

R. H. BENSON & CO.

GIVING UP BUSINESS IN MARKDALE.

THIS WEEK WE OFFER OUR 3 STORES AND DWELLING TO RENT OR SELL. Dwelling above Stores.

Only a few weeks more in Markdale. We thank the people of this country for their liberal patronage during our stay in Markdale. We have a big stock of goods left in our three stores here. The best stock to choose from in this country. We were too late to cancel our spring goods hence you have all our new stock to choose from. Everything less than wholesale price.

Do not let this opportunity pass by. We can save you money on every purchase. We have a nobby line of Spring Suits at \$4 a suit less than regular price to your order or ready made. All accounts must be settled in the next ten days otherwise they will be placed in court for collection.

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ONE OF GLENELG'S PIONEERS.

Sketch of the Life of James Edge, now in his 80th year.—Over Fifty Years in Municipal Life.

This noted son of the Emerald Isle was born in the County of Wicklow on January 5th, 1822. His ancestors are of good stock and the family are proud of their lineage. His parents were Robert Edge and Lucy Nuseum. The family came to this country in 1814, James being in his 21st year.

They settled first on the Garafraza Road on the Rock, but in 1846, the subject of this sketch settled on the farm where he now resides. That was 50 years ago. The whole country was a wilderness of woods. Few, very few settlers were in the township. Soon his home was reared and a clearance made.

Two years later he wedded winsome Maria Davis, and truly that was one of the unions cemented by Heaven. The Davis' are progressive and highly respected everywhere. No true wife or tender mother exists than Mrs. Edge. In fact, she is known far and wide for her kindness of heart and motherhood. It has always been a home of open-hearted hospitality.

To them were born ten children, five of whom died in infancy or early years, so they have never known sorrow. Four girls and one son are living today, all well-wedded and prosperous. Four years ago on the 8th of December last they celebrated their Golden Wedding, and never has a home been more packed with a happy throng. It was a night ever to be remembered. Dr. Jamieson of Durham, presided over the meeting in his happiest humor.

Mr. Edge's business and executive abilities were early recognized. He served as collector for the township, several years as councillor, fourteen consecutive years as Reeve and for the past twenty-six he has filled the position as Treasurer. Filled each position with credit to himself and with honor to the township.

In 1874 in a hot and close contest he was defeated for the reeveship by the late affable and most popular Finlay McRae, who years after he had retired from public life paid Mr. Edge the highest compliment possible at a monster meeting in the Township Hall on Nomination Day. "There is no more honest man in the township

of Glenelg to-day," said Mr. McRae, "and I've good reason for thinking that statement."

As soon as the County Council knew that Mr. Edge was free from municipal duties, they sent for him and offered him the heavy task of valuating the country. He agreed to do so, if they would choose his colleagues. Readily this was granted and he selected the late Thos. Caeney of Osprey and Jas. Braithwaite of Sydenham, and the success of their labors has often been verified in the County Council.

Besides his positions in the township, he has successfully filled many others. For over a score of years he has been postmaster at Edge Hill; for many years he was head in the local Grange, here, and over \$2,000 worth of goods a year passed gratuitously through his hands; for nearly forty-five years he has been President of South Grey Agricultural Society, and its successful career has been largely due to his efforts. For over two score years has he been a magistrate; several times County Master in the Orange Order and is an honorary life member.

Even taking an active part in the Conservative cause, he has been one of the most influential, and more than once helped the Party to victory. Mr. Edge is a liberal supporter of the Anglican Church and is most broad-minded on church subjects. His religion is of the practical sort and many a deed of mercy and kindness has he done, in his own quiet way. Cleat-headed, tender-hearted, the old gentleman has befriended many a ratepayer during trying times.

The men who have been associated with him longest in the various positions he has filled are the ones who most warmly speak his praise. On retiring from the treasurership of the township last December, some rate-payers thought after so many years filling the position, mistakes might have been made and so sent away a petition asking for a provincial audit. The council were opposed to it and so were the great majority of the rate-payers. But the auditor came and his report was before the council at its last meeting. It is a commendable report in many respects and it agrees to a cent with the reports of the township auditors and Mr. Edge's book; most complimentary to the honesty and uprightness of the many connected with the same.

Now, he and his aged partner are free from much worry, are as happy

and lover-like as wooers in June, and 'tis a pleasant sight to see them on a balmy day strolling amid their flower beds or sitting cozily in the shade of their vine-clad verandah. We voice the wishes of the many when we trust that their sunset years may be prolonged and health and strength continue.

R.T.E.

Priceville
Seedling has fairly commenced although not much has been done yet. Weather has been fine during the past week. Fall wheat has good appearance. The water in the Saugeen river is getting down and will soon be at its natural height.

Peter McArthur spent a few days in Toronto last week making arrangements to start a hardware branch in connection with their dry goods store. This is a step in the right direction, as we need a hardware badly in Priceville.

Malcolm McInnis, D. Road, Glenelg is suffering with appendicitis, but we are pleased to hear he is getting better without having to undergo an operation.

John McArthur & Sons put gasoline lights into their store lately, and it makes a great improvement in the light service.

James McDonald (Red Jim) had his thumb smashed with a sledge while holding fence posts. Dr. Dixon put nine stitches in the wounded member. He will be laid up all spring.

We're pleased to hear that Donald McMillan's family are all getting better.

Dr. Jamieson, M.P., and Charles McKinnon, ex-Warden of Grey, were in town one evening lately.

A number from here attended the funeral of Miss Richardson at Flesherton last Thursday.

The executors of the late Alex. McPherson had a sale on Monday, the 21st inst., of farm stock and implements. Dugald McCormick wielded the hammer.

Quite a number of our citizens attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Bolger, Dundalk.

James McDonald, who got his leg broken two months ago, is able to be about now with the aid of crutches.

Dr. Dixon is kept busy attending to all his patients. The Doctor has good patience, consequently he is ready to respond to a call at any time day or night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector McLean, of this place, spent a couple of weeks visiting friends at Nobleton, King township, and other places. They returned last week.

Berkeley

Mrs. Rowe, widow of the late Peter Rowe, and mother of Rowe Bros. of this place, died on Thursday last, aged 70 years. The remains were interred in the Presbyterian burying ground here on Saturday. Rev. Mr. Hunter, of Markdale, conducted the services.

Wm. Gibson is able to be around again after his recent illness.

Mrs. Allen left on Wednesday last for Proto Station and Mr. Steele is in residence at the Berkley Hotel.

Mr. Thavers, of Liverpool, England, is the guest of Thomas Mitchell.

Miss Weston, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. McNally, left on Friday last for her home in Birmingham, England.

John Kelly, of Lily Oak, shipped from this station on Tuesday one car containing nine horses besides a quantity of settlers' effects for the North West. Our C.P.R. agent is having an addition built to his dwelling at the station. Something else will follow.

Perkely Orangemen have received invitations from Tara and Orangefield to attend the 13th of July celebration.

They grow our seed productive; give a good time; all kinds; and best.

Stephen's Drug Store.

R. E. Nugent, Methodist minister and ex-conference in Plattsville, Ontario, from paralysis.

Mrs. Marsh has had a

recently overhauled and proved on Main street.

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