

MERCER'S, Markdale's Cheapest and Most Reliable Store.

New Spring SUITINGS

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

100 New Suit Lengths to choose from.

No two alike in genuine Scotch and Canadian Tweeds, Imported Worsted and Black Cloth and blue, venetian or clay twills, which we will have made to your order by any tailor in town, with first class trimmings, at prices ranging from \$14.00 to \$30.00 a suit the lowest price you will pay anywhere for good goods.

TROUSERINGS.

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

New Spring Hats

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 Young Men, hard or soft, black or colored, at prices ranging from 50c to 2.50. We sell Christie'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 sweetest 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.

H. Mercer, Markdale.

Frost Wire Fence advertisement with image of a fence and text describing its benefits for farms.

Advertisement for 'Pain in Left Arm & Shoulder' called RHEUMATISM, featuring an illustration of a man in pain and text describing the symptoms and treatment.

Advertisement for KNOTT BROS. Implement Agents, featuring a list of machinery like Deering Machinery, Cocksfoot Plows, and various engines, along with Easter Rates for 1904.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Edward Bennet, aged twenty-one son of Mr. Henry Bennet, of Meaford, but recently from Kincardine, accidentally shot himself Wednesday night while cleaning his shot gun, not knowing it was loaded.

Owing to the prolonged severity of this winter, a great number of deer in Muskoka and elsewhere, have died. There is indeed a great danger of these beautiful animals dying out altogether in some parts of Ontario.

The American Locomotive Company of New York, has bought, at a cost of one million five hundred thousand dollars, the Locomotive and Machine Company of Montreal, and intend to manufacture at the latter place from 150 to 200 locomotives per year.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of East Ontario, in session last week at Kingston, increased the per capita tax to 25 cents per head, and are to employ an organizer, as other societies do. On Thursday last, Dr. Sproule, M. P., of Markdale, head of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of British North America, was present, and gave an able and logical address.

The great increase in Postoffice work in Toronto, and the expansion of the city, have convinced the Postmaster-General that more progressive methods of forwarding mails through the city should now be adopted, and a system of pneumatic tubes for mail delivery will be established leading from the general forwarding department at Union Station to the main office as also the district branch offices in the city.

The Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, at last Thursday's session elected Mr. J. M. Peregine, of Hamilton, as Grand Master, and O. E. Cameron as Grand Foreman. Both gentlemen were elected by large majorities. At the session on Wednesday last the plan to admit women to the order was voted on and passed, only 19 delegates voting against it. A sick and benefit department has also been added, to go into effect the 1st July next.

Miss Maggie Husband, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Rutledge, of this place, for a few weeks, left for her home in Epsom on Monday morning's train.

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for color specifications. Another point in connection with selecting colors is that an early decision will enable the dealer to order any special colors he may not regularly carry in stock.

There is economy, too, in engaging a painter before the season rush is on. When the season is in full swing and the painter has many jobs ahead, it is often a matter of speculation when your work can be taken care of. Painting should be done early in the spring, as soon as the moisture is out of the lumber and the weather settled. The careful householder has all the details of the work arranged many weeks ahead.

An Asthmatic's Story Told. Sleepless nights, suffocating sensations, difficult to even breathe. "I can scarcely describe all I suffered from asthma," writes Mrs. E.P. Cavanaugh, of Colbourne, Ontario. "Spasms of coughing would come on that made me weak. Nothing did me any good until I used the fragrant, healing Catarrhoxone. I am delighted to recommend this remedy which cured me of chronic asthma after scores of good physicians had given me up. Catarrhoxone is better for asthma, gives quicker relief than any remedy I know of. My cure is a perfect one. Try Catarrhoxone, it never fails to cure asthma. Complete outfit \$1.00; trial size 25c."

Shelburne (Intended for last week.) The weather has moderated and we are now having respectable winter weather.

The mail trains got up through here on Saturday, being the first for about twelve days. The express was something enormous on Saturday, taking six men over half an hour to take from the two cars, which were filled until they could hardly get the door open. The first freight for three or four weeks arrived on Sunday, two engines bringing several cars up this far, and the engines returned. Among the cars left we noticed several cars of sugar to Owen Sound. We hope this will be the end of the blockaded this season.

Miss Elsie Ruthford left on Saturday last for Toronto, where she is going to work at the mantle making with her aunt. Mrs. Jas. Pickering, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Rutledge, of this place, for a few weeks, left for her home in Epsom on Monday morning's train.

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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 Worsted, Scotch, English and Canadian Tweeds, Black Cloth and Venetian Worsted, 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.

Table listing prices for Gents Suits, made to order for various materials like Scotch, English, and Canadian Tweeds.

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 of par excellence. Beautiful quality Muslins—strong, durable, neat, and absolutely fast. These are all made by the most reliable British manufacturers and are the most advanced styles and up-to-date for the market. Colors of every piece are guaranteed absolutely fast and the price per yard is

12c and 10c. Hundreds of yards of other Muslins and Prints at 7c and 10c.

Ladies' Blouses.

3' to 4' size Ladies' Fine Muslin Blouses assorted sizes. These are the very latest and most desirable styles are right up to the moment and are especially handsome. Prices 2.00 and 2.25.

Corset Covers.

10 dozen Corset Covers have just been placed in stock. These are made of extra fine cambric, fully lined, and will give the very best of satisfaction. The prices for these extra fine goods are 35c. and 50c.

New Lace Curtains.

We've just placed in stock nearly 200 pairs of new Lace Curtains, embracing nearly all kinds and prices. Every one of the lines: 40 pairs extra fine eyelet lace, finished edges, beautiful lay out, 12 yds. wide, 40 inches. This is as good a lace as we have ever seen in this line. Price per pair only

HARDWARE at the closest prices Hardware has ever been sold at

We have practically everything you require in all lines of hardware for the coming season we have decided to increase by about \$2,000.00 over that of a year ago. This increase will be made in all lines of hardware. So successful have we been in this department that for the coming season we have decided to increase by about \$2,000.00 over that of a year ago. This increase will be made in all lines of hardware. Our Immense Graniteware Purchase. We have a large quantity of graniteware at a price 25% less than regular wholesale prices. Our advice and buy now. Prices in all lines of graniteware reduced promptly by a first class mechanic.

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Advertisement for 'To Cure a Cold in One Day' featuring Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets, with a testimonial and price information.

Advertisement for 'STRICKEN WITH PNEUMONIA' featuring a testimonial from Douglas of Woodbridge, who was saved by Ferrozone.

Advertisement for 'Foundation' featuring an illustration of a woman and text describing the product's benefits for skin care.

Advertisement for 'W. M. Artley, Walkers Falls, Ont.' featuring a testimonial about the benefits of the product.

Advertisement for 'MUSIC—Lead Kindly Light' featuring a testimonial about the benefits of the product.

Advertisement for 'For Sale' featuring a testimonial about the benefits of the product.

Advertisement for 'Farm for Sale or Rent' featuring a testimonial about the benefits of the product.

Advertisement for 'Vandeleur' featuring a testimonial about the benefits of the product.

Advertisement for 'Constipation' featuring a testimonial about the benefits of the product.

Advertisement for 'Farms for Sale' featuring a testimonial about the benefits of the product.

Advertisement for 'House and Lot for Sale' featuring a testimonial about the benefits of the product.



The case of Miss F. Orser, of Boston, Mass. interesting to all women. Dear Miss Orser, I have been suffering from a nervous disorder for several years. I had had bearing-down pains, frequent headaches, I would get from a restless sleep in such misery that it would be impossible for me to get up in the morning. I had long nights and was unable to do my work. I consulted several physicians hoping to get cured, but finding that their medicine did me no good, I tried Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It was highly recommended to me and I had gained in weight. Very soon I was rid of my pain and restored to perfect health. I feel splendid, have a fine appetite and have gained in weight. Miss FRANKIE ORSER, 11 W. St. Boston, Mass. (Send for copy of this letter proving genuineness of this case.)

What Exhibitors

Dear Sir, We have a lot of... (A large block of text containing various notices, advertisements, and public information, including mentions of 'The Worthington' and 'J. S. Black').