday and will enliven the parental home for a time.

Mr and Mrs John Ritchie of Port Arthur had a pleasant sail down the lakes and will visit friends here and at Edge Hill for a time.

Mr F H Boyle eldest son of Mr Chas Boyle took his departure from our midst on Tuesday of last week for Melitia, Man and will settle on his farm there which he secured about a year ago. He took along a car load of necessary effects including a choice team of horses. Frank will make his mark in the western country as he is a hustler. He carries with him the best wishes of all who have formed his acquaintance.

Mrs Thos Roberts left last week to visit friends in Iowa U S prior to going out to Vancouver, B C.

Our school board have engaged a Mr Collison of Dentinck to fill in the balance of the year lately vacated by Mr Beatty. Master John A Lamb feels a little tickled over his success in passing his P S Leaving exam. It naturally makes boys feel elevated.

Traverston

Patsy Ryan bought a "Comet" bike in Durham last Saturday and already he is a scorcher along the 6th.

Miss Nellie Davis left last Monday for Toronto, but her place in the family circle will be filled by Miss Annie who is to come home from the Queen city on Tuesday.

Seemed like old times to see Miss Della Hastie at Zion one Sunday lately. She was paying a short visit to the old home.

Our school is being freshened up inside. Two coats of whitewash has sweetened the walls, a coat of slating will darken the board and the caretaker will give the woodwork a thorough renovating.

Miss Nellie Telfer of Galt is spending a few weeks with the Nelson family.

The Robson home is nearly full again. Miss May came from Owen Sound, Miss Aggie from Toronto and her friend Miss Mary Chalmers, Mr Ash from Hespler, hence they're having a jolly time.

Wm Greenwood's only son, Johnny, met with a very painful accident last Tuesday. He was hauling rails and while stopping to shut a gate, his horses started off. He made a spring for the top of his load, missed his footing and struck his knee cap on the hub breaking it across. The Dr says he will have a six weeks' rest. As Jack is a youth full of life and spirit, it is a heavy burden to be laid up.

Mr and Mrs R McNally of Durham spent Sunday with relatives on the 6th.

Mr Beemer is making things look more attractive and business like about the mill property. The sawmill is having a new roof, the mill yard is being levelled and cleared and we understand that the flour mill is to have a coat of paint.

Miss McIntyre of Markdale is visiting at the Martin home. She is a bright maiden.

She is one of those whom the better you become acquainted with the more firmly you respect and admire, is Miss Lucy Lawson of Toronto, who is spending part of her holidays with us.

Hustler.

Flesherton

Birthday Party—The home of Mr and Mrs John Bellamy was the scene of a pleasant family reunion on the 24th inst, the birthday of their eldest son, William. The members of the family, ten in number, were all present those from a distance being Wm of Parry Sound, Geo of Kimmount, Edith of Toronto and Mrs Patton and Mrs Irwin of Proton. There were also present two sons-in-laws, four grandchildren and two grandmothers, thus four generations were represented.

A Third Teacher—At a recent meeting of the board, the trustees of the Flesherton public school decided to engage a third teacher whose duties will begin at the close of the present holidays. The unoccupied room will be fitted up in due time.

Camp Meeting—The Mennonites are holding a couple of weeks camp meeting in Summers' bush 1½ miles east of the old Durham road corners. A number from here attended the service on Sunday.

Notes—Mr Wm Falsted of Hamiota, Man, and Mrs Duke of Orangeville, visited last week with their brother Mr Falsted in this place.

Miss Allie Ottowell, who has been in one of the hospitals, Toronto, for several months returned home last week accompanied by her neice, Miss Gertie Vanzant. Miss Ottowell is slowly improving in health.

Mr M Richardson was the delegate from Prince Arthur lodge which met in Toronto last week.

Mr W Trimble, Mr H VanTassel and Miss Gertie Keefer paid Rev and Mrs R Keefer a visit at Mildmay last week.

Mr Fred Sproule is home for holidays from Parkdale high school.

Miss Lyde Smith is home from Toronto visiting her father, Mr Richard Smith.

Miss Ethel Trimble is visiting her grandma Mrs (Rev) Baskerville at Detroit.

Mr and Mrs F G Karstedt were called to Elmwood on Saturday to see their brother-in-law, Mr Thalor, who is very ill. Mrs J Rutstedlar was also summoned on Saturday to visit her father, Mr Egan, who is dangerously ill at his home in Proton.

Miss Lena Large and Miss Morris of Listowell are the guests of Miss Lou Armstrong. Miss Large favored the Methodist congregation with a solo on Sunday evening and her numerous friends were pleased to hear her sweet voice again.

Mr H Moorehouse, town treasurer of Perth, visited part of last week with his daughter Mrs (Rev) Ward and returned home Monday. His daughter, Miss Moorehouse, accompanied him here and remains to visit with her sister and family.

Mr W J Bellamy spent from Saturday till Monday with relatives at Nottawa. Mr and Mrs Jas Boyd of Bell's Corners Sundayed at Mr John Boyd's here. Mr W Irwin, Chronicle editor, Durham, and his friend Mr W J Porter, wheeled over and spent Sunday with friends in town. Mr W Proctor visited the parental home at Thornbury.

Mrs Geo Wright of Owen Sound returned Monday from visiting her mother, Mrs Thompson sr, on the 3rd line.

Mrs Barnhouse, Mrs Lunt, Mrs Pedlar and Mrs Tucker took in the excursion to Niagara last week.

Dr Christie occupied Rev J Ward's pulpit at Meaford Road on Sunday and Mr M Richardson supplied for Rev Fallis at Dundalk.

Mr Joy of Toronto Junction is visiting his son-in-law and daughter Mr and Mrs Shoppard.

Mr Robt McKay of Owen Sound was the guest of Dentist Little on Monday.

Miss Ila Crane of Owen Sound is holidaying with her grandparents Mr and Mrs R Trimble.

Mr T W Kirby, who has for some months been in the employ of Mr R J Sproule has secured a situation with the Sun Life Assurance Co, Berlin.

WHERE THE JOKE CAME IN.

The Boys Hauled the Professor Back Much to Their Chagrin.

A very good story is told of the head of a college, who was the possessor of a very clumsy, old-fashioned vehicle, which he was very partial and which he constantly used in riding through the streets of the town, to the disgust of most of the students.

A plan was formed among some of the boys that on a certain night they would remove this offensive vehicle from the coach-house to a wood about half a mile from the college. Their intention was to run the carriage into the thickest of the woods and underbrush and leave it there.

But the principal by some means learned or suspected their intention.

Accordingly, in the evening, he quietly went out to the coach-house, and, well wrapped up, crouched in a corner of the carriage and waited.

Soon the boys came, very stealthily, and, without looking into the vehicle, began their operations very quietly; and in whispers, and with many a "Hush," and "Take care," and "Look out," they succeeded in getting it out of the house and yard and into the road.

There they were all right, but they were puzzled to find the thing so heavy to haul; and amid grumblings and puffings and pantings, varied occasionally with a strong expression of disgust, they succeeded in reaching the woods, the principal listening to their complaints, and rather enjoying the situation.

Having with some difficulty backed the carriage into the brush, they began to congratulate each other on the success of their manoeuvre. The old gentleman, letting down the window, to their utter surprise and alarm, very quietly said:

"Now, young gentlemen, just take me back very carefully, if you please."—Spare Moments.

Growth of English Novels.

At the time of Sir Walter Scott's death the number of novels published in the British islands did not exceed 100 a year. Five novels at least are now issued every day in the British Islands, Sundays not excepted.

Hymeneal

A very pretty wedding took place at the country home of Mr Chas Boyle, Glascott, on Wednesday July 13th inst when his daughter Nancy Davison was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr William Ledingham of the town of Brandon, county of Elton, Manitoba, by the Rev J Little of Dornoch. The bride looked sweet in a becoming costume of white muslin trimmed with lace and ribbon. Her sister Elizabeth acted as bridesmaid while the groom was supported by his brother, Mr Archie Ledingham. After the ceremony guests to the number of about 75 sat down to a sumptuous wedding supper. The tables were neatly decorated and everything was served up in first class style. The wedding cake (an excellent production of the bride's own cooking) was acknowledged by all to be par excellence. When she herself pierced the cake then passed it over to the groomsman who cut it and the bridesmaid passed it to the guests. After supper the company spent a happy evening with music, singing and games. The number of handsome presents received showed the high esteem in which the young couple were held. Among the guests we mention the following and after each name the present given the bride:

Mr Chas Boyle, sewing machine; Mr and Mrs Geo Ledingham, pair of blankets, pair of pillows, table linen and quilt; Rev Mr and Mrs Little, hand some clock; Mr and Mrs Joseph Boyle, centre table spread; Mr and Mrs Jas Ledingham, pair lace curtains; Mr and Mrs Robert White, table linen; Mr and Mrs John Jackson, dozen silver teaspoons and case; Mrs W H W Boyle, pair of pillow shams and silver thimble; Mr Geo L Ledingham, dozen silver teaspoons and case; Mr Frank Boyle, tea set china dishes; groomsman, parlor lamp; bridesmaid, fancy lamp; Mr and Mrs Robert Ledingham, set smoothing irons; Mr and Mrs John Clark, white bed spread; Mr Willie Boyle, pair blankets; Misses Mary and Hannah Boyle, fancy quilt; Miss Sarah and Mrs Charlie Boyle, pair of towels; Mr and Mrs John Duncan, pair lace curtains; Mr and Mrs Isaac Elder, crystal lemonade set; Mr and Mrs Ralph Purvis, table linen; Mr and Mrs Mat Atkins, white bed spread; Miss Elibabeth White, silver butterdish and knife; Miss Nancy White, two pair towels; Misses Wray and Jennie Jackson, crystal water set; Mr Will Ledingham, two china bread plates; Misses Mary and Elsie Ledingham, crystal berry set; Mr Robert Ledingham, glass butter dish; Mr George W Ledingham, silver salmon fork; Mr James Ledingham, white table linen; Mr Geo Ledingham, fancy table spread; Mr Jim Ledingham, half dozen goblets; Mr Walter Ledingham, pair towels; Miss Jean Ledingham, half dozen goblets; Mr and Mrs Robert McKenzie, table linen; Thos Boyle, silver sugar bowl; Miss Mena Morrow, glass dinner set; Miss Jane Ritchie, half dozen teaspoons; Mr Edward and Miss Alice Boyce; photo album; Mr John and Miss Jennet Little, fruit dish; Mr John and Miss Agnes Cunningham, pair lace curtains; Mr and Mrs Burbett, pair lace curtains; Mr Rob. and Frank Blair, two framed pictures; Mr John R Duncan, two fancy cups and saucers; Mrs Parks, table linen; Mr Duncan and Pete Morrison, set smoothing irons; Mr Herbert and Miss Minnie Lamb, wine set; Mr Thomas Townsend, silver pickle dish.

The bride and groom have been visiting friends for a couple of weeks and leave next Saturday for their home in Brandon bearing the good wishes of a large circle of friends.

England's Greatest

The Independent contains some reminiscences of Gladstone, suggestive, as all such reminiscences must be, of his wonderful intellectual and moral power. He learned French late in life incited to do so by his enjoyment of French literature. At eighty-six he mastered Danish. A few years ago a dinner was given him by Jules Simon and other distinguished Frenchmen "Shall I speak in French or English?" he asked an American friend on arriving. The American would not venture to advise Mr Gladstone in anything, but added:

"If I were expected to speak, and could do so in their own tongue, I should certainly use it."

"I will speak in French," said Mr Gladstone, and so he did for half an hour, to the astonishment and delight of all who were present.

No subject seemed too slight to attract his interest. Some American apples were placed on the table near him, and one of our countrymen remarked: "Those are rather fine apples."

"Yes," said Mr Gladstone. "You sent us seven thousand three hundred and sixty-five barrels last year."

Among the two hundred guests present, possibly there was not another one who could so promptly have stated a fact of such merely general interest.

It is good to hear the genuine (or just!) commendation of one great man for another.

"When you meet Mr Gladstone," John Bright once said to a visitor in England, "you will see the greatest Englishman of our time."

A titled lady was one day talking at Mr Gladstone, as was the fashion in England until recently. Suddenly Mr Bright turned and asked

"Has your son ever seen Mr Gladstone?"

The son was at their mother's standing beside them. "No;" was the surprised answer.

"Then, madam," said Mr Bright, "permit me to urge you to make him at once to see the greatest Englishman he is ever likely to look upon."

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Our Semi-annual Clearing Sale will commence on FRIDAY 29th JULY---Two weeks selling of bright new Dependable Goods at marked reduction in price. This sale marks the wind up of all summerish Goods and odds and ends. Our policy has always been to carry no goods over from one season to another hence the reductions made. It will pay you to read this price list. Is there a want. You can supply it here and save money on it---save more than you likely think. It will pay you to spend half an hour looking about. Odd ends, odd lengths, broken assortments and sizes lead us to make sacrifices now in order to clear out the lines. No item of Summer Goods held back every line marked to clear.

Americam Prints

1320 yards new style American prints in fast color Turkey Reds, Roman Stripes, Checks, Plaids, Floral designs, etc, sold regularly at 6½c and 7½c and really good value at that clearing only, per yd 5

Wash Goods for Blouses &c

About half the offering, of last week is on the table with a large 10c ticket. Beautiful organdies, lappet muslins, Scotch ginghams, crinkles, etc regular price 12½, 15, 20, 25, all one price, per yd 10

BLOUSES

Not many left now, we've had a big season, a good assortment yet though for particular persons, made of sateens, prints, organdies, lappet muslins, dotted muslins, lawns etc, not all one price but from 25c each to $1 for the best ones, sale price 20 per cent off.

LADIES' VESTS

Ladies' Jersey Ribbed Vests, low neck and sleeveless, silk trimmed clearing at 5c, 10, 12½, 20 and 20

Have You Feet?

We mean have you small feet, has Nature been liberal with you in that matter? If you are one of the small footed number you are indeed in luck. Our shoe man has been looking over this department and finds about 80 pairs men's shoes, all No 6, in cordovan, buff, dongola, etc, goods regularly sold at $3.50, 4.75, 5, 5.50, 6.50, 8.00, pair. We want to clear them in a hurry and have marked them at a flurry price $1

STEP LIVELY

Men's Cordavan Calf or dongola Lace Boots, no two pairs alike but in the lot is included all sizes from 7 to 10 so that we can fit almost anyone, regularly sold at and really good value at $1.85, 2.00, 2.25, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50 and 4.00, our shoe man says clear them out, and out they go, per pair 1.50

For Bigger Feet

Men's Tan Lace Boots, McKay sewn, whole foxed, pointed toe, made by J D King & Co, first class goods in every respect, in all sizes, reg price $2.50 for per pair 1.75

COTTONADES

Grey County's Biggest Bargain

1 case 25 pieces new Cottonades in neat stripe, heavy, serviceable goods, sold everywhere at 12c yd, sale price 8½

Warm Weather Coolness

A perfectly clothed man does not feel the heat so much. How do you find it? Pretty warm? We offer during sale week a splendidly cool piece of men's Coats and Coats and Vests, and no item in men's wearing apparel gives him as much comfort and satisfaction as a nice cool cloth coat. Cost too much! Oh no, listen.

Men's Stripe Linen Coats, beautifully made, self faced, well sewn, reg price $1.00 only 85

Men's Black Alpaca Coats, out and inside patch pockets, well made, guaranteed fast color 1.25

Men's Stripe Tweed Coats and Vests, vest well lined throughout, can be worn comfortably very late in the fall, reg price $3 for 2.60

Men's Underwear

Men's English double thread Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, will not shrink, faced with sateen, pearl buttons, suspender straps etc, reg price 50c clearing 42

Men's Straw Hats

The clean up of the season, including all this season's most popular shapes. Not many to tell of and a short story. Clearing at 50 per cent discount.

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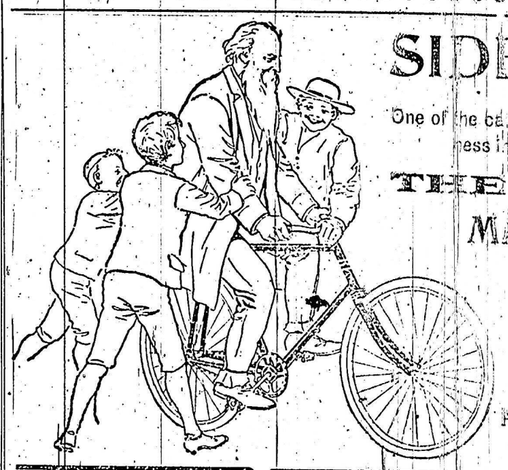

SIDE-SLIP

One of the causes of side-sliping is weakness in the joints of the frame

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Spring wheat	
Goose wheat	
Barley	
Oats	
Peas	
Potatoes, per bag	
Eggs, fresh	
Butter, per lb	
Chickens, per pair	4 00
Ducks	4 00
Turkeys	6 00
Apples	
Cheese, per lb	
Tallow, per lb	
Hides, per pair	
Calf skins	
Wool, per bag	
Hay, per ton	4 00
Pork, per cwt	
Beef, per cwt	
Hogs, per cwt	
Sheep, per cwt	
Lambs, per cwt	
Sheep Skins	

Toronto Markets

Wheat, per bus	
Barley	
Oats	
Peas	
Rye	
Potatoes per bag	
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