

SEEDS SEEDS SEEDS SEEDS
Seeds
Field Seeds!
and CLOVER
 Common Red and Lucerne,
 Grass, Millet and Lawn
 Sugar Beets.
 Garden Seeds.
 Flower Seeds.
 When you can do just
 home industries. Come
 and see qualities.
McFarland, Stafford & Co.
 MARKDALE, ONT.
 We're Queer.
 The following paragraph, originating
 with the Clarksburg Reflector, has
 made the rounds of most of the county
 newspapers:
 "Markdale is a queer place. The
 merchants there make plenty of money;
 on seldom hear of a failure, so it is
 done by paying more for produce
 or less than cost, but they get that
 and draw large crowds that
 fight do quite as well or better
 their home. On a dull day occasionally
 some man with a big family
 connection will happen in town with a few
 pounds of inferior butter and an old
 sheepskin. A couple of buyers get
 after him and run up the price to ten
 times what the stuff is worth. Immediately
 he goes home, tells his neighbor
 that he got and the next day the whole
 world and his wife drive into Markdale
 peddling the same treatment. They
 don't get there without spending
 money and indirectly the purchase of
 a previous day acts as an advertisement
 to try to sell a sheepskin or the best
 butter for the day, and no matter how
 little the day is he will get no more than
 his goods are worth. A good story is
 told of a resident of that place who had
 a pork to sell. He sent it to market
 with his own rig, but could not get
 at he considered its value, so he
 brought it around to a well known farm-
 sleigh, sent it up to the market and
 secured an extravagant price for it.
 Although the item is not intended as
 advertisement of Markdale's market,
 it serves the purpose admirably,
 as we are aware that for years trade
 that perily belongs to surrounding towns
 has been coming here owing to the
 fact that we have a market for anything
 farmer has to sell and the prices
 always what the state of the market
 allow. Occasionally our dealers
 pay seven or eight dollars for a
 sheep and four or five for a sheepskin,
 that is only a symptom of our
 earnestness and the farmers understand
 as well as anyone else. These
 people only increase the trade in so far
 as they are likely to go where such things
 rather than to places where they
 do not occur, with the hope that the
 press will display itself while the
 thing for their produce is taking
 place. If a good market, progressive
 and splendid stores and obliging
 dealers constitute being queer, then
 Markdale is a mighty queer place.
Cure a Cold in One Day
 Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets
 Druggists refund the money if it
 does not cure. E. W. Grove's signature
 on each box. 25c.
ATTENTION!—Trustworthy men and women to
 handle and advertise for well established house
 and financial standing. Salary \$750 a year
 expenses, all payable in cash. No cash
 required. Give references and enclose
 addressed stamped envelope. Address
 Mr. W. W. Turner, 335 Caxton Bldg., Chicago.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS
 Pet's Liquor...
 Horse and...
 We have a fe...
 Freshly put up...
 Road...
 For...
 Growing for the...
 W. W. Turner & Co.
 For sale two...
 There's a by-law...
 San... Lodge...
 Any amount of...
 For Sa...
 Tender...
 24th May Cele...
 Quarterly Com...
 Cure a Cold in One Day

Buy your garden seeds at Stephen's
 drug store.
 Bruce Mines has now a newspaper,
 the Spectator.
 Tara is taking steps towards the
 building of permanent sidewalks.
 Don't stand in a doorway where
 there's a crowd, and thus block its
 passage.
 The first steel bridge in the Yukon,
 over the Klondike river, has been
 completed.
 "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."
 A large quantity of good soap at
 popular prices at Stephen's drug store.
 Just a few of those watches left.
 Call and see them before they are all
 gone. J. H. Stephenson, jeweller and
 optician.
 The price of Portland cement has
 reduced so much this season that the
 profits of the business are said to be
 well high gone.
 T. B. Dowsley & Sons, Carriage
 Works, Owen Sound, are to move to
 Chatham this summer. That town has
 voted the firm a loan of \$30,000 for
 twenty years, free of interest, and
 exemption from taxes.
 Wanted.—Fifty new subscribers for
 balance of 1901 at thirty-five cents
 each. Any address. This is especially
 intended as an opportunity for old
 subscribers to send the STANDARD to
 friends, and is just half price. The
 offer will be open for the balance of
 this month.
 Our subscribers are hereby requested
 to examine their address label. It is
 possible that we may have overlooked
 changing it when you renewed your
 subscription, and then again, you may
 have neglected to renew. In either
 case the oversight should be speedily
 adjusted.
 It is said that a man who boards at
 one of the leading boarding houses in
 London comes to the breakfast table
 every morning, sweeps the board with
 his eyes, then closes them and mutters
 "Hebrews 13:8." Finally his landlady
 decided to borrow a bible and investi-
 gate, and the shock nearly prostrated
 her, as it will you if you do likewise.
Wanted
 Old iron, rags, rubber, horse hair
 and wool pickings wanted. I will be
 at the City Hotel, Markdale, after five
 o'clock each evening, with the excep-
 tion of Saturdays, when I will be on
 hand all day. Cash paid. H. Corn-
 field.
New Post Offices.
 Since 1896, up to the 1st March last,
 1,071 new post offices were established
 in Canada, divided as follows.—Ont-
 ario, 226; Quebec, 227; Nova Scotia,
 167; New Brunswick, 83; Prince Edward
 Island, 28; Manitoba and the North-
 West Territories, 215; British Colum-
 bia, 123.
Army Horses.
 Mr. W. K. Harkness, horse buyer,
 Toronto, was in town last week and
 secured ten horses available for army
 purposes. These included several
 purchased by Mr. A. W. Wyville previous-
 ly. Several of the citizens disposed of
 their drivers and the prices given were
 unusually high. The standing of Major
 Dent by the War office to Canada to
 purchase cavalry horses has created
 a demand for high horses unprece-
 dented in years.
Junior League.
 Last year there was some talk of
 organizing a junior league in this dis-
 trict comprising Shelburne II, Dun-
 dalk, Fiesheron and Markdale II.
 This would give six games to each club,
 and the affairs would be managed by
 representatives from each town. An
 age and weight limit would be adopted
 and any participation in the senior
 matches would bar players from the
 junior series. There would be no
 necessity of entering the C.L.A. as a
 local committee would manage the
 affairs better. It is generally under-
 stood that C.L.A. is a synonym for
 crookedness. A junior series properly
 conducted would give a great boon to
 the game here and would popularize
 our national sport.—Standard Herald.
The Home Dressmaker.
 The May Delinco is very strong
 in shirt-waist styles. Several of them
 are shown in color, so as to give an
 idea of the effect when made up in
 materials. The same number shows
 many convenient and pretty Lounging
 Gowns for warm weather. The dress-
 making article in the May Delinco
 shows how to make wash gowns for
 summer days. The article touches
 very freely on the multiplicity of
 materials that can be used for wash
 gowns. It is by Mrs. A. L. Gorman,
 the well known expert in dressmaking,
 who also answers questions in the
 Delinco regarding dressmaking
 problems. A delightful array of com-
 mencement gowns, some of them very
 simple in construction, is shown in the
 May Delinco, which is already on
 sale. These are in ample time to help
 fond mothers in making proper attire
 for sweet girl graduates.

The assessor is making his annual
 call.
 Natural gas has been found at Melita,
 Man.
 Woodstock has decided to have brick
 pavements.
 Kingston will tax Chinese laundry-
 men \$50 each.
 One hundred houses are being
 erected in Midland this spring.
 A livery will be shortly opened in
 Proton Station by Mr. T. Wyville.
 R. W. Tuck, Shelburne, has pur-
 chased the Windsor Hotel business,
 Alliston.
 While splitting kindling wood B. B.
 Miller, Police Magistrate of Warton,
 cut off his first finger.
 After "La Grippe" take Pabst Malt
 Extract. See window display at
 Stephen's drug store.
 Division Court was held in town
 Tuesday, His Honor Judge Morrison
 presiding. The docket was light and
 the sittings concluded before noon.
 It has been decided by the managing
 committee of South Grey Teachers
 Association that the convention this
 year will be held in September or early
 in October. Thos. Allen, Secretary.
 A handsome eight-page spring
 circular has been issued by Messrs.
 McFarland, Stafford & Co., advertising
 the several sections of their large store.
 A perusal of the circular will be of
 interest to everyone.
 Public notice is hereby given that
 the undersigned have leased the fishing
 privileges on the farms of John Orr,
 Thomas Arrowsmith, Mrs. Elizabeth
 White and John White, and that tres-
 passers will be prosecuted. Unsworth
 & Young. 1077-94
 An easterly snow storm reached this
 district Saturday, amounting here to
 two or three inches in depth. It took
 its departure the following day. At
 Lockport, N. Y., twelve inches of snow
 was reported and at Buffalo over half
 a foot. The moisture was needed and
 served as a fertilizer to the land.
 The Citizens' Band made their initial
 appearance for the season on Friday
 evening last. The band is now twenty
 strong and made a splendid appear-
 ance. The music rendered was excel-
 lent and reflected great credit on the
 leader, Mr. Perkins, and the individual
 members. Another open air concert
 will be given on Friday evening of this
 week.
 The fishing tug Heather Belle while
 on the way from White Cloud Island
 to Owen Sound, on Sunday last, was
 overtaken by the ice floes from the
 north shore and frozen in about six
 miles from the harbor. The crew ran
 short of provisions and a foraging
 party had a perilous trip ashore in a
 canoe, having frequently to carry it
 over ice floes.
Eggs for Hatching.
 Barred Plymouth Rocks from the
 Thompson strain, and White Irahma
 eggs. All prize winners. J. D. Brooks,
 Walters Falls.
Toronto's Big Hotel.
 The work of tearing down the build-
 ing on the site of the new palace hotel
 on King street east, is proceeding
 rapidly. Issey & Co., the contractors,
 have about 150 men engaged in the
 work of demolition. The contract for
 the construction of the new building
 has not yet been awarded. The stone
 lion, which for over thirty years has
 been a notable mark in front of the
 Walker building, was taken down
 recently. It was of solid stone, in five
 pieces, bolted together with iron rods,
 and weighed nearly three tons.
Flowers
 The flower garden of Mr. J. Caesar,
 C.P.R. agent, is a pleasant contrast to
 the general squalid appearance of
 nature these spring days. The pret-
 tiest feature is a bed shaped like a huge
 anchor, and bright with many colored
 crocuses in full bloom. The company
 recognizes the value of nicely kept
 flower gardens in improving the appear-
 ance of their depots, and encourage
 their employees by providing seeds
 gratis and offering prizes each year for
 the best kept and prettiest gardens.
 Mr. Caesar secured first prize for this
 division last year and bids fair to re-
 peat the act this season.
Fire.
 Fire was discovered in the back part
 of Mrs. Graham's residence on Satur-
 day morning last about three o'clock
 by Mr. Wm. Burnett, next door
 neighbor, who was awakened by the
 crackling of the flames. The alarm
 was given and efforts were directed
 towards controlling the flames, which
 were successful, and the fire was con-
 fined to the kitchen and woodhouse,
 which were destroyed, together with
 the contents. The brick portion of the
 house also suffered considerably from
 smoke and water. The loss is covered
 by insurance. Mrs. Graham wishes
 through this medium to heartily thank
 the neighbors for their kind assistance,
 as it was entirely owing to their hard
 work the house was saved.

McFarland, Stafford & Co.
 MARKDALE, ONT.
 Grey County's Biggest Store

Interesting Prices for shrewd Buyers.

A visit to the Wholesale Centre this week enables us to offer these extraordinary BARGAINS. If interested in saving money read carefully:

- 25 pieces Flannelette, full 82 inches wide, in light and dark shades, the regular 7 and 8 cent qualities on sale this week at
- 20 dozen Ladies pure all-wool, ribbed Cashmere Hose, sizes 31, 32, 33, regular 50 cent qualities on sale this week at per pair
- 10 dozen childrens' pure, all-wool cashmere hose, assorted, cream, red and black, good value at 25 cts. a pair, on sale this week at
- 30 Door Mats, assorted fancy patterns of Jute Brussels carpet, deep wool fringe all around, the regular 25 cent rugs, on sale this week at
- 50 white and colored Bed Spreads, extra large size, good weight and handsome patterns, every one good value at \$1.25, on sale this week at
- 20 handsome Repp Table Covers, extra large size, in assorted patterns and shades of reds, blues, greens, etc. Every cloth worth in the regular way \$2.00 each, on sale this week at
- 50 pair Ladies Corsets, guaranteed steel filled. The regular \$5 each quality, on sale this week at per pair
- 3 pieces Tapestry Carpet, neat pattern, 35 cts. a yard, on sale this week at
- 3 handsome patterns in Jute Brussels carpet, best quality and good value in regular way at 50 cents a yard, on sale this week at
- 650 Rolls Wall Paper, either white or brown ground—nice floral designs, ceilings and borders to match on sale this week at per single roll

We have received many compliments this season about our Prints, Satens and Muslins, and feel justified in saying we have by far the most handsome range of patterns ever opened out in this store.

Another shipment of Imported Mercerized Satens just to hand. They comprise a most handsome lot of patterns in a heavy, rich, glossy finished cloth. Ask to see them. No need to buy unless you wish.

McFARLAND, STAFFORD & CO.,
 Grey County's Biggest Store.



Personal Mention.
 Miss Caesar likes her new home at Chilliwick, B. C.
 Mrs. C. W. Rutledge is visiting friends at Toronto and Avon.
 County Crown Attorney Mackay, of Owen Sound, attended Division Court in town on Tuesday.
 Miss Mitchell, from Watford, fills the vacancy on the Markdale Public School teachers staff caused by the resignation of Miss Brown.
 Mr. Hutton, of MacKay & Hutton, barristers, Owen Sound, attended Division Court in town, Tuesday. He paid this office a friendly call.
 Mr. J. W. Knott, of Markdale, was in town on Tuesday, the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. J. W. Boyd, of Stephen Bros. and Boyd, druggists, Clarksburg Reflector.
 Ice cream is being sold in Owen Sound.
 Four weeks from Friday will be the 24th.
 Let there be a thorough cleaning up of yards, back and front.
 Fishing season opens May 2nd. Get your tackle at Turner's and be ready for it.
 Garden-Seed. We sell them by the ounce and put them up in packages ourselves. Reliable and true to name. W. Turner & Co.
 Warning—All persons are hereby warned against fishing or trespassing on lot west 1 of 2, concession 2, Euphrasia. Chas. Dowding.
 Evangelistic services are being held every evening except Saturday in the Methodist church, Mr. and Mrs. Collycott conducting the same. Both attendance and interest are increasing.
 A Great Liner.
 The Celtic, the largest ocean liner afloat, belonging to the White Star Line, was launched at Belfast, Scotland, on Friday, April 5th, 1901. It is not quite so long as her sister ship, the Oceanic, lacking about five feet. She is 700 feet long and has a tonnage of 20,800 tons, and is the first ship to exceed 20,000 tons. The launching was a great event in Belfast and was witnessed by thousands.

Get the best Bicycle Parts and Sundries
 and then you won't have any breakdowns on the road. Complete line for the coming season.
 Bells, Lamps, Pumps, hand foot, oil, cement Rims, Tires, Inner tubes, Saddles, Peddles, Toe clips, Grips, Wrenches,
 and all other bicycle parts and repairs.
SPECIAL
 A Good Foot Pump for FIFTY cents.
J. H. Stephenson,
 Next door to post office,
 Agent for Brantford Bicycles.

Markdale Markets.
 Reported each Wednesday.
 Fall wheat... \$ 63 to 63
 Spring wheat... 65 to 65
 Goose wheat... 60 to 60
 Barley... 30 to 30
 Oats... 28 to 28
 Potatoes... 62 to 63
 Butter... 14 to 16
 Eggs, fresh... 9 to 11
 Hay, best ton... 9 00 to 10 00
 Potatoes, per bag... 25 to 30
 Wool... 8 to 14
 Beef... 5 00 to 6 00
 Pork... 6 50 to 8 00
 Hides... 4 00 to 6 00
 Goose, per lb... 6 to 7
 Turkey, per lb... 50 to 60
 Ducks, per pair... 35 to 40
 Chickens... 35 to 40
 Apples, per bag... 75 to 1 00
 Flour, per bbl... 3 30 to 3 90
 Bran, per cwt... 40 to 50
 Shorts, per cwt... 30 to 40
 Chop, per cwt... 1 10 to 1 10
 Chop, per ton... 1 05 to 1 05
 Sheep, per lb... 50 to 90

FOR STYLISH Hair Cutting, Shaving, Shampooing, Singing, etc., go to...
J. A. CROWSTON
 Special attention to Ladies and Children's hair cutting. A call solicited.
 Agent: Bolton Steam Laundry, Shop on Main Street.

SPRING SUITINGS
 We are now showing a complete range of all the newest and most fashionable materials in all the leading shades of
Canadian and Oxford Tweeds, blue & black, twill, Worsted.
 All goods new and prices low.
R. S. RAE,
 Merchant Tailor, Markdale.

TO BE SUITED
 Is very desirable, especially in a
CUT and FIT....
 of a suit of clothes. The garments wear longer, and the wearer will feel much more comfortable when the suit fits properly and does not bind. You cannot go astray by leaving your measure with
George Dundas,
 MARKDALE,
 Over McFarland & Co's Store.