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Colored Cambric Shirts, 50, 65, 75, 85 and $1.00. No such value elsewhere.

MERCER'S.

MARKDALE, MARCH 27, 1902.

NOTES.

Derby township has abolished statute labor.

Hon. J. T. Garrow has been promoted to a Judgeship of the High Court of Ontario.

Narton's newly organized board of trade is agitating for a registry office at that town.

In South Africa the happiest Boers are those who have had the good luck to be captured.

New York pays over $12,000 a year for postage, being 20 per cent of the entire United States revenue from that source.

The will of the late Marquis of Dufferin, who died February 21st last, was probated last week. The estate is valued at £108,548.

Those six New Jersey lads who were spanked by the police officers do not think much of the law which thus sanctions an attack from the rear.

The C.P.R. freight offices at Winnipeg were destroyed by fire on Friday evening. The origin of the fire is a complete mystery. Loss about $15000.

Mrs. Minnie Gordon, whose husband was killed by an explosion at the C. P. R. shops in Owen Sound, has issued a warrant against the C.P.R. for $10,000.

Mr. Alex. Munro, one of Wellington County pioneers, died on Friday of last week at the age of 88 years. He was a reader of the Globe newspaper since its first number.

Sir Wm. McDonald, of Montreal, has added to his many gifts of McGill University by giving $20,000 towards the library fund of the university, which will now be largely increased.

Sir Oliver Mowat, Ontario's grand old man, is in poor health, and unable to perform official duties which pertains to his office of Lieutenant-Governor. Sir Oliver is in his eighty-second year and his long life has been full of activity and usefulness.

Much to be regretted is the loss of the Huronian, for which hopes are no longer entertained. More than fifty lives have perished with the splendid vessel which was built a year ago for the Messrs. Allan, and has been used since as a South African transport. The cause of the disaster is a mystery, and a mystery it will in all probability remain.

A man named Scroggie in Montreal used to refuse to advertise his dry goods. He was pointed to with pride in some quarters as a successful business man who didn't advertise. Then he started advertising, seemed to like the taste, and at present he is grasping at half-pages daily, more or less in most of the Montreal papers. It begins to look as though he would need a newspaper for himself. And they say his business is bursting out through the cracks in his building.

The Canadian point of view is Canada. From that point of view we can see not the least necessity for present change in our relations with the Mother Country. The Mother Country, that is to say the United Kingdom, is entirely self-governing. So is the Dominion of Canada. We have no desire to interfere in the government of the the United Kingdom. We have, if possible, still less desire to let the United Kingdom interfere in our government. Had we cherished other sentiments, the British North America Act would have been differently worded. For half a century or more Canadians struggled strenuously for self-government. They are not at all likely to voluntarily relinquish it, now that they have it. There is no reason therefore, that we can see, why we should even discuss our "political relations with the Mother Country."

Mr. F. J. Campbell, manager of the Canada Paper Co., has become general manager of the company at Montreal in place of Mr. John McFarlane, who resigned. Mr. Campbell has been connected with the Canada Paper Co. for twenty years and as manager at Toronto has proven decidedly successful. In his now advanced position he will doubtless prove even more successful.

Algoma and Nipissing are to have representatives in the next Legislature, an increase of four. The present population of the districts does not justify so large an increase, but the population of Sault Ste Marie, Port Arthur and Rainy River District and the Temiskaming country is growing very rapidly. The change will bring the total membership of the House up to 98, which is about fifty per cent more than the number needed to transact the business of the province satisfactorily.

We have information that the two big department stores in Toronto, Eaton's and Simpson's, are going in for spring catalogues far beyond the scope of their previous ones. For instance they are going in extensively for colored illustrations to advertise fabrics of all kinds, including carpets, etc. Every effort is being made in this way to secure trade that rightly belongs to the town merchant. If what we hear of the effectiveness of these catalogues is true, more business than ever will go to the big city stores. Town merchants should meet this competition by putting all possible energy and originality into their advertising methods.

Some men make a mistake by discontinue their advertising when business is dull. Others make a mistake by neglecting to change what is in their space because business is dull. It would be just as reasonable for a newspaper to republish the same items day by day been as there was not anything happening to take the place of that which was published yesterday. Such a newspaper would lose many of its subscribers, because the average person does not care to read a second time the trival items which are given in the papers from day to day. If business is dull the merchant might make it lively by publishing some business news which would create talk, and get people into the habit of coming to his store. If values are good enough they will create business any time or any season. No matter how much or how little others may be doing there is always a possibility for more business as a result of better advertising.

Traverston

Spring work has begun. Will Connor set the plow agoing on Monday. John McNally is busy picking stones and a score of other fellows have lit the morning fires an hour earlier.

Mr. John Hudson and wife, of Bentinck, were out on a visit to the Peart families the beginning of the week.

Willie McNally, jr., of the 6th, has been engaged by Mr. Geo. Furneaux to help on the farm for some months. Willie is an active fellow and has secured a good sit on his first leaving home.

Zionites are to have a rousing good time on the night of April 3rd. The programme is to be wholly from "Old Favorites;" hence, old songs, ancient ballads, stirring old poems are to be given by the best talent in the vicinity.

Miss Nellie McNaliy left for Grand Rapids, Michigan, last week. "Nell" is a general favorite and will be sorely missed.

Mr. Bert Cook came home during the late hours of Saturday night from the Queen City. He is one of the bright students in the Medical College there and is a third-year man.

Mrs. M. McClocklin, of the 4th, who has been in Flesherton for some time, is back to the old home again.

Dick Davis left Monday morning for the uplands of Proton. "He's a wag, is Dick, and a most likeable fellow to boot. We'll miss him a good deal, for when hard pushed with work, it was only the matter of a few minutes to climb over the line fence and get a hand that knew how to push.

County News Letters

By Our Own Correspondents.

Kimberley

Miss Kate Duggan, of Schomberg, is on a visit at the residence of Mr. Jas. Stuart.

Miss Jennie Graham has been on a short visit to town with her friends.

Mr. Hugh Phillips, of Thessalon, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Stafford, the parents of his late wife.

Mr. Robinson Riddle, of Boliver, Penn., U. S. A., is here rusticating at the palatial residence of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond. His parents were here a short time, and we hope they and many others will come over and stay here.

The wife of Mr. Jas. Myles, (Spring Brook Farm,) died after a short illness aged 53 years. The sympathetic friends and neighbors went to Meaford to perform the last sad rites in the burial of a kind friend and faithful christian.

Messrs. Ellis, Hurd and Knott were to the sale of thoroughbred cattle in Britannia, County of Peel, last week. A fine bull was secured for $135 for this section. Mr. F. A. Gardiner was the owner of the noble animal. Now a few farmers will own better stock in Euphrasia.

Mr. John McGowan sent a load of flour to Duncan, and got a car of Manitoba wheat from Markdale, via. Hugh Hammond.

Mr. George Knott, of Markdale, drove to the parental home. He called on his uncle, Mr. Wm. Best, and family.

Mr. John McKenzie and son Dan, of Duncan, were visitors at Mr. Thomas Smith's, where Miss Blanche and the new boy dwell.

Last Sunday was a very warm day with a gentle north wind here.

Mr. Thos. Hawkins intends moving to Meaford to-morrow, (Tuesday.)

When will a ditch be made to remove that pond of filthy water where Master Harold Proctor fell in, or must we contidue to suffer and pay for neglect.

A shed for wood at our school is needed very much.

Mr. Jas. Laidlaw did act the good Samaritan for Mr. Risk's sick horse.

Mr. Joseph Ferris took $6.00 cash in prizes for good seed grain recently.

It's delightful to hear the bird's singing these frosty mornings.

Tommie Cornfield still throws stones at the dog on the street. Yet his leg is crooked since he ran against the stove.

Wood bees are all the rage here. The well-to-do seem to have others to saw wood while the needy are neglected.

"Kit," of the Mail and Empire, lost two fine dogs by poison. But if Tom Cornfield was around there he would stone them to death.

Mr. Charlie Wickens is O. K. again. He is at pruning orchards.

Several have started the plow.

Markaway

Mr. Caesar, of Lyons Head, is visiting friends in the neighborhood.

Miss Minnie and Mr. Robert Longheed attended the reception of Miss Price and Mr. Hayes at his home, Holland, on Wednesday evening of last week.

We understand that Mr. Will Carbert purchased a driver at a sale recently. Must intend to do some driving, Will.

Mr. Southerland, of Holland, and Miss Annie Carbert spent Sunday at the latter's home here.

Miss Dohesty, of Cherry Grove, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. W. Lyons.

Miss M. Lyons, of Markdale, spent Sunday with her cousin, Miss Moore.

Miss Bethel Staples returned home Saturday night from Grand Valley, where she has been visiting friends.

Mr. and Miss Lyons, of Markdale, spent Sunday with their cousin, Miss Katie Lyons.

Mr. Jno. Steer wears a smile these days. It's twin boys.

The people of the Methodist church held a wood bee in J. & R. Miller's bush on Friday last.

The assessor was in this neighborhood last week.

Mr. Squires, Inspector for the Bradley Lumber Co., of Hamilton, is engaged at Miller's mill this week.

A certain young man tells us that walking is good on Saturday nights, especially when you get your rubbers faked in town and find it compulsary to walk home in the mud.

For the good of my health I lately visit Goring.—W.B.

Tell us when you are coming back to the Town Line again, and we will try to have your own girl for you.—J.E.

Since certain people have come home I will have to start using my buggy.—A.H.

Mistake last week.—Since I got the G.B. up north I have had hard lines elsewhere.—D.L.

On account of the recent thaw and consequently the absence of snow, I find my road very stony.—R.L.

Maxwell

Mrs. T. Clark, accompanied by her niece, Miss Burnice Tuck, returned from Markdale last week.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Albert Long is recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mr. Sherd Field and Miss Violet Glassford spent last Sunday in Markdale.

Mrs. Robt. Wellar returned home last Friday after visiting a couple of weeks with relatives in Nobleton.

Mrs. Speers, of Feversham, was the guest of Mrs. Bemrose last week.

Mr. Sherd Field left last Monday for Flesherton, where he is going to learn blacksmithing with Mr. D. McTavish. We wish him success.

Mr. Wm. Bemrose left last Saturday for the Soo.

(Messrs. G. Long and J. Bemrose were in Collingwood last Saturday.

The young people of our vicinity enjoyed themselves at the home of Mr. Thos. Gay last Monday evening.

Irish Lake

With the approach of spring the young people are returning daily that left last fall. The latest arrivals are Messrs John Ryan and Tom Butler from Sault Ste Marie. Welcome back, boys.

Mr. Jas. White, of Scotch town, has been employed cutting wood this winter with the Jones Bros. Jim is likely to develop into a Frost wire fence agent.

Mr. Geo. Sewell has removed from Mr. John Thibaudeau's farm and leased Mr. Joe Gibson's at the nominal rent of $75.00 per annum.

Mr. Donald McRae has leased a farm near Priceville and together with his family moved thereon lately. The Lake loses one of its estimable and obliging neighbors, and we voice the sentiments of the neighborhood in wishing them every success in their new home.

Mr. Geo. Jones is busy soliciting orders and building the Frost wire fence. Geo. is a capital agent and is making rapid sales.

The contract of carrying the mail semi-weekley between Irish Lake and Priceville has been re-let. Mr. Angus J. Black is the new contractor, and will begin his duties 1st April.

The home of Mrs. A. Walsh is enlivened by the presence of her daughter Mary, who arrived from Toronto a few days ago and will probably remain the summer.

Messrs. Duncan McRae and Donald Campbell have taken a contract of cutting a quantity of wood for Mr. J. O'Hanly, and are making a record for themselves.

Mr. John O'Hearn has been assisting Mr. Thos. Symes, who resides near Markdale, in taking out timber for a barn that he intends to have erected on the Walsh farm he lately purchased. Mr. W. Banks is the contractor.

The ice has not been very good for storing away, consequently the amount cut was in most cases small. Mr. Thos. Sullivan secured his share, but was enabled to do so the more easily by living in such proximity to the Lake.

Rocklyn

Miss Kate Neely returned home after a short visit to Vandeleur friends last Monday.

Miss Mary Clugston and Mr. James Rayburn returned last Monday from Caledon where they had been visiting friends.

Miss Mary Smith, of Keady, is the guest of relatives in these parts this week.

Mr. S. Cook found a watch last week which was lost before the first snow last winter and at once returned it to the owner. This speaks well for Mr. Cook for if some people had found it, it would have never been restored.

Miss Rhoda Yeadell is visiting in town this week.

Mr. Edgar Neely left Tuesday morning for Mr. Joseph Erskine's, where he is hired for three months.

Dundalk

It becomes our painful duty in this week's budget to have to chronicle the death of Mr. Andrew Hood, who, after a very long and painful malady, departed this life on Thursday of last week. He was a Presbyterian in belief and was a highly respected citizen. He leaves a wife and seven of a family to mourn his loss. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved ones.

Miss Alma Richards, of Markdale, is in the employ of her uncle, Mr. J. E. Richards, merchant of this place.

We were glad to get a hearty grasp of the hand of ye editor on Saturday.

We understand that Miss Taskar teacher on our public school staff, has resigned her position and leaves at Easter.

Lily Oak

Mr. James Henderson and family left last Monday for Dauphin City, in the West. Mr. Robt. Wellwood is moving onto the Henderson farm. We wish both of them prosperity in their new homes.

Mr. Thos. Bradley is getting to be quite a horse dealer.

Mr. George Page is on the sick list.

Mr. Patrick Hamilton jr. has been quite ill but is, we are pleased to report, on the mend.

Mr. John Kelly has bought from Mr. Robt. Winlaw a very fine horse for $125, for export.

Mr. S. C. Greenaway had a very successful wood bee recently.

Mr. D. McIntyre has moved onto the Lucas farm.

IMPORTANT

CLEARING AUCTION SALE.

The undersigned will sell by public auction on lot 137, con. 1 W., Artemesia on

Thursday, March 27.

The following chattels, viz.:

1 brown horse 10 years old; 1 gray mare 4 years old; 1 colt 3 yrs. old; 1 heifer rising 2 yrs. old in calf; 5 steers 2 yrs. old; 8 heifers 2 yrs.; 2 steers 1 yr.; 1 heifer 1 yr.; 1 brood sow in pig; 1 Toronto fanning mill; 1 set spring tooth harrows; 1 set iron harrows; 1 plow; 1 sod plow; 1 sulky rake, McCormick; 1 lumber wagon; 1 hay rack; 1 top buggy; 1 new cutter; 1 grind stone; 1 set double harness; 1 set single harness, new; 1 stone boat, 1 dozen new bags; 1 neckyoke; 1 set whiffletrees; Rakes, forks and all household furniture.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock.

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All sums of $10.00 and under, cash; over that amount 8 months credit will be given on approved joint notes or 8 per cent per annum off for cash in lieu of notes. Positively no reserve as proprietor is giving up farming and everything must be disposed of.

Wm. Holly, Proprietor. Geo. Noble, Auctioneer.

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Try a few pounds or a peck of the new Extra Early Hero Potato. The earliest in existence and the heaviest cropper known.

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North half of lot 11, con. 7, Euphrasia, 110 acres, 60 acres cleared and in a good state of cultivation. There is on the premises a good dwelling house, and barn 72x36 feet. Farm is well watered and well adapted for mixed farming. Apply on the premises. Fred Hogarth, Wodehouse P.O.

FLESHERTON HAPPENIN

(By our own Correspondent.)

The eight-year old daughter Andrew Beattie, Toronto Li four weeks ago seized with er in the leg which despite the mo ful medical attendance devel virulently that in order to s girl's life amputation of the lim the knee was found necessar Saturday last Drs. Middlebro, Sound, Ego, of Markdale, and of this place, performed the o successfully. Mr. and Mrs. have the sympathy of many fri the calamity that has befall little daughter.

A moving picture exhibit given by a travelling compan Town Hall here on Saturday last. There was a good-sized and we understand the pictu very good.

At the close of the Sabbath in the Presbyterian church on afternoon last the superintend Jas. Felstead, in behalf of th presented Mr. A. M. Gibson been a worker in the school teen years, and who is about this place, with a beautifully bound Teacher's Bible. Mr made a suitable reply, warm ing the Sabbath School for th appreciated token of este congregation suffers a furthe the removal of Mr. and M Dyce from Ceylon to the Proton. Mrs. Dyce has been time a valuable teacher in th School and an energetic Pr the Ladies Aid Society.

Mr. W. H. Allen, east, back disposed of his farm last successful auction sale of his implements on Friday last. Sproule wielded the hamme

Rev. M. N. Bethune, who the union evangelistic meet the past three weeks, had to Saturday last to fill an en Barrie. The meetings are this week in the Methodist the pastors of the congreg

Mr. John Heard spent Toronto visiting his moth St. John's Hospital Mrs. Heard, we are plea is making some impro

The monthly meet Arthur Lodge A.F. & A of special interest were initiated into the Order and after the business an enjoy spent at the refre

Mr. S. Dinnide, town on Saturday last

Mrs. J. W. Heal is visiting relatives in vicinity.

Miss Kate Beddes sister at Proton.

Mr. Oscar Phillips past year in the McTavish, left on situation with Mr. pawa, Man.

Miss Aggie Gil on Monday.

Messrs. John and McTaskey, Mich., Mr. D. McTavish were accompanied home at Mt. Fore

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