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New Spring SUITINGS

New colorings, attractive patterns, exactly what you want, at prices that will pleasingly surprise you.

100 New Suit Lengths to choose from.

No two alike in genuine Scotch and Canadian Tweeds, Imported Worsteds and Serges, black and blues, venetian or clay twills, which we will have made to your order by any tailor in town, with first class trimmings, at prices running from $14.00 to $20.00 a suit, the lowest price you will pay anywhere for good goods.

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An elegant line of new Patterns and Colorings in fine Worsteds and Scotch Tweed Stripes, such as you will be proud to wear, at 4.00 to 5.00 pair, made to order.

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OUR HATS show at a glance the best style for spring. We have made a reputation for style and quality and the Hats we are showing this spring easily discount anything you'll find outside this store. Selling the quantity of good hats we do enables us to give you much better value than you can expect to get elsewhere. **We show a wide range of styles in Hats for Men, Hats for Boys, Hats for Yonng Men,** hard or soft, black or colored, at prices running from 50c to 2.50. We sell Christy's Celebrated English Fedora Hats, at 1.00. Best value in Canada. See them.

New Spring Caps

FOR MEN AND BOYS, latest styles, special. values 25c to 50c.

You'll miss the swellest things that have been shown in Markdale for many moons if you don't buy your New Spring Suit, Hat, Cap, Shoes and Furnishings from us.

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Has no equal as General Purpose Farm Fence

It will turn Stock without injury—beautify the Farm—does not need constant patching and with reasonable usage will last a life-time. Booklet and full particulars given on request.

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HALF CURE IS DANGEROUS.

When you get a Cold, La Grippe, Influenza, do not be satisfied with something to check it.

The greatest danger is in the lingering results of a half cure.

Many a life history would read different to-day if that severe attack of Cold and La Grippe had been properly handled. A hard cold will settle in the weakest part.

ANTI-PILL acts on the entire mucous membrane of the body—relieves Congestion—cures Constipation, Biliousness, and Dyspepsia—every large gland of the body is brought under its influence and a clear-cut cure established with a medicine perfectly harmless to man, woman, or child. 50 cents of dealers, or by addressing WILSON-FYLE CO., Niagara Falls, Ontario. Free sample to any address.

For sale by W. Turner & Co., Markdale.

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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 to to R. S. Rae, the the tailor, Markdale. Asuperior stock of goods on hand to choose from.

Robt. S. Rae

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION.

On Friday evening last a number of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. Henry Sparling at Cherry Grove, and spent a pleasant evening together. Lunch was served after which the following address was read:

DEAR MR. & MRS. SPARLING AND CECIL,

We your friends and neighbors having learned of your contemplated removal from our midst have gathered together this evening to express our respect and esteem as you have always proved a faithful friend and obliging neighbor. We ask you to accept this clock, these knives and berry set, not because of their intrinsic value, but as a slight rememberance of your friends at Cherry Grove. Wishing you many happy and prosperous years in your new home.

Mrs. Wm. House.
Mr. Wm. House.

Mr. Wesley Wyvill gave a number of selections on his gramaphone during the evening which were much appreciated.

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MARKDALE, MARCH 3, 1904.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

During the Boer war the Russian papers were enjoying themselves hugely over the "I regret to report" despatches sent to headquarters by English officers. But the Russian Admiral Alexieff has been doing a bargain day business with his "I regret to report" dispatches since the Jap-Russ war opened. The British lion is having the laugh on the Russian bear now.

Mail clerk Wilcox, who was accused of the robbery of a $10,000 Bank of Hamilton money package, and was standing his trial in Regina on Saturday, was, while other witnesses were being examined, handed a telegram which conveyed the sad intelligence of his mother's death at Owen Sound. The news visibly affected the prisoner, who, however, bore up under the shock in a manly way.

Danish and English butter and cheese are reported as getting a preference over Canadian butter and cheese in Antigua, West Indies, owing to the defective packing of the latter. It seems to take Canada a long time to comprehend that it pays to export only the best quality of goods, well packed. When this principal prevails it will bring millions of dollars into Canadian pockets that now go elsewhere.

Ex-President Paul Kruger, of the Boer Republic, is slowly dying at Mentone, France. His mind is failing rapidly, and he lives in seclusion, rarely conversing with anyone. His compatriots applied unsuccessfully to the British Government for permission for his return to South Africa, to spend the last days of his life in his native country. The loss of the Boer cause seems to have shattered his ambition.

There are some curious facts about our calendar. No century can begin on Wednesday, Friday or Sunday. The same calendar can be used every 20 years. October always begins on the same day of the week as January, April as July, September as December, February, March and November being on the same days. May, June and August always begin on different days from each other and every other month of the year. The first and last days of the year are always the same. These rules do no apply to leap years.

Surely, an old fashioned winter beyond dispute this has been! Reports everywhere from ocean and land prove that theorists who declared that the climate in the northern temperature zone has been growing so much milder for a series of seasons that we need not dread the former violence of storms and the descents of the mercury into disconcerting depths have been wildly in error. Upon railroad lines out West even the roofs of snowsheds have been crushed in by the ponderous heaps of snow.

New and valuable lessons in geography are being learned every day. It is doubtful whether one in a hundred high school scholars, or professors, for that matter, a month or so ago could have told offhand where Chemulpo was. Now nearly everybody knows, and the location, also, of numerous other towns and provinces and capes, and inlets hitherto tucked away under the far off fog of Oriental obscurity. History is being made as well as geography illuminated in these, with us, frigid March days, which are hot enough on the other side of the planet.

HONOR ROLLS.

Report of Cherry Grove school for January and February. Names in order of merit, based on class-work, and weekly exams.

4—Randolph Bradey, Reuben Bradey, Will Douglas, Joe Foy.

3—J Holly, M Bradey, E Bradey, R Foy.

2—A Foy.

Pt. 2—P Holly, C Bradey.

Most regular attendant, M Bradey, every day. Average attendance 13.

E. J. Wilson, Teacher.

Report for S.S. No. 18, Euphrasia, for February.

4 sr.—W Walker.

4 jr.—E Richardson, M Irwin, E Walker.

3 jr.—J McAfee, E Lee, L Lee.

2 sr.—B McAfee, A Irwin, H McAfee, A. Bowles.

2 jr.—D Lee, J Stephenson, E Stephenson.

Pt. 2—S Fitzsimmons.

Pt. 1—N Stephenson.

J. R. Oliver, Teacher.

GLENELG COUNCIL.

The council met February 7th as per adjournment. All the members present, the reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Communications read as follows: From John McDonald and Jas. Staples, applications for office of assessor; from C. W. Rutledge and Chas. Ramage, tenders for printing; from Hugh McDonald, account for gravel; from Co. Treasurer, list of lands liable to be sold in 1904; from the reeve and Mr. Davis, report on Treasurer's sureties; from the auditors, their report.

Bylaw 439, appointing township officers was read a first and second time.

Bylaw 438, to appoint an assessor, was filled up with the name of James Staples at a salary of $60, and was read a third time and passed.

Davis—McMillan—That the auditors report as reaudited by the council, be adopted, and that the auditors be paid $8.00 each as salary, and $1.00 each for extra services.—Carried.

Kerney—Arrowsmith—That Charles Ramage be given the township printing, his tender being the lowest.—Carried.

McMillan—Arrowsmith—That H. McDonald be paid $2.50 for 50 loads of gravel for 1903, and that the Hospital for Sick Children at Toronto be granted $5.00.—Carried.

Arrowsmith—Kerney—That James Nelson be paid $1.00 for shovelling snow off the hall stable, and that the report of committee on Treasurer's sureties be adopted and that they be paid $1.00 each for their services.—Carried.

Kerney—Arrowsmith—That the clerk be paid $20.00 on salary.—Carried.

McMillan—Kerney—That by-law No. 439, appointing township officers and as filled up in committee of the whole be now read a third time and passed.—Carried.

The council adjourned.

J. S. Black, Clerk.

Catarrh, Pneumonia, Consumption.

Death's fateful trinity. they are often called. Catarrh is the first stage, pneumonia often follows, and consumption finally exacts the full penalty. This can all be averted by using Boaling, balsamic Catarrhozone, an antiseptic that penetrates the remotest air cells of the lungs. Catarrhozone reaches the mucous surface of the throat and breathing apparatus; it carries health wherever it goes, brings instant relief and is absolutely certain to cure. Don't delay, get Catarrhozone to-day. It means health, certain cure. Two months' treatment $1.00; trial size 25c. Catarrhozone is guaranteed.

Goring

(Intended for last week.)

Death visited this community last Friday evening and claimed as its victim one of our most respected citizens, in the person of Mr. John Wilson. The funeral took place on Monday to Temple Hill cemetery. The bereaved brother and sisters have the sincere sympathy of the community in this their hour of sadness.

Mr. Nelson Curry, who has been on the sick list, is, we are pleased to say, recovering.

Wedding bells are ringing.

Mr. Harper Breadner has been a victim of lagrippe but is able to be out again.

Mr. and Miss Wilson intend moving this week to Thornbury. May success follow them.

Glad to hear Mrs. Joseph Manarey is recovering after two weeks' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Manarey, of Oxmead, visited the former's parents on Sunday last.

Her Blood Turned to Water.

And She Became a Prey to Pernicious Anaemia—Cured by the Great Blood-Maker Ferrozone.

"About a year ago," writes Mrs. S. G. Stanhope, of Rothesay, "my daughter complained of feeling tired. She was very pale and listless, and kept losing strength till to weak to attend school. The doctors perscribed different bottles of medicine, but Elaine kept getting worse instead of better. She had anaemia and were afraid for a while that she might never rally. We read of a similar case, that of Miss Descent, of Stirling, Ont., being cured by Ferrozone, and this induced us to getit for Elaine. It took three boxes of Ferrozone to make any decided improvement, but when six boxes were used my daughter was beginning to be her old self again. It didn't take much longer to make a complete cure, and I am convinced that there is no better blood-maker than Ferrozone. It has made a new girl of Elaine. She has gained ten pounds in weight and looks the picture of perfect health. She is stronger and enjoys the best of spirits. The credit of her recovery is entirely due to Ferrozone."

Every growing girl and young woman can make herself strong and healthy with Ferrozone. It makes blood, nerve and tissue—makes it fast and makes it to stay. Complexion soon becomes rosy, nerves get new strength, tiredness vanishes—perfect health is the reward for using Ferrozone which is sold by all druggists. Price 50c. per box, or six boxes for $2.50. By mail from The Ferrozone Company, Kingston, Ont. Get a supply of Ferrozone to-day.

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BIG FIRE SALE

NOW ON

We secured and have now on sale hundreds of dollars worth of "Salvage Goods" bought from a large wholesale house in Montreal. These in part are slightly soiled with clean, fresh water, though a great many lines are not even marked. We place the entire lot on sale at ridiculously low prices, among which are

Ladies 3.25 to 4.90 Cloth Skirts 1.98.

36 Ladies fine Cloth Skirts, in black and colors, beautifully made and trimmed, in a splendid assortment of sizes. These are particularly nice goods not one being even slightly soiled and all are sure to be picked up quickly. Your choice while they last 1.98

$1.25 Men's Flannel Shirts 78c.

48 Men's extra heavy Top Shirts, made of best quality twilled navy blue and gray flannels, assorted sizes, excellently made and perfect-fitting. Regular $1.25, selling now for only 78

12½c. Wrapperette for 7c.

1600 yards finest quality American Wrapperettes. Some of these goods have been wet, but so good are the colors that when dried out they scarcely show a mark. Patterns too are the newest for this season's selling. Regular 12½c. goods, and not sold in the regular way for less, now only 7½

12½c Apron Ginghams 7c

27 inch heavy Apron Gingham, full weight and solid cloths. For purposes of wear and serviceability these goods are practically as good as when they left the mill. Yard 7

Drills, Cottonades, Drills 12c

10 pieces extra heavy Cottonades, Drills and Denims. These are all magnificent cloths and in the regular way would sell at 22c to 25c per yard. Selling now owing to having been wet for 12

50c Muleskin Mitts for 35c

50 pairs Men's Muleskin Mitts, lined with knitted wool yarn throughout, good long leather wrists. Three for only 35

Boys Vests for only 25 cents.

Over fifty Boys Vests, in sizes running up to 36. These are made of splendid all wool cloths in a excellent range of colors and patterns. Ordinarily they would be cheap at 75c to 90c, but all will be sold at for your choice 25

These goods must be sold during the next ten days—here are the very small prices. We're getting new goods in by every freight and consequently must have room. New Prints, New Muslins, New Sateens, New Suitings, New Flannelettes, New Wrapperettes, etc., are now here and ready for your inspection and prices will be particularly tempting. During February we have many lines that must be cleared out

A Second Big Drop in the price of

GRANITEWARE

When we in October last purchased **two carloads** and **eleven cases** of **Graniteware** we at the **very lowest price Graniteware** up to that time had ever been sold for in Canada, and enabled us to **undersell** everybody in the graniteware trade. Our second purchase of six more **carloads**, which arrived in December and which we are now retailing, was bought at a still lower **price**—sufficiently low to make it possible for us to discount our prices of a month ago by about was made by the McClary Co., London, Ont., than whom there's no better graniteware manufacturers anywhere.

During the past three or four weeks we have sold over fifty thousand pieces (representing cases) of this same graniteware to leading retailers in Toronto, Hamilton, Peterboro, Port Hope, ville, Collingwood, and scores of smaller towns, at lower prices than those offered by any jobber in the graniteware business.

It's not any wonder then is it that we are amply prepared to protect our home customers them **genuine Canadian-made Graniteware** at prices very lower than you've yet heard.

And should some dealers (whose capacity for handling graniteware is limited to a few cases) few hundred pieces) inform you either verbally or otherwise that they are in a position to even our prices you can say for us that purchasing as we do, a **carload** and for every **case** they retailing it as we do, **20 per cent. less** than they are to buy it for **wholesale** thoroughly posted on the prices charged by every wholesaler jobber in the business) we will for a good long time to come, do pretty much all the graniteware trade of this section.

We have in the lot practically every line that's made and **every article** is marked at as low a **price** as the few quoted below:

McClary's Granite Pie Plates, 5 cents.
McClary's Granite Tea Pots 20 cents.
McClary's Granite Tea Kett 45 cents.
McClary's 12 qt. Granite Pails 25 cents
McClary's 1 qt. Granite Dippers

Make up your mind to buy Graniteware—there's nothing in the market to take its place, particularly when prices are so interesting as now.

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Properties for Sale.

$2,000 will buy a 100-acre farm in Holland.—W. J. McFarland. $1,500 will buy a concrete house and double lot on Mark street, Markdale.—W. J. McFarland. $1,900 will buy a brick house on Eliza street, Markdale.—W. J. McFarland.

Farm for Sale.

Lot 8, con. 12, Glenelg, 150 acres, about one half under cultivation, and the balance hardwood bush and pasture; frame barn and house, good well, school and post office convenient. Good roads and good neighborhood. ROBERT GOODWILL, Glascott.

To Rent.

The Rocklyn Hotel, Rocklyn; furnished or unfurnished. Possession May 1st, 1904. Apply to George Brown, Marble dealer, Meaford, or W. H. Dodson, 503-4 D. S. Morgan Building, Buffalo, N. Y.

For Sale, Private.

1 covered buggy, nearly new; 1 second hand cutter; sett single harness; 1 good working mare in foal; 1 cow and calf; a farrow cow; 2 cows due to calve in April. Mrs. J. T. Shears, Euphrasia.

Farm for Sale

One hundred and fifty acres, lot 2nd range west of T. & S. road, Holland the premises a good story and a half brick house and stone kitchen 18x20, four large rooms upstairs, parlor, dining room and kitchen down stairs, and large hall, summer house; two good wells, and a good stream runs across the farm; large frame barn with stone stables; frame straw shed with stone stabling; good driving house, frame sheep barn. For further particulars apply to MRS. T. WILLISCROFT, on the premises, or DAVID FOSTER, Markdale.

House and Lot for Sale.

In the village of Holland Centre, opposite Dr. Queen's Hotel, a large house containing twelve rooms, with good stone cellar, very suitable for a store, boarding house, or other public business place; large woodshed. This property on the premises a stable. Will be sold cheap on easy terms. Possession given on short notice. Apply to John Gawley, Holland Centre, Ont.

Farm for Sale or Rent.

One hundred acres, Lot 8 and T. & S.R., in the township of Holland, south of Holland Centre. For terms apply to JOHN FREEBORN, Centre.

Farms for Sale.

Lots 49 and 50, 3rd east of T. & S. Road, Holland, 100 acres, 75 acres under cultivation, balance wood land. Two wells, frame barn and straw house, and implement house, also a good frame house. Well fenced. Also house and lot, with stable and good well, in Beaverley. For particulars apply to ROBERT HOWE, Berkeley.

Store for Sale

At Peabody, a country place in the township of Sullivan, Grey county, about 20 miles south of Owen Sound and 7½ miles north of Chesley. A good business stand surrounded by prosperous farming country. No opposition. Dwelling house adjoining store, also an orchard, stable, driving shed and never failing well. Goods sold with store. Post Office in the store. Apply to N. L. Dowling Peabody, P.O., Ont.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Cures Grip in Two Days.

Seven Million boxes sold in past 12 months. This signature, E. W. Grove on every box. 25c.

March 3, 1904

Mrs. Anderson, Jacksonville, Fla., daughter of Rev. Deeds, West, who writes signature to the following praises Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: but few wives and mothers not at times endure such pain as only women know. Such women knew Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is a remedy different in action from all others, and thoroughly I have seen many women doctored for years, with permanent benefit, who were no better than three months use of Vegetable Compound would have made them strong, were chronic and hopeless cases, cured, happy, and well women after a thorough trial of its virtues. I have recommended it to my friends without failing, and have never known it to disappoint. Its reputation is well established, and deservedly so, because it does just what it is recommended to do, and more than those who have not given it a fair trial would believe possible. I shall always be pleased to recommend it to my friends, for I know it will do all that is claimed for it." Mrs. R. A. Anderson, 120 Ann St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Above letter is original of above letter, and will be produced.

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Meets in Rae's hall on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Has no connection with any other lodges in Markdale. Douglas, Master. C. Snyder, Secretary.

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