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MARKDALE, MARCH 17, 1904.

THE BEAUTIFUL (?) SNOW.

The people of Ontario have just passed through an experience with old King Winter which they do not wish repeated, and which is seldom seen more than once in a lifetime. No more befitting title has ever been designated to our fair Dominion than "Our Lady of the Snows," and nature herself has endeavored this winter, with all the show and pageantry she can muster, to make this cognomen one we deserve, and not a mere facetious panegyric.

The maximum fall of snow on the level on the higher lands of Ontario, to the north west, and near Lake Huron, was from 30 to 60 inches. This was the fall of snow on the level; but it did not stay level. Winds and fierce gales hurried the snow hither and thither and heaped it into drifts in some places 10, 15 and 20 feet deep, and no place seemed more suitable for filling in than the railway cuttings, just the very place where they would cause the most inconvenience to the public. The 7,139 miles of railway Ontario has in operation was temporarily put of business. The huge drifts defied the powers of men and machinery to penetrate them, and as snow plow after snow plow was sent out on the road, many returned defeated or deformed and traffic came to a dead standstill. Before the lines were opened a slight thaw would take place, which would serve to pack the snow down tighter, and this would be followed by another freeze, extreme cold and a blizzard which would render the snow drifts more impenetrable, and the lines which had been partially opened would be blocked worse than ever. This is the state of affairs which has existed all over Canada, and more especially the province of Ontario, during the past three months, and railway men have long since been tired of the unequal struggle to keep the lines open. More efforts have been put forth to keep the main lines open than the branch lines, and in the former only by the most excessive labor and the employment of every available man could traffic be kept open.

Freight traffic was nearly everywhere abandoned, and as a result of this the express companies reaped a great harvest. Food and luxuries to the people of Ontario, which were previously carried by freight, now travelled by express, but this only afforded a small measure of relief. In many towns where coal was used, that commodity was scarce, and wood hauling was next to impossible, owing to the state of the roads. Many factories were closed for want of material to keep the wheels moving, and this has thrown hundreds of laborers out of employment. Commercial travellers have been detained in snow blockaded towns for weeks, and visitors have had a longer holiday than they at first anticipated.

If all the consequences of the snow blockade were written down they would make a big book. They would have tales to tell of Master Cupid's many exasperating experiences; of how a couple who were going to a certain town to get married were snowed up 37 hours, while the anxious parents and guests were awaiting their arrival at home: of how another man drove thirteen miles to a station to meet his intended brother-in-law, the day before the wedding, only to be told that the train was blocked, and likely to be for days. They would tell of how physicians were prevented from reaching their patients; how newspaper publishers anxiously awaited the arrival of their weekly supply of paper; how business was suspended in many country stores for want of goods and purchasers; and many other results, all because the snow fell deeper and piled higher than usual, and winter held forth his sway in an unusually forcible manner.

But the end is not yet; and we are still in the throes of the ice king. Let us hope that when the balmy breezes of spring arrive, and when the warm air causes the snow to melt, a gradual relaxation of the beautiful will take place, and not a sudden breaking up, which could surely cause a flood, and much damage would be wrought thereby.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The C. P. R. is to be extended this year from Guelph to Goderich, eighty miles.

The Pere Marquette Railway company alone pay in taxes in Michigan this year $670,000. This is more than twice the sum paid in taxes by all the railways of this province.

Over $1,000,000 worth of property destroyed and 2,000 families homeless is the result of the overflooding of the Susquehanna river at Wilkesbarre, Pa., on Wednesday last.

The names of the Japanese ships which did duty in the action of Chemulpo are witheld for strategic reasons; perhaps too for humane reasons, it would be a dreadful ordeal to try to pronounce them.

In his speech in the Ontario legislature last Monday, Dr. Barr, of Dufferin, wanted to know the number of saloon licenses issued in the cities and towns of the province, and the number of wholesale licenses issued in rural districts for the year 1901-03 inclusive. Dr. Barr said that the opinion was widespread that there were a large number of hotel licenses granted to places that were really nothing more than saloons. He believed there was more liquor sold in these places than in the hotels, and said if they were to be saloons they should be known as such, and if they were to be hotels they should be made to live up to the statute Mr. Stratton said that by a clause in the amendment to the act in 1899, abolishing all saloons, three existing so-called saloons were continued, but no new ones had been issued. Dr. Barr thought that a hotel license, which was now viewed as a franchise when granted, to be sold by the holder, should be granted for the benefit of the public, and should not insure to the benefit of an individual.

Blinded With Headache.

People often get blinding headaches that suffer from constipation. Simplest remedy is Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut. They are mild, certain and safe. For headache and billiousness use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

Priceville

(Snow bound last week.)

The south wind and light showers of rain this week has condensed the snow banks so much that the tops of gate posts, fence stakes, etc., are observed occasionally.

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church held another social on the evening of the 4th at the parsonage, and although presented to the public on short notice, yet received the best attendance of the season. In fact the increased attendance was a little surprise to the ladies, consequently the fragments gathered up after the repast did not fill many baskets. The next social will probably be held on the 4th con. (Stones' Settlement) and will no doubt be a good one.

Mr. Alex. Richardson brought out an immense sleigh load of young people from the Salem appointment to the social on the evening of the 4th.

Mr. A. W. Watson, an old Priceville boy, who has been for the last twelve years in Michigan, is now again in the land of the maple, and has bought out the Durham Bakery, in Durham. His family will come over in the spring. We rejoice to see good Canadians returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hales, of Flesherton, visited the former's sister, Mrs. Lochie McArthur, on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Laughlin McArthur has split and drawn a large quantity of cedar rails to his recently purchased addition to his farm for fence building in the spring, and is now rushing his next year's firewood across the Saugeen, anticipating an early break-up of the ice on the river.

Some of our citizens had to resort to the manufacture of the old tallow candles last week in order to light their homes.

Our villagers got quite a scare on the night of the 29th February when the alarm was raised in town that little Wilber McLean was lost in the storm that raged that evening. It was then discovered that on coming out of school he did not go with the neighbor children round by the road, but announced his intention to go alone up the ice on the Saugeen to his home on the south line. Companies of men with lanterns and other tackle proceeded up the river to search the pools of open water where ice had been cut out and up through the beaver meadows and on through the woods. At a late hour word came back that the boy was found. A neighbor met the lad when nearing the river and took him in his sleigh round by the road. He stayed some time at the neighbor's house to get warmed, hence was late getting home.

A young lady who taught school out in Bruce, where numerous funny Scotchmen are supposed to reside, often amused her friends by relating the sayings and doings of people that she came in contact with. She was taking tea at the farm house of one of her trustees, who was a big, sedate, proud Highlander and anxious that his young son and heir should conduct himself with propriety when the teacher was present. Among other advice the following advice on table etiquette was given: "Now, Finlay Donalt, eat all you's cups out off you's cups before you ax for more."

F. T. HILL & CO.

NEW SPRING GOODS

New Spring Suitings.

We have just placed in stock nearly 100 new Suit Lengths, including the newest weaves and colorings in Fancy Worsteds, Scotch, English and Canadian Tweeds, Black Clay and Venetian Worsteds, Indigo and Black Serge, etc. Our facilities for meeting the requirements of particular and careful dressers were never better than now. The class of trimmings we use are the best that are made; workmanship, fit and finish guaranteed. We already this season have been doing an excellent tailoring business and are thoroughly prepared to execute your next order to your entire liking and at the most reasonable price you'll be quoted this season.

Gents Suits, made to order for	9.00
Gents Suits, made to order for	10.50
Gents Suits, made to order for	11.00
Gents Suits, made to order for	12.00
Gents Suits, made to order for	12.50
Gents Suits, made to order for	13.00
13.90, 14.50, 15.00, 15.90 and up to	20.00

These prices represent the best goods and values you'll find this season—the best in every detail.

Gents' Spring Hats.

Only a part of our spring order for Hats has yet come in, but sufficient to make a very respectable showing. The advance styles for the coming season are the most becoming we have seen in years and the values the best we've ever handled. Do not make the mistake of purchasing before first seeing the excellent lines we have on display. Prices range from 48c. to 2.50.

5,000 yds New Prints and Muslins

Our collection of these goods is par excellence. Beautiful [illegible] Muslins—strong, durable, new patterns [illegible] all absolutely fast. These are all made by the most reliable British manufacturers and represent the most advanced styles and up-to-date goods in the market.

Colors of every piece are guaranteed **absolutely fast** and the price per yard is

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Hundreds of yards of other Muslins and Prints at

7½c and 10c.

Ladies' Blouses.

3 dozen Ladies' fine Muslin Blouses assorted sizes, in the very daintiest goods imaginable. These in all [illegible] right up to the moment and are decidedly handsome. Prices 2.09 and 2.25.

Corset Covers.

10 dozen Corset Covers have just been placed in stock. These are made of extra fine cambric, beautifully [illegible] trimmed, and will give the very best of satisfaction. The prices for these extra fine new goods are 45c. and 50c.

New Lace Curtains.

We've just placed in stock nearly 200 pairs of new Lace Curtains, embracing nearly all kinds and prices. Here is one of the lines: 40 pairs extra fine Lace Curtains, [illegible] edges, beautiful lacy goods, 3 1/2 yards long by 46 inches. This is as good value as we have ever seen in fine lace curtains. Per pair only .75

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Walters Falls

(Intended for last week.)

Miss Allie Barker is visiting with friends in Meaford.

Mr. T. G. Prowd and family have moved to our village and have taken possession of the property purchased from Mr. Jas. Mower. Mr. Prowd has opened up a tailoring establishment and will conduct a grocery business in connection.

Mr. Jas. Mower left on Monday for Thamesford, where he intends entering in the merchantile business.

There are many victims of la grippe in our village at present.

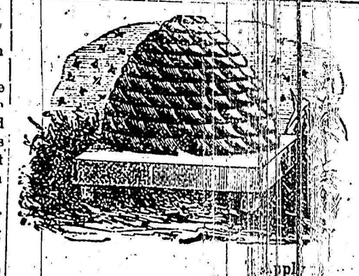
The congregation of St. Paul's church, Sydenham, and Knox church, St. Vincent, have purchased the property from Mr. R. Olmstead, opposite the post office, where they intend erecting a manse during the coming summer. Some of the brick has already been hauled. We consider this a decided acquisition to Walters Falls.

Mr. Alex. Speck left for Toronto last week, where he will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Speck, who will accompany him to his home in New Westminster, B.C., where they intend to reside in future. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Speck every prosperity in their distant home.

Died, on the 5th inst., at the residence of her son, Mr. John Thom, an old and respected resident, Mrs. Ellen Inglis, relict of the late William Thom, who pre-deceased her forty-one years ago. The funeral took place on Monday at 2 o'clock to the blind line cemetery and was largely attended by friends and neighbors who sympathize with the surviving members of her family—two sons and one daughter, Messrs. John and James, of St. Vincent, and Mrs. John McLaren, of Owen Sound.

For a Disordered Stomach.

"I have been troubled for some time with indigestion and sour stomach," says Mrs. Sarah W. Curtis, of Lee, Mass., "and have been taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets which have helped me very much so that I can eat many things that before I could not." If you have any trouble with you stomach why not take these tablets and get well? For sale by R. L. Stephen.



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Pimples Spoiled Her Beauty

A Society Belle of Kingston Cured of Pimples and Blotches by Using Ferrozone.

Miss Evelyn M. Gaetz, of Kingston, writes: "I had an attack of blood disorder which broke out in horrid looking pimples. They were ugly red blotches that ruined the appearance of my face. I tried all sorts of medicine, but the pimples didn't leave. I was recommended Ferrozone and gave it a trial. I noticed an improvement after the second box and kept up the treatment which finally cleared my skin. As a result of Ferrozone I have a clear healthy complexion and can recommend it to all other young women similarily affected."

Another young lady well known in society circles of Springfield who derived exceptional benefit from Ferrozone, says: "I feel it my duty to make known the value of Ferrozone. My trouble was poor, weak blood and in consequence my lips were pallid, my cheeks had no color. I was not all strong and required a bracing tonic. Ferrozone soon brought color to my cheeks, improved my appetite and made me stronger than I have been for years. I favor Ferrozone because it is a simple to take and works so quickly."

Just one Ferrozone tablet at meal time that's all. Easy to take, sure to cure and not expensive. Better use Ferrozone and be beautiful and strong like others who employ this splendid tonic. Price 50c. per box or six boxes for $2.50 at all druggists or by mail from The Ferrozone Company, Kingston, Ont. Don't fail to get a supply of Ferrozone to-day.

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Made up for neighboring bee keepers as heretofore. Also a limited quantity of foundation for sale.

50 Colonies of Bees for sale cheap.

Apiary [illegible] miles south of Walters Falls.

Italian Bees for Sale.

For Sale

[illegible] clean Barley seed. [illegible] early and a good yield. J. STRUTHERS, Hillsdale, Flesherton.

For Sale

[illegible] mare, one newly calved cow, one heifer two years, four calves, [illegible] one plow, two drags, etc. P. J. WATSON, Flesherton.

Farm for Sale or Rent.

[illegible] hundred acres, [illegible] in the township of Holland, one mile of Holland Centre. [illegible] to JOHN FREEBORN, Owen Sound.

For Sale

[illegible] good Shorthorn Bull [illegible] two years old, weight about eleven hundred; also [illegible] and 4-year-old driver, [illegible] JAMES BELL, Glenelg, Markdale P.O.

Farm for Sale.

[illegible] con. 12, Glenelg, 150 acres, about [illegible] under cultivation, and the balance [illegible] bush and pasture; frame barn and house, [illegible] school and post office convenient, [illegible] and good neighborhood. ROBERT [illegible], Glasgow.

Farms for Sale.

[illegible] and 50, 3rd east of T. & S. Road, Holland, [illegible] acres, 75 acres under cultivation, [illegible] 4. Two wells; frame barn and straw shed and implement house; also log and frame house. Well fenced. Also, house and [illegible] stable and good well, in Berkeley. For particulars apply to ROBERT LOVE, [illegible] 1215.

House and Lot for Sale.

[illegible] village of Holland Centre, opposite the [illegible] Hotel, a large house containing twelve rooms, with good stone cellar, very suitable for a store, boarding house, or other public [illegible] place; large woodshed. There is also on the premises a stable. Will be sold cheap on easy terms. Possession given on shortest notice. Apply to John Gawley, Holland Centre.

March 17, 1904.

Mrs. Weisslitz, Buffalo, cured of kidney trouble by Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Of all the diseases known to the female organism is [illegible] disease is the most fatal. [illegible] ness prompt and correct treatment [illegible] plied, the weary patient soon [illegible]

Being fully aware of this fact, [illegible] ham, early in her career, [illegible] study to the subject, and [illegible] the great remedy for women, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. [illegible] mained the correct [illegible] herbs which was certain [illegible] that dreaded disease, woman's troubles.

Read What Mrs. Weisslitz Says:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For years my life was a burden. I suffered so with female troubles, pains across my back, etc. The doctor told me that I had [illegible] troubles and prescribed for me. [illegible] three months I took it I grew steadily worse. [illegible] advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I [illegible] brought home a bottle and [illegible] est blessing ever known to me. [illegible] Within three months I was a well woman. My pain has left me, my complexion [illegible] weight, and my health [illegible]

[illegible] is confined of [illegible] be produced.

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[illegible] 90 per cent. of [illegible] ing Wilson's Fly [illegible] Worthington's Cattle [illegible] Bear Sire, We [illegible] Stock Food to [illegible] to be an excellent [illegible] horses and pigs and [illegible] stock food we ever [illegible] cattle at the Provincial [illegible] test competition [illegible]

LESLIE & PEARCE, [illegible]

Dear Sirs,—I [illegible] excellent Tonic [illegible] appetite and keeping [illegible] a healthy working condition [illegible] exhibited at Winter Fair [illegible] lbs., at 35 months, 2,860 lbs. [illegible] lbs. per month. It pays [illegible] Stock Food.

ANDREW [illegible] Breeder

Dear Sirs,—I have [illegible] both cattle and [illegible] faction. Several [illegible] gain of Cove, 100 lbs. [illegible]

JAS. [illegible] Breeders of Shorthorn [illegible] Hogs.

Note the price: [illegible] 10 lb. box, 50c; [illegible] box, 25c; [illegible]

Manufactured by THE WORTHINGTON [illegible]

For sale by E. R. [illegible] F. G. BARSTEADT, Flesherton; [illegible] GRANT, Berkeley.

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Pomona P.O. Money to [illegible] estate security at low rate. No commission charged. All [illegible] strictly confidential.

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