

ESTABLISHED 1880
WM. LUCAS & Co
BANKERS
MARKDALE ONTARIO

Transact a general banking business. Ample capital enables us to offer every accommodation to our customers consistent with sound banking principles.
We make a specialty of investment in mortgage security on first class farm property. Interest from 4 to 5 per cent per annum. Agents in Canada.
The Canadian Bank of Commerce

The Standard.

MARKDALE, ONT.

A STRONG DEMAND

There is a strong, vigorous and positive demand for R. W. Ennis' hand made harness.

It is and has been the Standard.

Some competitors claimed their product equal to R. W. Ennis', some privately admitted their's is almost as good and others bound along in the rear like a dog chasing a railroad train.

Bargains in Robes and Blankets.

R. W. ENNIS
Markdale's Leading

Bulbs are

worth all they cost,
worth the time spent in potting,
worth many times the attention needed.

Why?

Because they beautify your home in winter.
Because they educate your children.
Because their fragrance fills the house.

Hyalinths true to name and color.
Chinese Sacred Lillies.
Mammoth Cuban Lillies.—Do not fail to procure a Mammoth Cuban Lilly, you will regret it if you don't

HYACINTH GLASSES different sizes and shapes

STEPHEN'S DRUG STORE

Arrow Shots

I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to the earth; I know not where.
—LONGFELLOW.

The man with the least business can talk the longest about it.

It never pays to hire a man to work for you just because he owes you and you are unable to collect the debt any other way.

When a girl gets a new winter coat the weather always seems to get warmer.

Every man has at some time had a rich man trying to lord it over him.

We wonder how some keep up their courage, as little as they seem to make.

When a woman is not invited to a party she hunts up justification for the slight. A man gets mad.

Men have a misunderstanding even about the sale of a tombstone.

As long as people pay any attention to a slight at somebody's party they have no real troubles.

The man who tries to beat you is the one who tries to injure you, if you don't let him.

We always criticize worst those who have the same faults that we have.

It takes a big man to acknowledge that he has made a mistake.

Keen competition makes men meaner than anything else.

Every day, one runs across somebody who has a new way of making money.

If sorrow makes men better, some of them must always have a good time.

It is some comfort for a fat woman to see other fat women.

French Comfort.

In the best hotel in Paris one gets luxury, comfort and even splendor, but never one's cards or notes, according to Harper's Bazar. There is a fatal flaw for these. One is a number, not an individuality. The table is, however, very luxurious. It is clean and well ordered charitably. As for the comfort of winter in winter, they do not know the meaning of the word. The furnace is denuded; but after freezing to death in the coldest of the coldest of cities, very far north, one returns willingly to the heated rooms of America.

We exaggerate the excellence of the French bed. There is no such thing in France as that comfortable, broad, low thing which we call a French bed. A high, hard, narrow stuff is the apology for it.

We exaggerate our comforts by having gas in our sleeping rooms and hot and cold water in our stationary wash-bowls and bathrooms. They never exaggerate comfort in France. You have as many candles as you will pay for, and no bath, unless you order it, when men laboriously bring you a tub filled with hot or cold water, and take it away after you have finished.

We exaggerate very much the supposed good living in France. To go to a hotel in Paris to live we must expect out of the season very little good food, very little that is sustaining and nourishing. It is "all sauce." There are no good joints of mutton, no good American viandts. This is an especial disadvantage to the sick, who never get good toast, good custard, good tapioca pudding, nor oysters that they like.

"Arms and the Man."

A man applied to the college for a coat of arms, says a writer in the Cornhill Magazine, and was asked if by his ancestors had been renowned for any singular achievements. The man paused and considered, but could recollect nothing.

"Your father," said the herald, adding his memory, "your grandfather, your great-grandfather?"

"No," returned the applicant, "I never knew that I had a great-grandfather or a grandfather."

"Of yourself?" asked this creator of dignity.

"I know nothing remarkable of myself," returned the applicant, "being once locked up in Ludgate prison for debt I found means to escape from an upper window; and that, you know, is no honor in a man's scutcheon."

"And how did you get down?" said the herald.

"Old enough," retorted the man, "I procured a cord, fixed it round the neck of the statue of King Lud, on the outside of the building, and thus let myself down."

"I have it," said the herald, "No honor! Literally descended from King Lud! And his coat of arms will do for you."

Ancient Fashion Jargon.

The language of the fashion plate and the woman's paper is sufficiently appalling to the mere man even in these days of emancipation and, we may presume, more grammatical womanhood, but, according to an extract from a fashion journal of 1787, the jargon of over a century ago was even more astounding. This is how the paper described the dress for a certain Mlle. D.—at the opera:

"She appeared in a dress of 'stuffed silks,' ornamented with 'superfuous regrets,' the bodice cut in a 'perfect candor' point and trimmed with 'indiscreet complaints.' Her hair was dressed in 'sustained sentiments,' with a headress of 'obstinate conceit,' ornamented with several 'fir-aways' and 'downcast eye' ribbons, and her collar was 'beggar on horse-back' color.

No doubt, all these marvelous terms conveyed some meaning to the fashionable woman of the days when French society danced on the edge of the volcano of 1789, but to their descendants of a hundred years later they have absolutely no meaning.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Red Tape is Russian.

Every time a Russian minister leaves town his colleagues are notified of the journey, besides the council of the empire, the cabinet of the emperor, the emperor's controller and secretary, the sacred synod, the emperor's military secretary, the emperor, the governors of Moscow, Yaroslavl, Kiev, etc., ad infinitum, to all appearance. When he returns, the same minute notification performance is gone through. So each ministerial departure from and return to St. Petersburg involves an issue of some 200 papers. There are 33 ministers, and taking three journeys as the average for each, we have at the end of the year a grand total of some 10,800 official papers.

"How in creation did you manage to get the big policeman to sleep, doc? We tried everything known to medical science."

Bismark's Iron Nerve

Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25 cts at R. L. Stephen's drug store.

Holland and Sydenham Ploughing Match.

The Holland and Sydenham Ploughing Society held their seventh annual ploughing match on the farm of Mr. Gilbert Morrison, 4th con. Sydenham, on Wednesday, the 8th November. The weather was fine and quite a number of spectators were present. Competition was keen in the 1st and 2nd classes, but there was only one ploughman in the 3rd or 'B' class. The following is the prize list:—First class.—1st prize, A. Dalgarno; 2nd, Wm. Hay; 3rd, Lorne Hay; 4th, M. Traynor. Second class.—1st prize, Thomas Godfrey; 2nd, John Anderson; 3rd, Robt. Mustard. Third class (boys).—1st prize, Neil Gillies. Specials.—Best plowed ridge in the field, the Paterson medal, Arthur Dalgarno. Best groomed and motived team.—1st, Jno. Anderson, 2nd, A. Dalgarno. Youngest ploughman on the field, Neil Gillies.—O. S. Advertiser.

Almost Buried Alive.

Mr. Pierson of Burgoyne who was in Tara on Monday tells the following story and vouchers for its truth.

The wife of Mr. Wm. Sparling of West Toronto Junction was sick, and her death apparently took place. Telegrams were sent to friends announcing her decease, and among those that got word was Mrs. D. Duke of Burgoyne, a sister of Mr. Sparling's. She was wired to meet the train at Southampton on Monday which would have the remains on board, the funeral to take place from the station to the burial grounds in Southampton. Mr. and Mrs. Duke went to Southampton, the train pulled in, but no corpse and sport afterwards a telegram came that Mrs. Sparling had revived and come to life just as they were in the act of placing the remains in the outside box to go to the station. Verily she came in like time, and so the funeral did not take place.—Tara Leader.

Remarkable Rescue

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; is now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Sold by R. L. Stephen, large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

R. H. BENSON & CO.
Indian Head W.T. Markdale

You make no Mistake by buying at this Store

Long profits are of the past. Small profits are the order of the day. The merchant who tries to get a big profit will be left in the lurch. Those who have been buying high prices at other stores come down and see what our goods can do for you.

Only a month and present for your friends. Porridge Sets, Lemons, Fancy Glassware, a nice range of Rose Tea, etc.

Now is the time to select your Xmas presents for your friends. Now in Chinese we show 5 o'clock Tea Sets, Tea Sets, Berry Sets, Salad Bowls, etc. In Japanese China we show a nice range of Rose Tea, etc., a special reduction from now till Xmas.

Woolen Cloths

Our range of these, and the prices from

Shoppers

Men's, Women's and children's wear. Never did we show a finer selection, prices and quality. Our latest shipments are coming, we selected a range and prices from

Woolens and Furs

We guarantee them all from \$15.00 to \$100.00. Ladies Caps, \$2.50, 3.00, 3.50. Men's Persian Lamb Caps, \$7.00, \$8.00. Men's Opossum Caps, \$2.50, \$3.00.

R. H. BENSON & CO.
Wholesale and Retail

For Sale

Eight young horses and four yearlings. Also a pair of black and white colts. Also a pair of black and white colts. Also a pair of black and white colts. Also a pair of black and white colts.

If You Require Spectacles

It is quite improbable that you can do better than consult the undersigned. If your eyesight is troubled and you do not require glasses, it is morally certain that you will not receive a more frank statement in the case than from

W. J. SHORTILL
MARKDALE'S OPTICIAN

Now is the Time to order your winter suit and F. A. Baker's is the Place

to procure a fit that will give comfort and satisfaction.

F. A. BAKER
HILL'S BLOCK, MARKDALE

The Standard will be sent to new subscribers to the end of next year for \$1.00 cash.

Markdale's Greatest Store **F. T. HILL & CO.**

Dress Goods and Mantles

Too much could scarcely be said in praise of our magnificent collection of New Dress Materials.

That we have almost everything that could possibly be desired goes without saying while prices will be found lower than you've ever known them.

For instance:

Black Figured Dress Goods 28 inch, bright silk finish, regular 20c, special.....	19	Ladies Cloth Suitings, English manufacture, lustrous finish and heavy enough for tailored suits, in two shades of Gray, 58 inch, special per yard	1.50
Black Dress Serge, 40 inch goods, winter weight, regular 35c, special at.....	25	50 Dress Patterns, strictly up-to-date goods, black and colors, per dress length \$2 up to.....	9.00
Black Henrietta, 44 inch, splendid weight, excellent finish, regular 60c, special per yard.....	38	Plaid Dress Goods, double fold, 10 patterns, good colorings and serviceable weavers, special.....	75
Black Serge Dress Goods, 50 inch, extra fine all wool, regular 65c, special.....	48	MANTLES	
Blue Grey Ladies Cloth, 48 inch, dustless weave, all wool, thoroughly shrunken and weighty, regular 75c, special.....	52	We have just passed into stock our second large importation of GERMAN MADE MANTLES. These are recognized as the most perfect fitting and best finished goods to be had, but owing to the advanced season we have marked them at low, quick-selling prices. These are but a few:—	
Plaid Wrapper Materials, double fold, some very pretty goods, per yard.....	20	Black Knotted Serge Mantle, buttoned up to throat, trim collar, trimmed with straps and pearls, buttons, only.....	3.50
Tweed Dress Goods, an unlimited number of patterns from which to select at 18c, 22c.....	25	Black Cur Mantle, plain lined, strapped front and collar, nicely finished, only.....	5.50
Black Satinet, serge back, a beautifully rich finished plain goods, special.....	52	Beaver Cloth Mantles in New Blue, Myrtle, Brown, Fawn, Black, etc., strapped front, 4 pearl buttons, silk stitched, only.....	5.85
Black Novelty Dress Goods, silk raised effects, ground, prettily covered with new and exclusive designs, dandy to select from for full dresses or stylish skirts, regular 90c, special.....	68	Frieze Mantle in Black, Brown, Fawns, Myrtles, New Blues, deep storm collar inlaid with velvet an excellent and perfect finished garment.....	5.90
Black Blister Crepons, bright silk raised figures, most elegant goods shown, designs the newest, regular 82c, special per yard.....	1.50	Frieze Mantles, silk lined in all the newest styles and colors, price.....	5.75
Plaid Dress Goods, silk mixture, new colorings and patterns, regular 75 to 78c, goods selling at.....	43	Black Cur Mantle, silk lined, 6 fancy buttons, satin piping in seams and around collar and pockets, no more desirable or more stylish garment to be had, price.....	7.75
Fancy Tweed Effect Dress Goods, 40 inch in Greys, Fawns, Drabs, etc., regular 55c, special.....	40	We have scores of other mantles from \$2 up to \$10	
Colored Cashmere, 44 inch, silk finish in Garnet, Navy, Myrtle, Fawn, Brown, Drab, etc., regular 65c, special.....	37		

We are in perfect readiness for the biggest kind of business—Stocks never were so complete as now. Cash buyers are saving money here on every purchase.

F. T. HILL & CO., Markdale