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Why is it so many careful people wend their way to this store for READY-TO-WEAR CLOTHING. There must be good reasons for it and if these reason's are not evident to you kindly investigate just for your own satisfaction and subsequent profit:

Where outside this store will you find such clothing for the money, style, fit, workmanship, finish and quality considered.

Men's Suits

At $4.50 made of good Canadian Tweeds, well lined and good fitters, all sizes from 36 to 42.

At $6, Men's Suits made of good all wool tweeds, in a variety of new patterns, satin lined, fit and finish right, all sizes.

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Men's Overcoats

At $4.50, Men's brown frieze Overcoats, large storm collars, well made, with good linings, all sizes from 36 to 44.

At $6.75, Men's frieze Overcoats, pure wool, shades of brown, heavy tweed linings, all sizes, 36 to 44.

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At $7.50, Men's black beaver Overcoats with velvet collars.

At $10, Men's fine black or blue beaver cloth Overcoats, silk velvet collars, genuine hair cloth sleeve linings, body lined with heavy farmers satin.

Boys' Suits and Overcoats

All sizes from 22 to 35. Here you will find more clothing, better clothing, cheaper clothing, and less wind than elsewhere. Come and see.

Markdale Standard.

C. W. Rutledge, Proprietor.

MARKDALE, OCTOBER 20, 1898

GENERAL NOTES

Prairie fire has run over an immense tract of country near Battleford N W T and has done considerable damage burning up cattle sheds and stables.

The sentence of death passed upon the Indian [illegible] Samiere at Kamloops for the murder of the trader Elkins has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

Rev Dr Sexton, the well known lecturer on the error of Infidility and a distinguished author, died suddenly of heart failure near St Catharines, last week.

Fifty-one metals are now known to exist, thirty of which have been discovered within the present century. Seven only were known four hundred years ago.

All contention regarding the possession of Porto Rico is at an end the United States having taken full possession and hoisted the American flag on Tuesday last.

The Village of Kinmount, north of Lindsay suffered from a disastrous fire last week. Four of the principle business places were destroyed and the loss is heavy as there was but little insurance.

It is estimated by political economists that it will take an importation of 80 million bushels of grain to Russia to supply the districts where crops have been a failure and the Samara district which suffered by fire.

Hon John Costigan who returned last week from a four month's tour to the Peace River district says that in addition to the gold that is to be found along the river there is land there well fitted for agricultural pursuits.

Emperor William of Germany is on his way to the Holy Land to be present at the consecration of the Church of the Saviour at Jerusalem. On the way a plot against the Emperor's life has been discovered and nine Italian Anarchists have been placed under arrest.

At a meeting of the special committee of the Hamilton Conference of the Methodist church held last week a resolution in relation to the recent plebiscite was passed calling upon the Dominion Government to give expression to the will of the people by suitable legislation at the earliest practicable date.

The Owen Sound Board of Trade last week memoralized the Canadian Commissioners, at the International Convention being held in Quebec, to use their best endeavors for the strict enforcement of the regulations contained in the Statutes of Ontario which enacts that all pine timber cut under license or permit, issued by the Commissioner of Crown Lands in the Province, shall be manufactured into sawn lumber in Canada.

The United States Government is reported to have now under contract for building, fifty-five new war vessels to be added to their navy, the aggregate tonnage of which exceeds that of the vessels built during the civil war. These when completed it is said will place the U S third in rank among the sea powers.

A project is on foot which is meeting with commendable sympathy and support for the establishment of a Home for Consumptives in the vicinity of Toronto. The results of the Muskoka Home have been so satisfactory that the projectors believe they are warranted in taking steps to establish a home near the city on a comprehensive plan.

Typhoid fever is epidemic in Dawson City an average of three or four deaths occuring daily. The Victorian Order of Nurses are busily engaged there and their services will doubtless be of much value and highly appreciated at this time The police are also busy and the morality of the city has been helped by 150 gamblers and questionable characters being placed under arrest.

Pending the closing of a two year mail contract between St John's and Liverpool a contract covering a period of six months, November to April, has been let the Allan and Dominion Lines. These companies have formerly made Portland their winter port but by this contract the vessels shall start from St John's and make Halifax a port of call inward and outward, the policy of the government being to build up Canadian Marathon cities and to encourage Canadian carrying companies.

The Atlantic Transport Company's steamer Mohegan sailing a few days ago from London for New York met with a terrible disaster in the English channel off Lizard. The vessel was running at full speed when she struck a rock and sank in five minutes. Out of 158 persons constituting passengers and crew only 50 are reported saved, the others all finding a watery grave. A number of bodies have been recovered. Three Canadians lost their lives, viz: Mr James Blackey, buyer for the wholesale firm of John McDonald & Co, Toronto, Miss Sheppard of Woodstock and Miss Fraser of Montreal.

The tenth annual Christian Endeavor Provincial Convention held in the city of Hamilton last week was pronounced a success altho' the attendance was not as large as expected which was attributed to the very unfavourable weather. Many interesting addresses were given among the speakers being Rev Dr Clarke, the founder of the Society. The annual report showed that during the year there had been an increase of 42 societies making a total of 2,192 societies having a membership of 90,499. Rev E S Rowe of Toronto was elected Pres; J C Cooper, Clinton, Sec and W H Doherty, London, treas. Montreal was chosen as next place of meeting.

Holland Centre

October 18—Mrs Allee of Durham is visiting her brothers Messrs James and George Crowther.

On Wednesday morning of last week Mr Daniel Shunk who has been a sufferer for the last two years, passed away. He had one leg amputated above the knee over a year ago and never fully recovered. His widow and family of small children have the deep sympathy of the community.

About noon also on Wednesday one of our most respected lady citizens in the person of Mrs Batty passed peacefully to that bourn from which no traveller returns. Deceased had taught our school for nearly two years and was indeed an estimable person and will be greatly missed. It will be difficult to fill her place as a teacher. She leaves a husband and little boy and girl for whom much sympathy is felt.

Walters Falls

Mrs E P Hammill presented her husband with a young daughter on Sunday the 9th inst.

Mr Frank Olmstead has been on the sick list for a few days but is improving.

Miss Mary McLean died on Monday evening the 10th inst after a most painful illness. Deceased has been suffering from cancer for about a year and in spite of the best of medical skill and good nursing this dreaded disease claimed her as a victim on the above mentioned date. Deceased was 46 yrs old and very highly respected. The funeral which took place on Wednesday to McLean's cemetery was largely attended.

Rev R J Murphy, formerly of this place paid our village a visit on Friday last.

Mr T Campbell has greatly improved his place by building a nice kitchen, also by having his whole house painted.

Mr R J Watson has greatly improved his shop by having it dutch sided, shingled and painted.

Mr H Bonnell has built a large kitchen to the rear of his dwelling. Mr R Olmstead has his beautiful residence completed which is one of the best finished dwellings in the county. Mr Jos Mower has also got his residence finished which looks very nice. Mr S S Taylor is finishing his large kitchen to the rear of his house.

Mr Seymour Campbell who has been in the employ of Mr Clarke as miller for nine years, has taken a situation in Owen Sound. Mr Smith of Port Stanley takes his place here.

Mr and Mrs W G [illegible] have returned home on Friday after spending a month with friends near Streetsville.

The fowl supper held on the 10th line on Wednesday evening of last week was a decided success. Lots of fowl and a first class program. The proceeds were over $[illegible]

A Frightful Blunder

Will often cause a horrible Burn, Scald, cut or Bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures Old Sores, Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, all Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. Only 25 cts a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by all Druggists.

Maxwell.

The fowl supper in connection with the Presbyterian church was a success. After supper, all repaired to the church where good addresses were delivered by Revs Douglas, Condell, and others, singing from the choir, Mr and Mrs Sheppard, Miss McKee and Mr Pedlar. Proceeds $40.

Mr J Fleming left last week to fill a situation in one of the tailor shops in Markdale. Wish him success.

Rev Mr Davy of Maple Valley occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church a week ago last Sunday.

Mrs (Rev) Douglas is visiting her parental home in Hamilton.

Our cheese factory closed down after a very successful season, on Wednesday of last week.

The people of St Mary's church are intending to have a Harvest Home festival on the 26th. All are invited.

A meeting of the parsonage trustee board was held a week ago last Monday evening at the parsonage.

Rocklyn

Apple picking and potato digging is the order of the day.

The recent frosts have made the young people think of skating. We have heard of one person bringing their skates down stairs to be ready for action as soon as it is cold enough, but we hope there may be many warm days yet this fall.

The Woman's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs Abe Crabtree last Thursday and notwithstanding the wet afternoon there was a good attendance. Mrs Bennett the Honorary President came from Meaford accompanied by Mrs Mathews. The former had been to the W M Convention at Orangeville as a delegate and had some good things to tell them, here. Mrs Brimsby of Woodford, who was visiting Mrs Dainard, also attended the meeting. These visitors were greatly pleased with the meeting. There was the usual tea at five cents proceeds amounting to eighty cents. Rocklyn auxiliary shows a great deal of enthusiasm in this work and deserve credit for the way they have worked this year.

Eugenia

Oct 18—Root crops are looking fine. Last week's rains will make them swell.

Fall wheat is looking extra well and there is a great breadth sown this year. Some who are always crying sow early will miss it this fall. One man that we know sowed early in August. As a result his wheat is now coming in the ear and is 20 inches high. Of course the crop will be lost, verifying the old saying "the more haste the less speed." Wheat sown from 10 to 15th Sept is in prime order for whatever weather comes.

Our hoop and veneer factory is not so busy these times. Last week was bad for drying. Our other factories are all busy.

Several wells have been dry the last two or three weeks but now there is plenty water.

There was no service in the Methodist church last Sabbath evening. The pastor was away and local help did not come as expected.

Rev Mr Thom preached a fine sermon in the Presbyterian church in the afternoon, those who are competent to judge say that they think it was the best sermon ever they heard him deliver. Subject, Christ's three appearances as we have them in Hebrews 9th chapter 24th, 26th and 28th verses. Much study in preparing the discourse was evident, and the delivery was real eloquent. We were sorry to hear him announce that he will be absent the next two Sabbaths. He did not say where he was going but we heard some say that there are some conventions that he is going to attend. Many think there are two many conventions for all the good they do and if the hard working folks were asked to vote on these matters the great majority would vote "no", they generally find that "six days shalt thou labor" is what they find necessary to get ends to meet and be in a fit position fully to enjoy the seventh—the day of rest.

Kimberley

Mr Lyne and his men have been here and took many barrels of our best apples away.

Miss May Lewis, aged 12 and her twin sisters aged 10 years Misses Pearl and Amy were here on important biz.

Jack Frost visited us on the 16th inst morning with withering effect.

Rev Mr Hale gave us an instructive and important sermon last Sabbath. He took for his text the epistle of St Paul to Romans 1st chapter and first verse "Paul a Servant," etc. He said St Paul had often been in danger by wild beasts, floods, etc.

The Rev Mr Plunkett preached to a full house in the Methodist church, Sunday p m on the sad end of the late Percy Smith. Mr P took the 57th chapter and 1st verse of Isaiah as his text. He spoke the truth to us without fear or favor. Let us all remember his words.

Mr John McGowan, the miller is O K for grinding flour or feed for bakers or beasts.

The Harvest Home in the Methodist church here was attended with a shower of $60. Well done, say we.

The union church will hold a Harvest Home on Wednesday, Oct 26th next. We expect to have a good time.

Mr Geo Graham started to saw logs at his new mill, Beaver river, Artemesia 15th inst.

Mr Dave Graham drove through to Thornbury with 20 barrels of apples recently.

Our aged lady in the suburbs Mrs E Burritt is now very weak indeed.

The farmer can plow his land much better since the rain put it in good order.

Mr Jas Stuart and sons sold 20 head of cattle to Montgomery and Fawcett of Dundalk for 3½ cents per lb to be delivered at Flesherton the 20th inst. Two steers weighed 2180 lbs at Kimberley.

M R Hammond, Esq, Joseph Henderson and others went to Markdale lately.

Flesherton

East Grey Fair—The down pour of rain all day on Tuesday of last week again interfered with the completition of the East Grey fall fair for 1898. Several speeding horses were on hand and some stock and poultry brought out but the gates were never opened. The elements, uncontrollable by man, caused disappointment to the directors and even greater disappointment to the hundreds of visitors who annually take in this popular fair. But tho' a "wet blanket" fell on the fair this year the directors are men of grit and are prepared to enter upon another year's labors as hopefully and energetically as ever in the past.

Millinery Openings—The fall millinery openings took place here Tuesday and Wednesday of last week and the display made of prettily and tastefully trimmed hats, bonnets, etc, was highly creditable to the deft fingers of the milliners in charge. In shapes the latest styles were all represented and trimmings of the newest fabrics and colors were shown in great abundance. The inclemency of the weather on opening days kept many of the ladies at home, but since the return of sunshine the milliners and their assistants have been kept busy showing and disposing of their beautiful works of art.

Notes—Archie McIntyre of Osprey was driving home from the Station, it is said with several sheets to the wind, on Saturday night last and when passing the new cut which is being made on the horse shoe hill on the Collingwood road drove too near the edge of the bank and went over, driver, horse and buggy landing thirteen feet below. Driver and horse escaped but the buggy was considerably damaged.

Mr W Barnhouse has improved the front of his shop and grocery with a new coat of paint. Mrs J E Moore has moved into the residence over Wright's old business stand, Mrs Flynn has taken possession of Mr Bradbury's brick cottage on Elizabeth street, and Mrs Stocks and family have moved from the 4th line into the old parsonage at the rear of the Baptist chapel. Mr W A Armstrong has moved his jewelry stock into the appartment formerly used for Public Library which in addition to improving the appearance of his store will add to the convenience of his customers. The Library and 'phone are now in the former jewelry store.

Rev Mr Ward, who is passing through sore bereavement was liberated by his Quarterly Board and left last week for a couple of weeks' rest with relatives at Toronto, Galt and Perth. His pulpit was supplied last Sabbath by Rev J V Plunkett of Kimberley who preached excellent sermons. In the morning his theme was Christian perfection and in the evening the character of Daniel. Rev Fallis of Dundalk will preach next Sabbath morning and Rev Humphreys of Priceville in the evening.

Rev Richard Strachan of Brookholm, agent for the B & F Bible Society will preach next Sabbath morning in the Baptist church and in the Presbyterian church in the evening. The annual Bible Society meeting will be held in the Methodist church on Monday evening.

At the monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society in the Methodist church last week, Mrs W H Thurston gave a very interesting and instructive report of the annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Society which she attended in Orangeville a short time ago.

Mr T Wansbrough, who has been night operator at Flesherton station for the past seven years, left with his family on Monday to reside at their old home in Fergus. Mr and Mrs Wansbrough have many friends here who are sorry for their departure. Mr T Rae of Toronto Junction succeeds Mr Wansbrough at the ticker.

Mr D W Thompson, "Brookhill," spent an evening with friends in town last week and left the following day to join his brother A E in evangelistic work at Ithica, N Y.

Miss Christoe left on Thursday last for a few weeks' visit with friends in Toronto.

Miss Mina Bunt who has been the guest of Miss Gertie Bulmer for some time, has returned to her home at Woodbridge.

Mr Baxter of Owen Sound visited at Mr A M Gibson's part of last week.

Rev L W Thom leaves this week for Fergus and will next week attend the Provincial Sabbath School Association convention at Belleville.

She Nibbled

It is remarkable what an army of pedlars exist and many of them accumulating wealth too. It is also astonishing how little the majority of us know about the quality or value of goods and things in general. The suavity of the average pedlar too frequently gets the better of us. An instance which recently came to our knowledge will illustrate. A lady not a thousand miles from Markdale purchased some lace from a female pack pedlar for twenty-five cents a yard. It was represented as being genuine Irish lace, and was considered very cheap at that price. A short time afterwards this same lady saw a roll of lace in one of our stores, which very much resembled what she had got from the Foreigner, and on enquiry found that it was exactly similar, furthermore the pack pedlar had purchased it from this same storekeeper paying therefor regular retail price, viz: nine cents a yard. The lady's sympathy for the poor woman immediately dropped fifty per cent. She had nibbled just a little.

Honor Rolls

Harkaway Public School.

4 sr, F Lyons, B Lyons.

4 jr, O Steer, I Carbert, B Carbert, K Murdoch.

3 sr, A Steer, M Steer, F Bassett.

3 jr, P Logan, A Johnstone, R Jerry.

2 sr, A Lyons, L Rae, E Lyons.

2 jr, P Hawken, E Smith, C Rodman.

2nd pt, S Carbet, G Thompson, W Kinney.

No 1; M Williamson, H Logan, E Walters.

1st, L Elliott, E Steer, M Johnstone.

R Carbert, teacher.

DIED

LOMAR—In Artemesia, the 17th inst, Edward Lomar, aged 64 years.

CUTTING THE GRASS.

Mr. Toggleton's Experience With the Sickle and the Lawn Mower.

"This is the time of year," said Mr. Toggleton, "when you see outside of the stores that sell such things rakes and hoes and spades and so on, and various grass cutting tools, including sickles. I owned a sickle once. I lived then in a smaller town in a detached house and had a grass plot in front of it, and I thought I'd cut the grass myself. So I bought a sickle and carried it home, and hooked it over a beam in the cellar, which is the correct and proper place to hang a sickle. I was going to get out in the morning before breakfast and cut the grass, making a gilt-edged lawn of it, and get some exercise and an appetite for breakfast.

"Well, in the morning I went down cellar and took the sickle off the beam as though I'd been accustomed to using it all my life, and went out to the front yard and began to cut the grass. I never made more discoveries in a short time than I did that morning. I found in the first place that to cut grass well with a sickle one must have the art, or knack, which can be acquired only by practice; that the novice with a sickle is in constant danger of cutting off his own legs, and that cutting grass with a sickle was back-breaking work. They say there's only one thing more back-breaking, and that is cutting grass with a scythe. I never swung a scythe myself, but I no longer wonder why old Father Time looks so tired and worn.

"I never had a dream fade more rapidly than my sickle dream did. I cut the grass that morning, after a fashion, and then I took the sickle back into the cellar and hooked it over the beam and left it there.

"Later in life I lived in a house in the suburbs. There we had a regular lawn, and I bought a lawn mower and a pair of grass shears to trim around the edges with, where you couldn't get in with the mower. For a time I did cut this grass, but after a while, as I had done once before, I gave this up and hired a man to come and cut it, and that was the last of my grass cutting experience, for I live now in the city and far above the grass line."—New York Sun.

The Smallest Dog.

Fuji challenges the world to prove that he is not the smallest dog in it, and is proud of the fact that he is worth just $33.33 1-3 an ounce on the present price list in the canine market. He weighs only fifteen ounces and is of the royal dog blood of Japan, where those who believe that the seven days of the world's construction were in reality seven ages say that his ancestors were sacred and pampered beasts in the Mikado's palace 8,000 years ago.

Melville D. Landon who brought Fuji's grandfather of the same name, to this country several years ago, tells this story on the authority of the daimio, who is master of the kennels in the Mikado's palace in Kioto.

Whether it be true to a day or a year or a few centuries Mr. Landon will not solemnly aver, but Fuji needs no record to prove that when his mistress, Mrs. E. E. Sattler of Garfield place, Cincinnati, O., puts him sitting in her joined palms, fingers pointing upward, his head is the only part of his tiny, furry body that reaches above her finger tips.

Fuji stopped growing a month ago and nothing artificial was resorted to to make him a high priced midget. He is ten months old now and as happy a canine gambolier as ever chased a ball of yarn, around a house or worried a doting mistress' millinery to shreds. He gained only an ounce and a half in the last two months of his preparation for his struggle with the world.

Fuji is a Japanese spaniel. His markings are black and white. They are beautiful, but it is in his head that the dog fancier finds most to admire. His forehead is broad and high and bulges with brain; his nose is the pronounced pug variety and his eyes mirror a spirit of mischief and playfulness that made him so dear to the woman who reared him and so valued by the one who made him hers by purchase.

Mr. Landon spent considerable time in Japan, and received a great deal of attention. He visited the palace of Kioto, by invitation, and there saw the kennel of sacred spaniels. His admiration won for him a gift—Fuji, grandfather of the mite who is now in Cincinnati. The mother of Fuji, the younger, is Winki, a beautiful creature, who is about half a dozen times the size of her midget son.

Fuji was, until a few days ago, the property of Mrs. James M. Tower, who also owns his mother and two of his brothers, with whom he romped and was happy, at No. 212 West Seventy-fifth street. There Mrs. Sattler saw him, admired, and soon purchased him for $500.

Chico, a blue tan Mexican, who weighs 16 ounces, might train down to rivalry with Fuji. He was once the property of a French actress, but now lives in Chicago.—New York Herald.

Spurgeon's Tabernacle.

Those who prophesied that with the death of Mr. Spurgeon would set in the decline of the organization at the Metropolitan Tabernacle seem to have been sadly mistaken. Not only do the balance sheets of every branch of the church work and the institutions connected show something in hand, but despite a very careful revision of the names on the roll there are now no fewer than 4,212 members in fellowship at the tabernacle. There are twenty missions connected with the church, and there are in all twenty Sunday schools, with 8,547 scholars and 694 teachers. At the Pastors' college there are at present sixty-two students in training, and at the Stockwell orphanage there are nearly 500 children being cared for. Altogether "Pastor Tom" seems to be keeping things "humming" pretty much as his famous father did.—Westminster Gazette.

Photographing the Stomach.

A new invention is expected to assist in diagnosis of ailments of the stomach, rendering laparotomy unnecessary. A camera is introduced into the stomach and exposed for a few seconds. A small incandescent lamp attached to it supplies the necessary light for photographing. No pain is experienced. When the camera is introduced the patient easily holds his breath, preventing movement of the membrane until a picture is obtained.

A Great Oil Carrier.

A 2,000,000-gallon tank steamer, built for the oil-carrying trade, has just been launched at Sunderland, England. This vessel, which was built for the Standard Oil Company, is said to be the largest and best equipped tank steamer afloat. Philadelphia will be one of the home ports.

School Concert

The commencement exercises of Markdale public school have surely established themselves as a permanent institution. With each succeeding year of Principal Rowe's government more attention has been paid to the fitting celebration of this the red letter day in the school children's calendar and judging from the remarks of appreciation expressed on all sides, one is forced to acknowledge that the efforts of both teachers and pupils lack nothing either in zeal or in worthiness. This annual commencement of convocation is one of the few things in life which are alike interesting to old and young. The younger children look forward to it as the all-important night when they may dress in all their Sunday best and go to a "really truly" concert and, although they furnish the greater part of the program their enjoyment of the treat is thereby only intensified. Their older brothers and sisters are animated with a somewhat different feeling which has the effect of making them feel considerably taller than their inches, especially when they are made the happy recipients of a coveted diploma. Then there is the joy and pride of the parents and happy indeed is that father or mother whose child has proved so much smarter than "that 'young'un of Brown's," or "Smith's," or "Jones," as the case may be. Perhaps if we could analyse human feelings we might very often find a trace of a particular apology, which being translated would read something after this fashion: "Yes, our Johnny did do very well, but then you know it is just what we had expected and anyone can see that he is just like his dad." However if Johnny has not shown himself to be a veritable little king of scholars the analyst I fear, would be puzzled to locate the slightest suspicion of the how-could-he-help-it sentiment and would be confronted rather with a superabundance of: "Well I'm just as glad that the boy didn't get through after all. I've always said that folks just spoil their youngsters by rushing them through school before they get a chance to learn anything." Such is human nature and you may take it or leave it.

But, to come back to the entertainment, it was altogether the enjoyable affair which was universally anticipated. In the absence of Mr I B Lucas, chairman of the school board, Dr Sproule presided. With him on the platform were members of the board and a fair sprinkling of local clergymen. The addresses given were for the most part appropriate and in keeping with the occasion, Inspector Campbell being the only absentee. In suggestion rather than with a desire to insinuate, it were well that speakers at a public school convocation should always refrain from indulging in long-windedness or any attempt at uncouth pleasantries. Such a departure is never appreciated by any audience and least of all by the people who usually attend public school commencement exercises. This remark is hazarded only as it is in keeping with the old maxim of the ounce of prevention and the pound of cure.

In order to give the general public some idea of the great work which is being carried on by the present staff and as an evidence of the progress which is being made; we give following tabulated comparison of the net results of the past three years. The list comprises only the successful candidates in the different departments and speaks for itself.

Year	entrance	p s leav	prim	2nd	total
1896	12	5	1		18
1897	12	7	4	1	24
1898	16	6	6		28
	40	18	11	1	70

The following valedictory was read by Miss Blanche Macpherson.

To-night for the third time in the history of our school we come together to hold our Graduating Exercises, and this the closing scene of the old year and the inauguration of the new, brings most vividly before us the striking difference between a Past and a Future. Let us differ with the poet who said "The past is over and clear forgot," with us the past is over but not forgotten. The pleasures and the pains, the triumphs and the failures, our bright days of hope and dark nights of doubt stand out clearly before us, to guide us into that unknown land of promise—the future, so aptly called a "blank plot" which in time will bear fruit according as we sow.

The result of the recent examinations is in itself sufficient evidence of the earnest and intelligent efforts of our teachers and the fact that each ensuing year excels the previous one, shows clearly that in the junior forms the proper foundations have been well laid. As the twig is bent so will the tree grow.

We are proud of our school not only for its efficiency in the direct educational lines but for its "esprit-de-corps" so much desired and sought after in college life. We have our school colors and in the Fall term a [illegible] school paper, and tonight our graduating exercises, a miniature college convocation. For these additions to our school-life we are indebted solely to our present staff, for which we thank them most sincerely.

And now we turn to the successful students; we are proud of them and hope to see them win fresh laurels, but we would remind them that as yet they are on the lower rungs of the ladder, that their struggle has just begun, and those of us who have been less fortunate we would remind them that "in adversity many derive strength."

Life is still young and hard work means success, and as an additional incentive, I would remind all the students, that our teachers are judged by our success.

During the past years we have been bound together by the ties of united effort and common sympathies and let us hope that the friendly interests awakened by our school-life here, will crystallize into a true and lasting love for our school and that in future years we shall look back with delight upon the days spent to such good purpose in our dear old school at Markdale.

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Serious Fire

About 12.30 Saturday night the farm buildings of Dr Sproule, M P, in the suburbs were discovered to be on fire. The inflammable nature of the contents added to the rapid work of the devouring element and in a short time the large barns were in ashes. The farm implements and machinery, about twelve hundred bushels of grain, two horses, three calves and eight pigs were consumed, all of which at a moderate valuation foots up $2,000. After allowing for what grain may be utilized for feed, and $400 of insurance, which is all that the doctor had on the premises, the net loss will be not less than $2,400. This is a serious loss to our respected and esteemed citizen and M P, and what makes it even worse, circumstances point strongly to incendiarism as being the cause.

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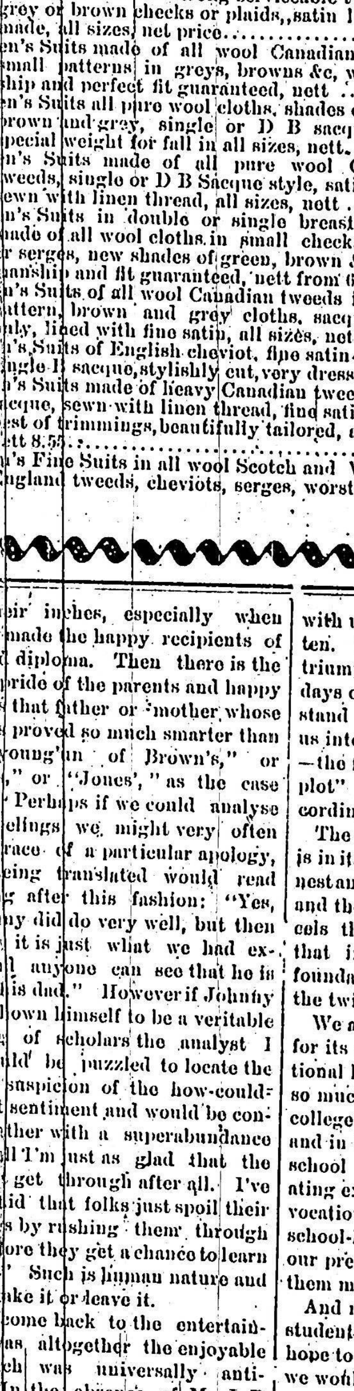
Men's and Boys' Clothing Ready-to-wear



Ready again with an array of dependable clothing unequalled outside this store. Our method of buying not only gives us the most recent styles, but a money saving on every purchase. We do not buy clothing for advertising purposes to sound cheap. We buy nothing but the best in clothing materials. That we know will give the best satisfaction and long service. Ready-made yet made to order. Made to our special order by the W. E. Sandford Mfg Co. Hamilton of fabrics selected personally with intelligence. Great care is taken in making our selections of cloths to secure the newest designs and colorings in the best of wearing materials. Our stock represents the best modern tailored ready-to-wear clothing that science and skilled workmanship can produce.

Our styles are the Standard for Fall and Winter 1898-9. We are neither outdone or undersold by any store in Canada. Here's pocket book proof of the above assertion.

Men's Suits made of strong serviceable tweeds in grey or brown checks or plaids, satin lined, well made, all sizes, net price 4.70

Men's Suits made of all wool Canadian tweeds, small patterns in greys, browns &c, workmanship and perfect fit guaranteed, nett 5.00

Men's Suits all pure wool cloths, shades of green, brown and grey, single or D B sacque style; special weight for fall in all sizes, nett 5.50

Men's Suits made of all pure wool Canadian tweeds, single or D B Sacque style, satin lined, sewn with linen thread, all sizes, nett 5.70

Men's Suits in double or single breast sacque, made of all wool cloths in small checks, plaids or serges, new shades of green, brown &c, workmanship and fit guaranteed, nett from 6.40 to 7.15

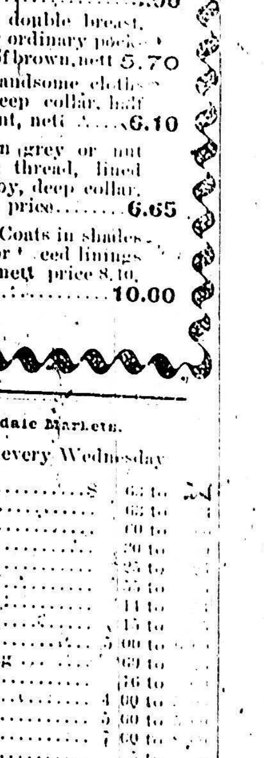
Men's Suits of all wool Canadian tweeds in small pattern, brown and grey cloths, sacque style only, lined with fine satin, all sizes, nett 7.60

Men's Suits of English cheviot, fine satin linings, single B sacque, stylishly cut, very dressy, nett 8.35

Men's Suits made of heavy Canadian tweeds, D B sacque, sewn with linen thread, fine satin lining best of trimmings, beautifully tailored, all sizes, nett 8.55 .... 9.50

Men's Fine Suits in all wool Scotch and West of England tweeds, cheviots, serges, worsteds &c,

Cloting to Measure



This department has not received much newspaper mention, but is none the less important. Fabrics for fall suiting are now all in and present an arrary of attractiveness unequalled in the county. Immense stock to choose from of the newest cloths, the most popular shades, at the smallest possible prices consistent with first class trimmings and "fit guaranteed."

You can judge the entire department by these two items:

Men's Fine Imported all wool Tweed in new plaids, new colorings, cut in the latest style, fit and workmanship guaranteed, strong serviceable trimmings, made to your measurement.

$10.00

Tweed Suits $12, 12.50, 13, $14, 15, 16

Men's fine all wool Worsted Trousers in a variety of designs, fast colors guaranteed, splendid wearing quality, best trimmings, perfect fit.

$3.00

Worsted Suits $11, 12.50, 13.50, 14.00, 14.50, 15.00, 16.00, 17.00, $18.00.

OUR GUARANTEE—goes with every garment we sell and we will allow no clothing to leave our store that is not perfect in fit and workmanship.

Sacque or morning coats, silk stitched edges or mohair bindings, back of vest and body lined with fine satin, correct in style and workmanship, all sizes, 8.25, 7.10, 8.35, 9.95, 9.50, 10.95 ... 12.35

Men's Overcoats made of all wool Can. Frieze, lined with heavy check tweeds, heavy sleeve linings, deep storm collar, throat tab, half belt, all sizes 4.50

Men's All Wool Canadian Frieze, check tweed linings, deep storm collar, throat tab &c, made of worthy material, nett price 5.00

Men's All Wool Frieze Over Coat, double breast, tweed linings, half belt, slash or ordinary pockets, deep storm collar, in shades of brown, nett 5.70

Men's all wool Canadian Frieze, handsome clothes in shades of brown and grey, deep collar, half belt, well sewn, a worthy garment, nett 6.10

Men's all wool Frieze Over Coat in grey or nut brown shade, sewn with linen thread, lined throughout with English corduroy, deep collar, half belt, sewed with linen, nett price 6.65

Men's Fine Imported Frieze Over Coats in shades of brown, grey or black, flannel or tweed linings beautifully tailored, every size, nett price 8.10, 8.55, 9.50 and 10.00

Markdale Markets.

Corrected every Wednesday

Fall wheat	63 to	
Spring wheat	63 to	
Goose wheat	60 to	
Barley	30 to	
Oats	25 to	
Pease	55 to	
Butter	14 to	
Eggs, fresh	15 to	
Hay, per ton	5 00 to	
Potatoes, per bag	60 to	
Wool	16 to	
Hogs	4 00 to	
Pork	5 00 to	
Hides	7 00 to	
Geese, per lb	5 to	
Turkeys, per lb	8 to	
Ducks, per pair	40 to	
Chickens	30 to	
Apples, per bag	40 to	
Flour, per bbl	3 50 to 3	
Bran, per cwt	70 to	
Shorts, per cwt	80 to	
Chop, per cwt	95 to	
Sheep Skins	40 to	

Toronto Markets

Wheat, per bus	63 to	
Barley	40 to	
Oats	25 to	
Peas	52 to	
Butter	16 to	
Eggs	14 to	
Potatoes per bag	60 to	
Dressed hogs	5 60 to 5	

C. P. R. TIME TABLE.
MARKDALE STATION

Going South	7:35 a.m.	4.53 p.m.
Going North	12:20 a.m.	9.40 p.m.

Clubbing List for 1899

Standard and Weekly Globe	$1.50
" " " Mail	1.50
" " " Sun	1.50
" " Daily News	2.00
" " " Star	2.00
" " Montreal Star	1.80
" " " Witness	1.80

This is for 1899 including balance of 1898.

WHEN THE HEART IS HEAVY

Fight Against Allowing Yourself to Be Submerged by Personal Griefs.

"There is always a remedy for a heavy heart," writes Ruth Ashmore in the Ladies' Home Journal. "It may be in work—it oftenest is. It may be in thinking out the joys that have been given to you, and the sorrows from which you have been saved. It may be in helping others by sympathy, or in whatever way help is most needed. But the heavy heart can always be made light if self is forgotten and the needs of others are remembered, and, as far as possible, relieved. Not one of us can learn to become lighthearted in a day, or a week, or a month, or a year, for it is the lesson of life, this knowing how to lift our hearts up and live from them help unto those who are in need. It is a good fight—this one against allowing one's self to be submerged in personal griefs—it is a good fight, and out of it you can come conqueror if you will.

"Do you intend to give up the fight and fall by the wayside overcome by a heavy heart, or to go along through life as a brave woman should? You must decide this early in your life. And you will, I feel sure, decide to do that which is right, and then your heart will never be heavy nor your conscience disturbed, unless you fall. And when you fall, thank God, you can always rise again if you keep up a brave heart."

Get your eyesight fitted by your optician who is a graduate of the Optical Institute of Canada and competent to treat your case on the latest approved methods. Lenses used are guaranteed by the manufacturer to be the best that science can produce.

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Jeweller and Optician, Markdal[illegible]

CELERY [illegible]

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F. T. HILL & CO