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Markdale Lodge, 141, A.O.U.W. meets in Rae's hall at 8 o'clock p.m. the first and third Monday in each month. Has 99 members. A visit from other lodges solicited. Wm. Douglas, Master. C. W. Rutledge, Recorder.

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THE MILLINERY OPENINGS.

Grand Display of Headwear of All Descriptions.

Joyous Springtime is here again, bringing in its train Nature beauties in the shape of delicate flowers and birds of brilliant plumage. She is not content to display her treasures alone in the lovely forms of the winged songsters of the forest, in the angelic whisper of lilies, crocuses, daffodils and anemones, in the emerald blades of grasses and sea weed, or in the azure of heaven's dome, but she must also greet our nostrils with the most delicate perfumes issuing from the petals of many a terrestrial plant. Our eyes are dazzled, as well as charmed, when we behold such grandeur displayed everywhere on earth's countenance. Truly can we say that Spring is a beautiful season of the year. It was such thoughts as these that coursed through our minds as we visited the various millinery establishments of the town, and discovered that man, or rather woman, aided by art's embellishments, had reproduced in almost exact counterpart, Dame Nature's many beauties. A visit to any of the millinery showrooms in town could not fail to please or satisfy the most fastidious of the gentler sex who are interested in the fashions in headwear for the coming season. The openings of our local dealers which took place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week were in every way successful, although the unfavorable weather somewhat lessened the attendance.

F. T. HILL & Co.

The many visitors at this establishment and the delight expressed on all sides by the sight-seers augurs well for a good season's trade for this enterprising firm. Miss Stein is again in charge of this department, and with the assistance of her efficient staff had on display a gay profusion of millinery goods and patterns, covering a wide range of novelties, which for tastefulness and quality received unlimited admiration by the great number of visitors who were given a cordial welcome and most courteous attention. The styles are so many and varied that the most exacting can be suited. The striking feature of this season's millinery is the extensive use of fruits and flowers which are reproduced with a fidelity to nature that is amazing. The small-fruits such as berries and grapes are exceedingly handsome. Feathers still retain an important place in the decoration of headwear, and many charming designs have feathers and stiff ospreys for their chief features. In colors pink and all the rose and geranium tones promises to be very popular, while the forget-me-not blue is a great favorite. The following are a few of the leading styles shown: A handsome white picture hat, the top brim and crown covered with soft white ribbon shirred on silk; a wreath of white roses around the black roses and a tear-drop tulle facing, the only trimming being two large white plumes drooping gracefully over the back and caught with opal buckles. A pretty hat made of violets and tulle, the underbrim interlaced with tulle and the edge a mass of violets, the top of the hat being very artistically draped with heavy white silk lace and caught with brilliant buckles. A large turban, the facing of tuckered white tulle, the brim, draped with the new tear-drop sequin trimming; the flat crown covered with black roses and a large bow of black and white ribbon arranged very prettily on the back.

McFarland, Stafford & Co.'s This well-known establishment inaugurated their spring opening on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week under the most favorable auspices of an unusually large attendance and a magnificent display of a new spring stock complete and most comprehensive in every detail that goes for the making of a leading and high-class house. This firm has gained an enviable reputation by years of experience in the finest and most exclusive novelties. In beauty of display and richness of designs they have this year exceeded all their past efforts. The season's productions are so varied and marked by so much that is pleasing to the eye that it would not be possible to put a conception of them into black and white. Many new ideas have been evolved, and many dainty things brought to perfection. It is noticed that the hats this season, as last, will continue to be flat, if anything a little more so than in previous seasons, and somewhat larger. Flowers that are a wonderful imitation of nature's best work will be worn very largely, those unmounted being most in favor. Osprey feathers will be a prominent feature of decoration again. Fruits are still favorites, cherries, shaded berries and currants finding great favor. Miss Smith, who is in charge, and her able staff of assistants, deserve all the good things said about them for the neat and attractive display which they had prepared for their customers. The following are a few of the many beautiful hats shown for this season's wear: A pretty, fancy cream straw with

tucked chiffon roll and facing, having the ever popular dip at back with large bunch of grapes falling gracefully over the hair and large rosette of cream silk ribbon at front. A large black picture hat had a spangled sequin facing with large bell crown of fancy straw with chiffon inserted. Black osprey trimming with ribbon and jet ornaments. Another pretty hat very much admired was a legborn faced with hand painted bolting cloth in shades of pink and green; a wide osprey banding in green; fancy white straw crown; heavily draped with meelin and strapped with green velvet; dip at back and trimmed with fruit. The Gainsborough is also a very popular hat, this being a shape that never goes out of style and is one of the season's happy vagaries. Bow knots are still admired and are shown made of narrow folds of maling or velvet and applied to nets, laces, etc. A pretty turban, bordering on the Colonial shape was made of white straw with white pleated meelin inserted; the only trimming being a black Prince of Wales mount which fell gracefully from right side of crown toward back and finished with bow of black velvet. A new feature in trimmed millinery is the Rainbow hat, a beautiful and odd production which would attract the eye among any number of hats. It is covered with folded children in three shades, light pink, pale lavender and pale blue; the entire facing being of pale blue. Shaded leaves and berries edge the brim and it is trimmed with draps of Louisiana ribbon, shading from light green to lavender. Among the ready-to-wear and shirt waist hats we notice some very pretty and new ideas. Among these are the New York sailor with its exceedingly water-crowns. One particularly noticeable was trimmed with navy and white plaid ribbon. The popular flower this season is the rose which appears in every form from the American Beauty June rose, cluster rose, down to the small crush rose and rosebud foliage.

Mrs. Sproule's.

A veritable palace of beauty fittingly described the appearance of Mrs. Sproule's Millinery Department on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. This is Mrs. Sproule's second season in the millinery business in town, and this season as in the past her efforts to provide a neat and attractive display of all the leading styles in ladies' headwear were successful to a degree. Crowds of ladies were treated to a view of some of the latest and most beautiful of the myriad novelties shown. As to colors blues, yellows and pinks will be the prevailing tones. A new shade, this season is the champagne which appears in the softwood shades. Hats are, if anything, a little flatter than before. Fruit for decorations will be very much worn. Grapes are the prevailing fruit, but cherries and various kinds of berries and apples are also exhibited. Sequin ornaments are very striking, one of the most novel being the spangled jet. Special features were noticed, such as very tasteful color blending and correct draping which go so far towards making a stylish and becoming hat. The decorations of the room were very attractive and helped to show off the many beautiful hats. Several large mirrors around the room were draped in various tints of silks, mousseline de soie, flours, etc., and at suitable places in the room were arranged some very pretty house plants. The large number of orders taken was a very substantial expression of approval by the public, and Mrs. Sproule and her talented milliners are not only to be congratulated upon the highly attractive display on exhibition during the opening days, but upon the unstinted expressions of admiration on the part of the hundreds of ladies who attended the opening. Among the many styles shown the STANDARD reporter were the following: A large rolling Paris turban with a knife pleated white chiffon facing, strapped in small white flowers with green foliage; the crown composed of burned straw knotted, foliage and flowers at the back. Another becoming turban in castor, brown and green facing of flowers and straw; the inner rim and crown draped in brown chiffon with cream, applique, trimmed with fruit and pastel green ribbon. Another turban shown in the violet shades, violets and stocks forming the facing of the hat, trimmed on the facing with wreath of green foliage, buds falling at the back; top consisted of two shades violet muline rolled, and a larger brass buckle across the back. A striking hat was one of white muline trimmed with trailing wreath of white roses, a large cluster of tuckered muline rosette, one tie from the left side being looped. A New York design was a large white folded chiffon hat, flat on top; four rims of pink ribbon folded over with black and white chiffon all around band trimmed with trailing wreath of pink poppies and small green foliage. One of the black hats was a large rolling shape, facing of black tuckered chiffon, crown of black silk Battenburg interlaced with black satin ribbon, drape around the rim of black pendant sequin. Another black hat, large shape, turned on the left side, facing of black daisies and muline, crown of sequin, drape of black silk lace, ribbon caught through the crown and bowed at the left side fastened by large black buckle. The pastel blendings are much used this season. The latest designs in buckles are oxidized silver and bronze. Milline and chiffon are used quite extensively in trimming.

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R. H. Benson & Co, Markdale and Dundalk

Holland Centre Mrs. Minion has been very sick with pneumonia but is slowly improving. Dr. McCullough is in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. A. Erskine, of Markdale, visited Miss Boggs recently. The concert given by the Methodist Sunday School came off Monday night and although the weather was very disagreeable the church was packed to the doors. The program was excellent, the various grills by the girls being worthy of special mention. Very much credit is due the Misses Boggs and Norton for the success of the affair. The proceeds amounted to \$17.50. On Sunday, preceding, the Sunday School scholars were all on the platform and took charge of the singing. Mr. Ferguson preached appropriate sermons for the children. Lily Oak Mr. Tom Denison had a successful plowing bee last week. Some of our young men are going West and some elsewhere. It will be interesting later on to ascertain which will succeed best. We understand that W. J. Middleton has purchased a cream separator. Owing to some cases of smallpox, Winlaw's saw mill is closed down, also the public school. Dundalk Death is rampant in and around the vicinity of Dundalk. Mrs. Montgomery, relict of the late Robert Montgomery, passed to her reward on Friday last, having lived to a good old age. She has been a great sufferer for a long time which she bore with great patience and christian resignation. A large concourse of sympathizing friends followed her remains to Ventry cemetery where she was laid to rest alongside her husband. Her pastor, Rev. Mr. Buchanan, preached a memorial sermon in Dundalk church in the evening to a large audience. The friends have the sympathy of the community. Mr. John Conkey, one of our most esteemed young men, has severed his connection with his associates here and left for the West on Monday evening. He was presented with a beautiful gold locket on the eve of his departure. We welcome to our town Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams and wish them every success. Miss Williams, of Eugenia, was a guest in town over Sunday. Berkeley Mrs. Atcheson, of Boggor, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Thomas Sargent, and other friends in the locality. Robert Lankey returned to Owen Sound on Friday last after working in the sawmill here during the winter. Mitchell Bros. finished cutting rollers on Thursday last. They have all their stock of lumber to cut yet. A young son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wright on the 1st inst. Miss Mary White left on Wednesday last for Buffalo. Angus Pickett of Kenilworth visited the homestead for a few days last week. A few cases of smallpox have developed in the vicinity of Lily Oak. The township Board of Health had a special meeting on Saturday and every precaution will be taken to prevent it from spreading. There are no cases in this locality. The Price Bros., whose names have been mentioned in connection with charges made by R. B. Gamay in the Legislature, are cousins of W. T. Price of this place and nephews of Carson Price, Esq., of this place. Markkaway Misses Maggie and Elsie Lyons, of Toronto, are spending a few weeks with friends in this vicinity prior to leaving for British Columbia. Mr. Wm. Carbert, Jr., spent a few days

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

Fishing commences May 1st. Menford Methodists have just had \$1,400 in a pipe organ. Lace curtains cleaned just back at the Markdale Steam Laundry. Owen Sound has a new police. Two new police officers. The new Mr. John Murphy is making some improvements in the "City Hotel." Twelve thousand two hundred and sixty-seven immigrants arrived in Winnipeg in March. The Long has let the contract for 3200 square feet of cement. How is that for only a 1 1/2 cent? Mrs. Lomas is erecting a house on Queen street, opposite W. Henry's. Messrs. Martin and the contract. The election of T. E. North Grey and of Col. E. Bruce have been postponed. This is an age of protest. The lady's fair granted by the STANDARD last week was a grand success, and the owners are applying at this office. Fred Ryder of Port Hope, has been in the brick works at the house of Refuge at Markdale, part of the work will be done at Dundalk Herald. J. C. Patterson, while on his way to Brandon, picked up a pocket, secured the key, and the cuffs, liberated himself, and the train and escaped. The Toronto Industrial Association for 1903 is to be a Dominion on a much larger scale than will last two and a half weeks, Thursday, the 21st August, Friday, the 22nd September. Arrangements are made to bear the head of Edward the first will not be issued. They will be put out gratis, supply of the present is sufficient. The heralded eclipse of the Saturday night was not seen. Many had patiently waited, but the rainstorm came, and the moon's performance took place closed doors. Mr. Richard Askin has been to Mr. Hewitt's home, to see the Wright's photograph. Making some improvements residence, among which are foundation under the house. Mrs. Alfred Smith, reports this week that her husband's successful in securing a position in Toronto with the Sawyer Company. Mrs. Smith intend moving to the city, we wish them a large success. If any of our citizens have in their yards which they would advise the municipality to have a black knut that is in the time to do it, and we remind them that it is advised to leave any tree standing, the disease. The Chilliwack R.C. on the 1st April says Mr. John of Brandon, Man., was a dealer in Vancouver last week aggregates in the vicinity of Mr. Hanbury is, and a successful mill man of experience. The annual vestry meeting of the Methodist Church, held on Monday afternoon, the 1st of April, was presided over by the Rev. Mr. Newell. The vestry pointed for the year, Messrs. Thomas L. Saward, Mitchell, the lay delegates, Mr. Wm. Hampton. Mr. Cas. Kelly, the well known and his daughter, Miss Kelly, have handed in their resignation as choir master and organist, to the managers of Knox Church, Guelph. They have accepted positions of the Presbyterian Church, Vancouver. It is their intention to leave Guelph about May 1st, and a series of concerts through the North-West while en route Vancouver, where they will be in charge of the choir and organ June 1st.