

MERCER'S, Markdale's Cheapest and Most Reliable Store.

Fresh Arrivals of NEW GOODS

New Hats

This store sets the pace for Hats. If there is anything new we have it.

New Umbrellas

There's no better place to buy your umbrella than here.

Boots and Shoes.

Here you can always depend upon getting the best value in Boots and Shoes for men and boys, ladies, Misses and children.

Readymade Clothing for Men and Boys

We believe we have the best value in Ready-Made Suits to be had anywhere.

New Neckties.

Our new Ties will be here in good time for Easter.

Colored Muslins, Blousings and Dress Goods

We have just received another shipment of the above goods in dress and waist lengths.

Mens Fine Colored Shirts.

Variety—the biggest; quality—the best; styles—the latest and most exclusive.

Mens Waterproof or Rain Coats.

Is there any good reason why you haven't a rain coat? It can't be because of the price.

H. MERCER, MARKDALE.

THE MARKDALE STANDARD

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Toronto Opera House was entirely destroyed by fire last Wednesday.

A feature of the South African war was the extensive use of telegraphy. The Royal Engineers laid down over 18,000 miles of wire!

The neighboring towns of Port Arthur and Port William have established municipal telephone systems. It need hardly be said that the Bell Telephone Company has fought the municipal ownership scheme with vigor.

A bill has been introduced into the Imperial House of Commons to amend the libel law. It provides that no action for the recovery of damages against the proprietor, editor or publisher of a newspaper shall be commenced without first convincing the attorney general or the solicitor general that there is reasonable ground for action.

A Brandon settler, according to the Nor-West Farmer, owns an old account book which shows that in 1885 he paid \$5.50 for ten pounds of coffee; \$3.33 for ten pounds of sugar; \$1.77 for twelve spoons of thread; \$1.70 for one gallon of kerosene oil.

The Dominion Government, as announced in the speech from the throne, has decided to appoint a commission to enquire into and report upon the transportation and the terminal facilities in Canada.

Major-General Sir Hector Macdonald, commanding the British forces in Ceylon, and one of the foremost officers in the British army, against whom charges based on immoral acts were filed some time ago, committed suicide last Wednesday at Paris by shooting.

Since Confederation there have been thirty-seven openings of Parliaments, six of which have taken place in January, seventeen in February, five in March, five in April, and one each in August, October, November, December.

The Irish Secretary, Mr. Wyndham, introduced the Government's long anticipated Irish Land Bill in the British House of Commons last Wednesday. It proposes a free grant of \$60,000,000 for the purposes of the bill.

The shortage in farm laborers is not confined to Ontario. "From every point from which we have been able to get information, says the Nor-West Farmer, there has this spring come the story of a shortage of really good farm hands and a demand by those who are available for an almost exorbitant scale of wages.

ENJOYABLE EVENING.

On Monday evening of last week about forty of the neighbors assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hannah, before their departure for Markdale.

DEAR MR. AND MRS. HANNAH—The pleasant duty has been assigned to me by my friends to read this address: We your neighbors and friends have assembled here this evening to show how we have appreciated your kindness while you have resided among us.

The address was read by Mr. F. J. Richardson. Mr. Hannah made a very appropriate reply, expressing the pleasure they felt in the acceptance of the costly and beautiful presents from their kind neighbors and friends.

BODILY WEAKNESS

A Distracting Condition, that is Permanently Cured by Ferrozene. A Pleasant Remedy in Tablet Form to be Taken After Each Meal.

All fagged out ideas come as slow as molasses in January. You think of things just a minute or so too late. Snap is gone, and the buoyancy and strength that makes life a pleasure, that's gone too.

The doctor would say that you are run down, and you don't eat or digest enough. Your stomach requires some aid, and probably your digestion needs a brace. The blood should have phosphorus and iron to strengthen and purify it.

F. T. HILL & CO. We cordially invite the ladies of Markdale and vicinity with their friends to our Spring Millinery Opening

which takes place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 2nd, 3rd and 4th

Miss Stein and a capable staff of assistants will be pleased to show you everything that dame fashion decrees as being correct for the present season's wearing. Please remember the dates—Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

In connection with our Millinery Opening we shall place on sale some very remarkable offerings among which will be found:

50c New Shirt Waists for 25c. 20 dozen—240 Print Shirt Waists, beautiful assortment of patterns and grounds, self collars, very prettily made and absolutely perfect fitting.

75c Corsets per pair 39c. 10 dozen—120 pair Corsets, new up-to-date styles, steel filled, splendid corsets have no superior anywhere at seventy-five cents, but having price we pass the entire saving onto our customers.

In our HARDWARE Department will be found a big new stock of: Tinware, all kinds; Milk Pails; Churns; Granite, all kinds; Strainers; Washing Machines; Milk Cans; Butter Bowls; Clothes Washers; Cream Cans; Butter Tubs; Hoops, etc.

PAINTS! PAINTS! PAINTS! PAINTS! In Ramsay's Paint we have one of the best, most satisfactory and durable paints that is to be had anywhere.

F. T. HILL & CO.

Spring Term Tenders Wanted.

NORTHERN Business College. OWEN SOUND, ONT. Begins Monday, April 13, 1903. If you desire to secure a good business education and be ready for a good position you cannot afford to lose this opportunity.

C. P. R. TIME TABLE. MARKDALE STATION. Going South 7.30 a.m. 4.50 p.m. Going North 3.20 a.m. 9.40 p.m.

Markdale Markets. Full wheat 60 to 65; Spring wheat 55 to 60; Barley 40 to 45; Oats 28 to 30; Pease 63 to 65; Butter 14 to 15; Eggs, fresh 10 to 12; Hay, per ton 5 00 to 6 00; Potatoes, per bag 75 to 80; Wool 28 to 30; Beef 13 to 15; Pork 5 50 to 6 00; Hides 4 00 to 5 00; Geese, per lb. 4 00 to 5 00; Turkeys, per lb. 10 to 12; Ducks, per lb. 8 to 10; Chickens 6 to 8; Apples, per bag 50 to 60; Flour, per cwt. 8 70 to 9 00; Shorts, per cwt. 1 00 to 1 10; Chop wheat, per cwt. 1 30 to 1 40; Sheep oats, per cwt. 1 05 to 1 15; Sheep skins 50 to 60.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Cures Croup in Two Days. on every box, 25c.

SPASMODIC ADVERTISING. Possibly there is no class of business in so trying to the advertising man as the publisher of a newspaper. He is trying to do the advertising man because he is always expected to get him to do something for him. He is trying to do the advertising man because he is always expected to get him to do something for him.

Be Fitted

After all, there's nothing like a tailor-made suit for comfort and for durability. If you have any consideration for your personal comfort you will have your clothes made to fit, and to do so come straight to R. S. Rae, the tailor, Markdale. A superior stock of goods on hand to choose from.

Robt. S. Rae

MUSICAL

Come direct to WILSON'S MUSIC STORE, Markdale, for all kinds of...

FOUR MEN DROWNED

Four men were drowned in a disaster occurred at Bass Lake, near the Owen Sound, last Friday afternoon, by which four men were killed and one injured. The victims were William McCallum, son of John Nicol, who resides at the shore of the lake; Jas. McCallum, son of John Nicol, who resides at the shore of the lake; and two other men.