

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. We never had so many stylish shapes to show as this spring, made by the best makers, and the best money's worth that ever came from a hat factory. Derby or soft \$1.00 to \$2.50.

Boots and Shoes.

Here you can always depend upon getting the best value for Boots and Shoes for men and boys, ladies, Misses and children. No matter what you want in fine, medium or coarse footwear, you can get it here at prices not beaten by anybody for reliable shoes.

Readymade Clothing for Men and Boys.

We believe we have the best values in Ready-Made Suits to be had anywhere. The style, fit and finish of our suits are equal to tailor-made. We show all the new patterns in Tweeds. Fancy Worsteads and Twill Serge single or double breasted. See them, compare them where you like. You won't find anything to equal them at the price—Men's Suits \$1.00 to 11.00. Boys 2 pieces \$2.00 to 4.00. Boys 3 piece suits, long pants, \$5.00 to 10.00.

New Neckties.

Our new Ties will be here in good time for Easter, when we will show you all the latest novelties. Drop in and see them in the Mens store. Headquarters for Carpets, Curtains, Wall Papers, Floor Oil Cloths.

Highest prices paid for Butter and Eggs.

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! A novelty was the free use made of field cable lines, of which 3,749 miles were run. By this means and by light aerial lines, many divisions and columns were kept in touch with the Commander-in-Chief when beyond the reach of the permanent system.

The neighboring towns of Port Arthur and Fort William have established municipal telephone systems. It need hardly be said that the Bell Telephone Company has fought the municipal ownership scheme with vigor. So far the company's efforts have been without success. Recently the company made an offer to the Fort William Town Council to take over the municipal system and recoup the town for its outlay. This was promptly rejected. Some uneasiness seems to have been caused by rumors that one or other of the towns would sell out, and there is talk of the two municipalities entering into a specific agreement to act in unison in the matter.

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. The object of the bill is to prevent the institution of proceedings on frivolous pretenses with the object of levying blackmail. Something of the kind is needed in Ontario. There are few live newspapers that have not been at one time or another compelled to deal with those blackmailers and to fight—or settle—various suits that were legally disguised attempts at robbery.

New Umbrellas.

There's no better place to buy your umbrella than here. The best value we ever had to offer in 20th Century umbrellas and self-openers from \$1.00 to 2.00.

Colored Muslins, Blousings and Dress Goods.

We have just received another shipment of the above goods in dress and waist lengths, in which we have done an immense trade this spring. Why, its TOWN TALK that Mercer has by far the prettiest muslins, fancy blousings, gauze and dress goods in town, and judging from the number of sales we make to parties from other stores, it must be true.

Mens' Fine Colored Shirts.

Variety—the biggest; quality—the best; styles, the latest and most exclusive. Prices to suit all purses. 50c. to 1.00. Boys' fine colored shirts, sizes 12 to 14, newest patterns, fast colors 50c. to 65c.

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—that is, if you come here. 3.00 to 4.00 for a good one; 5.00 to 7.00 for better ones, and 8.00 to 10.00 for one that makes your friends envy you. That's the kind you get here—all sizes 35 to 40. Boys' Waterproof Coats sizes 30 to 34, \$2.90.

Highest prices paid for Butter and Eggs.

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. Omitting the last four as exceptional cases, the latest date at which Parliament has been called together was April 8th, 1895, and the earliest, January 2nd, 1890. The longest session was that of 1885, when from the opening to prorogation there were 178 days.

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 scheme which the Secretary unfolded provides for advances of money for the purchase of land by the tenants. The advances will be in the shape of cash and not in stock, but in order to enable the cash to be raised a new stock is to be floated. The bill will become effective on November 1st.

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. From \$225. to \$250. for a term of twelve months seems to be about the average of the contracts which have been made, but a great many men are asking figures a great deal above this mark, and many of the farmers have been holding off before making any engagements." One of the reasons for the present state of affairs, the Farmer adds, is that the great influx of settlers is causing a stampede amongst the men who are now in the country, but who have not as yet secured farms of their own.

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. About two hours were spent in games and social intercourse after which lunch was served. At the conclusion of this part of the evening's enjoyment the following address was read:

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. We always found you helpful and kind. We here present you these chairs and table as an evidence of our ever-lasting esteem, friendship and love. We would not consent to part with you without leaving in your hands some memento, however trifling, of deep and abiding gratitude. When in future days you look upon this memento let it be a pleasant token of the deepest love and gratitude. Hoping you both may have health to enjoy the comfort of these chairs until a good old age. Signed in behalf of your friends in this community. Mrs. Edgar.

Mrs. J. J. Richardson.

The address was read by Mr. J. 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 Ferrozone. 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 bracer. The blood should have phosphorus and iron to strengthen and invigorate it.

Now Ferrozone is a wonderful blood maker and nerve stimulant. It is really a food for the blood, nerves and vital energies, and will improve your run down condition in a very short time.

Ferrozone will make you strong and capable of doing a heavy day's work without fatigue. It is a marvelous remedy and does marvellous things as the following testimonial proves.

"After my baby was born I was left in a weak, sickly condition, totally unfit for a mother's household duties. I was excitable and nervous, and trifling things bothered me very much. I sometimes would not gain strength, although I took malt extract and tonics all the time. A lady friend recommended Ferrozone, which I used with splendid results. The first box helped quite a little and when I had taken six boxes my former health, ruddy cheeks and good spirits, were fully restored."

You can't spend 50c. to a better advantage than on a box of Ferrozone, and the sooner you get Ferrozone, the sooner you will get well. Don't accept a substitute, but insist on your druggist supplying the genuine Ferrozone which sells for 50c. a box, or three boxes for \$1.50. By mail from N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

F. T. HILL & CO.

We cordially invite the ladies of Markdale and vicinity with their friends to our Millinery Opening.

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 every thing 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

50c New Shirt Waists for

20 dozen—240 Print Shirt Waists, beautiful assortment of patterns, grounds, self collars, very prettily made and absolutely perfect fitting. Sale Thursday morning and is sure to be picked up quickly. All sizes

75c Corsets per pair 39

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. All sizes, your

In our HARDWARE Department will be found a big new stock of:

Tinware, all kinds. Strainers. Churns. Shovels. Spades. Garden Rakes. Milk Cans. Butter Bowls. Butter Ladles. Clothes Lines. Hoes, etc.

Repairing and ordered work promptly and carefully executed.

PAINTS! PAINTS! PAINTS!

In Ramsay's Paint we have one of the best, most satisfactory and inexpensive paints in the market, but no superior anywhere. True there are more expensive paints in the market, but up put in impurities of any paint in the market, will stand the test of wear and weather, guaranteed, are backed up by our own as having NO SUPERIORITY.

Ask for booklet and color cards (free for the asking) giving instructions of painter's supplies always on hand.

In our HARDWARE Department will be found a big new stock of:

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