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- Ladies New Silk Belts 25c to 1.25.
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Rings for Christmas in all manner of styles and settings, and in all sizes. Rings for Adults, Rings for Babies, Wedding Rings, Birthday Rings. All beautiful Rings for presents. I invite inspection. Selections made now may be left with us until Christmas.

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HIGH COURT AT OWEN SOUND.

A Number of Important Cases at This Session.

The Sittings of the High Court, without a jury, opened before Chancellor Boyd at the Court House at Owen Sound, on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 24th, at two o'clock. The following cases were dealt with: Speers v. Speers.—An action as to the ownership of certain land in the township of Sydenham, the plaintiff claiming it under his father's will; the defendants claiming it as having purchased it several years ago. The case was settled out of court. Lucas, Wright & McArdle for plaintiff; MacKay & Sampson for defendants. Creighton v. Carman.—An action to recover a certain quantity of stock held by the defendants in the National Portland Company at Durham, on the ground that there was a partnership between the plaintiff and the defendants whereby the stock received by the defendants for promoting the company was to be divided between them. The defendants deny such partnership. On the defendants' application, they claiming that a material witness was absent from the country, the case was postponed to the next court. MacKay & Sampson for plaintiff; Mabey & Makins (Stratford) for defendants. Shears v. Shears.—An action by the plaintiff, claiming, as the heir of one Thomas Shears who died in 1874, for his share of the farm owned by the said Thomas Shears. The defendant claimed title by length of possession, which defence was substantiated, and the action was dismissed with costs. MacKay & Sampson for plaintiff; Lucas, Wright & McArdle for defendant. Sinclair v. Creighton.—An action brought by W. H. Sinclair against A. J. Creighton for \$302, balance on a contract for mason and brick work in connection with a building on Ponlett Street, Owen Sound, and for damages for wrongful dismissal. Judgment for the plaintiff for \$75.14 and County court costs. MacKay & Sampson for plaintiff; Kilbourn & Kilbourn for defendant. Shier v. Shier.—An action for alimony and for return of moneys advanced by plaintiff to the defendant, was adjourned to the next court owing to the illness of two witnesses for the plaintiff. MacKay & Sampson for plaintiff; Tucker & Cameron for defendant. Lundy v. Gardner.—An action brought by the plaintiff to have it declared that the defendant purchased a lot in Keppel for the plaintiff as his agent, and for conveyance of the lot in question. The agency was denied by the defendant, who claimed that he had purchased the lot on his own behalf and without ever having seen the plaintiff in connection with it. Judgment was reserved. Tucker & Cameron for plaintiff; MacKay & Sampson for defendant. Hackett vs. Coghill.—An action brought by the plaintiff who resides at Warton, on an account for service rendered and work performed by him in connection with a dredge plant of the defendant's, which was at the time of such work at Warton, and claiming a lien on the dredge and outfit for such work. The evidence was all concluded on Thursday afternoon, but judgment was reserved. Oral argument to be made by the counsel at Toronto, and W. H. B. Spotton, Warton, for plaintiff; L. D. McBrady, K. C., Toronto, for defendant. Quinton v. Bonnel.—This is an action brought by James Quinton, a resident of St. Vincent, claiming a farm owned by his deceased father under an agreement whereby the father was to give him the farm in case he returned from the Northwest in 1892 and remained on the farm and worked it, and kept his father and mother. The plaintiff claimed that he performed his part of the agreement, but that his father did not give him the land, but devised it to his executor to sell it and divide the proceeds among his children; and the plaintiff claimed the farm or with alternative claimed that he should be allowed wages. The defendant claimed that the plaintiff after one year refused to carry out the bargain, and that for any work he did upon the farm he was paid his wages in full by his father. The judge decided that the plaintiff should have wages and entered judgment for him for \$800, and directed each party to pay their own costs. Lucas, Wright & McArdle for plaintiff; R. C. Clute, K. C., Toronto, and P. McCullough, Markdale, for defendant.

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EUPHRASIA COUNCIL.

The Council met at the Township Hall, Rocklyn, on Wednesday, Nov. 18th, all the members present, the reeve in the chair. Minutes of last session of council read and confirmed.

The following accounts were paid: Thos. Idle, Euphrasia's share of work on townline east, \$8.29; Thos. McConnell, for gravel, \$7.10; J. R. Wickham, refund of taxes on Walters Falls show grounds, \$2.64; S. Doherty, for repairing Quinton's Hall, \$8.50; W. J. Hatton, Judge, fees re Court of Revision in Markdale, \$8.50; Ralph Onia, for work on 18 and 19 sideroad, con. 3, \$1.50; Hugh Patton, for cedar and work, \$8.80; Thos. Cann, relief, \$4.25; Peter Smith, for moving grader and running grader, one and a quarter days, \$3.38; John Drinkle, one day with team on grader on deviation townline south, \$3.00; Wm. Cressor, ditto, \$3; H. Walton, ditto, \$3; Alonzo Rennie, ditto, \$3; A. uzo Kenne, for drawing grader to deviation and back, \$4.00; J. J. Martin, for work on ovaline deviation, \$8.00; John Clingston, for building bridge on 21 and 22 sideroad, \$42.50; Wm. Dawn, work on 3rd line, \$15.50; J. R. Fawcett, for building bridge on 6 and 7 sideroad, con. 5, \$149.00; N. L. Curry, two quarters of salary, \$107.00; J. R. Fawcett, for building culvert and approaches on 14th road, \$14.75; Miss Curry, eight weeks' keep of Mrs. Isaac, \$16.00; Elber Smith, for work on 6 and 7 sideroad, \$1.25; S. Davidson, repairs to grader, 15c; John Johnston, for ditching on 18 and 19 sideroad, con. 11, \$102.70; Henry Erskine, to pay for work in his road division, \$11.35; Geo. Cornfield, for work on 6 and 7 sideroad, \$5.50; Alex. Mitchell, Euphrasia's share for cedar furnished townline east, \$8.48; Mat Hutchinson, to pay for work on Valley Road, \$31.25; Alonzo Rennie to pay for work on 27 and 28 sideroad, \$1.50; Lucas, Wright & McArdle, balance solicitor fees in O'Brien suit, \$4.12; Lucas, Wright & McArdle, solicitor fees re Murray appeal, \$7.00; W. L. Young, for making supplementary audit, \$1.00; Jas. Erskine, amount paid out by him in Murray appeal, \$2. Patton-Richardson.—That the clerk notify all pathmasters which a complaint was made against re roadwork charged to report at next meeting of the council.—Carried.

Patton-Richardson.—That the taxes charged against the Walters Falls show grounds, amounting to \$2.54, be refunded.—Carried.

Kenny-Patton.—That the reeve and Mr. Friggle be a committee to confer with Mr. Kanke re accident to his engine and report at next meeting.—Carried.

Patton-Richardson.—That the reeve and Mr. Kenny be a committee to examine the water course complained of by Wm. Fulford and report at next meeting.—Carried.

Patton-Kenny.—That the taxes charged against Michael Dillon, Mrs. Gutrie, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Pentland be struck from the roll.—Carried.

Patton-Richardson.—That the petition of Revs. Dr. McLaren and C. W. Reynolds and 145 others, asking that this council submit a local option by-law to the ratepayers at the coming election be entertained, and the same be submitted to a solicitor for legal advice.—Carried.

By-law No. 84 appointing deputy returning officers was then passed. The council adjourned until the 15th December. N. L. Curry, Clerk.

For all kinds of shell and heavy hardware, cross cut saws, axes, cow chains, stall fixtures, etc., we are leaders, and will not be undersold by anyone. See us before buying. J. E. Treford.

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We will have the year's best values in evidence during the next month.

40c Worsted Hose at 25c.

34 dozen (408 pairs) Ladies Pure all-wool Black Worsted Hosiery. This is our second large purchase this season of these unbeatable goods, all sizes 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. Regular 40c a pair, everywhere, or see our excellent overstocking.

7 and 8 Cent Flannelettes at 5c.

We place on special sale this week 1250 yards plain and striped flannelettes of excellent weight 30 to 33 inches wide, in light and medium shades. They are made of splendid weight, finished in every detail and are not surpassed by anybody. These goods are of excellent quality, and will not last long, but while it's here you can buy any quantity at a price that is absolutely fast. The lot is limited to 7 and 8c goods at only 5c.

90c Tweed Suitings at 58c.

15 pieces new pattern Tweed Suitings are this week placed on special sale. They are all mill ends, varying in length from 8 to 15 yards and all were bought in our regular stock at 90c, but now they are yours for only 58c.

1.00 and 1.25 Wrappers at 87c.

10 dozen Ladies Wrappers, embracing all colors and sizes. Wrapperette cloths, in colors that are the most dependable and most fashionable. Your choice of these one hundred and twenty five pieces is yours for only 87c.

\$1.00 Imitation Persian Lamb at 75c.

6 dozen Ladies' Black Curl Gannettes—the kind that are sold picked up cheap the other day, all are wool fleece lined, cut, wear rough or he pulled out, soft, pliable leather palms—a thorough satisfaction. Regular price \$1.00, now only 75c.

Our Millinery Department is particularly popular here for this reason for this season. There's a good sound reason for this.

45 cent Table Damask at 25 cents.

125 yards, assorted colors and patterns, fine Table Damask, less than 45 cents per yard. This small lot was received at a price going out of this particular line. On sale at per yard.

Our Stock of Men's Furnishings in all lines is excellent. Prices too are irresistible.

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By importing our Suspenders and buying in particularly large quantities. From a big lot imported the other day we have selected elastic webbs, new buckle, mohair ends—a Suspenders that in our way of retailing is not surpassed.

Ladies' Blouse Sets, Fancy Handkerchiefs, Belts, Tortoise Shells Combs, etc., in abundance.

48 cent Dress Goods at 25 cents.

15 pieces plain and fancy Dress Goods worth actually 48c. per yard. In some of the lines certain shades are missing, but sufficient to make a very respectable showing. Not a yard but is good value.

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