

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

NEW GOODS

are now coming in with a rush by every train. All lines sold out during the blockade are now being rapidly filled in.

Wall Papers. New designs, artistic colorings, attractive patterns. Just what you want at prices running from 10 to 80c., double roll.

Lace Curtains. New patterns, extra values, at per pair 50c, 75c, 1.00 1.25, and up to 3.50.

Men's Rain Coats and Umbrellas. Don't envy your friend his stylish new Rain Coat, the chances are that he bought it at Mercer's, 8.00 to 4.00 for a good one, 5.00 to 8.00 for a better one and 9.00 to 11.00 for the best.

UMBRELLAS—Special values at 1.00 to 2.00.

Ladies' Rain Coats. All the new shades in Fawns, Greys and Browns, latest styles. Prices 2.75 to 7.50

Fine Colored Shirts. If you want the best material, style, fit and finish, buy your shirts at Mercer's, 65c. to 1.25

New Spring Suits. Say, where did you get that Suit? Why at Mercer's, of course, I always get my suits there, where you can always depend on getting the best satisfaction, best style, best cloth, best trimmings and no fancy price.

New Hats. Your head, sir, is the noblest part of you. Add to its noble appearance by wearing one of Mercer's New Spring Hats. If there is anything new in Hats we have it, 1.00 to 2.50.

New Caps. Scores of young men are already this spring wearing our New Spring Caps. No place like Mercer's, the boys say, for stylish Hats and Caps.

H. Mercer, Markdale.

A Coiled Spring Wire Fence. With large, stiff stay wires, makes a perfect fence. Not one pound of soft wire enters into the construction of THE FROST. The uprights are immovably locked to the running wires with THE FROST WEDGE-LOCK, making an absolutely Stock-proof Fence.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER FIVE HOURS.

Dr. Bouchard, the eminent French physician, has furnished facts which show that if food is retained in the stomach more than five hours it becomes fermentative and putrefactive, not digestive, and that this is the starting-point of disease.



This food mass becomes putrid. Generates gas. The stomach dilates. There is a swelling lump-weight, burning, or belching. Blood, fibre, tissue, and poison from the stomach and alimentary canal instead of nutrient, and right here is the beginning cause of Constipation, Diabetes, Bright's Disease, Uterine and Ovarian troubles, Rheumatism, Gout, Nervous and Mental Distress, Bronchitis, Heart Affection, Pulmonary Consumption, Jaundice, Liver and Skin Diseases.

KNOTT BROS. Implement Agents.

We also handle this season as usual Deering Machinery, Cookshutt Plows, Rollers, etc. Woodstock Wagons and Buggies of different kinds. Windmills, Gasoline Engines, Waterlo Engines and Separators, Fencing and Gates. Do Loyal Cream Separators.

CANADIAN PACIFIC WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS, APRIL 30th TO DECEMBER 1st, 1904.

Easter Rates, 1904

Round Trip Tickets will be issued at Single First Class Fare Going March 31st and April 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th; valid for return up to and including April 15th, 1904.

THE MARKDALE STANDARD

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A French duel, lasting two hours and forty minutes, was stopped at Neully the other day because the hand of one of the combatants was blistered. The modern French duel is excellent exercise, but it ought to be taken in moderation. Besides, if too long continued there is a chance that one of the parties may be hurt accidentally.

At the recent opening of the British Parliament, Queen Alexandra is said to have looked as young as the youngest peeress present. Her Majesty wore a black gown, strewn with silver sequins, and over this wore her robes of state, of crimson velvet bordered with gold. She wore a small crown, and across her breast was the blue ribbon of the Garter, with several other orders, and row upon row of peerless crown pearls and diamonds.

Sir Frederick Treves, the eminent English surgeon, recently delivered an address in which he took the view that the knife is used too hastily in many cases of appendicitis. There are opposing schools of surgery all over the world in this generation. One is rarely willing to wait and often cuts in a hurry. The other holds to the view that nature ought to have a liberal chance to do her best. In the long run the conservative surgeons may possibly come out ahead.

At the meeting of the Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario East at Kingston last week, the Grand Master, in concluding his opening address, said that Orangemen must not tolerate the cry of independence for Canada. The only independence Canada should strive for is to be ready and willing to bear its proper share in the defence of the grand old British Empire. One day last week in Parliament at Ottawa Jabel Robinson, M. P., Independent of West Elgin, is reported as saying that he hoped he would be a thousand years in his grave ere he ceased to be part of the glorious British Empire. The tie, instead of being weakened, should be made stronger.

A correspondent at Lake Baikal writes that many of the Russian soldiers march on the ice across that big body of frozen water, covering the distance, he says, with comfort, a journey of twenty-six miles, in a single day. He adds a delightful touch of high imagination when he declares that these wonderful walkers are glad of the opportunity to "stretch their legs" for a march of twenty-six miles, remember—"after their railroad journey." It is plain that wearers of the Czar's uniforms are almost superhuman in their powers of endurance, provided we can accept without reserve the astonishing narrative of the veracious chronicler. A single question may be asked: Are these sturdy Muscovite infantrymen carrying their regular military burdens on their backs, while they are enjoying, as if it were a promenade for pleasure, the day's march upon Siberian ice? If so, did the world ever know their equals in their way?

Waudy Mr. Will Baker, postmaster at Waudy, about six miles west of Markdale, has been ill mostly all winter, but is now on the mend. He wishes to return thanks to his neighbors for their many acts of kindness in providing fuel and attending to him night and day during his sickness. Mr. John McNally had a wood-bed last Monday week and gave the lads and lassies a party at night. Charles R. Watson has engaged with Sandy Ellison for the summer months. Messrs. James Bartley and Guy Williams left on Tuesday for Prince Albert, Sask. Messrs. W. A. Bell and W. D. Ellison follow with a car of settlers effects.

A successful party was given last Friday night at Mr. Thos. Dunn's, a good-bye party to the above quartette on the eve of their departure for the West. The neighbors all join in wishing the young men success.

A Sorely Happy Man. In Mr. Thos. McQuarsh, of North Pelham, who was cured of muscular rheumatism by Nerviline, the most powerful rheumatic remedy in the world, "I suffered all manner of pain for years. It writes, "and Nerviline was the only thing that did me any good. I can heartily recommend Nerviline for all forms of rheumatism; it goes to the very core of the pain and brings lasting relief. Let every sufferer from lame back, aching joints and swelled limbs use Nerviline. It's sure to cure and costs 25c. for a large bottle.

Felicitous Addresses.

Friends and Neighbors Express Their Sorrow at the Departure of Those Held Dear.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Bartley & Family. Dear Friends,—It is with feelings of regret that we your friends and neighbors have gathered here this evening, learning of your intended departure from among us. We feel we cannot let you go without showing you by a slight token the high esteem in which we have held you as kind neighbors and friends, and you will be much missed at home and abroad. Therefore, Mr. and Mrs. Bartley, we ask you to accept this berry set and spoons; Noble and Alfred, these books; Mary this little set of dishes; not for their worth, but as a remembrance of us here, and may you find them useful and strength to enjoy the blessings of this life for many years to come, is the heart-felt wish of this gathering. Signed in behalf of your friends and neighbors, Mrs. Thomas Dunn S. S. McArthur.

To Mr. W. A. Bell. Dear Friend,—We your friends have just learned of your intended departure from among us. You have always proved yourself a true and faithful friend, and you will be much missed in our gatherings. Therefore we could not let you depart from us without showing you in some way the high esteem in which you are held by us all. We, therefore, ask you to accept this watch chain, not for its intrinsic value, but for its reminder of you to your many friends here. May you long be spared to enjoy the pleasures of this life, and that wherever your lot may be cast God's blessing may be yours, is the wish of many friends. Signed on behalf of the young people of Waudy, Violet Dulp.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Foy. A number of the neighbors of Mr. Hugh Foy, 11th line Euphrasia, gathered at his home on evening recently on the eve of his departure for another neighborhood, and the following address was given and presentation was made, to which Mr. Foy suitably replied: Dear Mr. and Mrs. Foy,—Knowing that you are soon to move from our neighborhood we planned to gather here to-night and spend a few hours with you socially before you leave. During the years you spent here you have proved yourselves kind and obliging neighbors. We beg of you to accept this purse as a slight token of the esteem in which you are held, and we will join in wishing you success and pleasant surroundings in your new home. Signed in behalf of the community, Thos. Bradley Wes. Wyvill

To Mr. and Mrs. Adam Holley. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Holley, 11th line Euphrasia, was the scene of a very pleasing event on Wednesday evening, March 23rd, when a number of friends and neighbors called and the following address was read: Mr. and Mrs. Holley,—Having learned of your intention to leave this locality in the near future, we feel as friends and neighbors that it is our duty to appreciate those acts of true friendship and neighborly kindness manifested by you during your two years' residence amongst us. We, therefore, as representatives of this large gathering of friends and neighbors, present to you Mr. Holley this robe, and to Mrs. Holley this dinner set, not for their intrinsic value, but in the hope that wherever you may be located they will be reminders of the happy days past, spent among those with whom you are about to part. We all join in wishing you continued prosperity. Signed in behalf of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Holley made very suitable replies expressing surprise and gratification, and ended by extending a hearty invitation to all present to call on them in their new home near Holland Centre, at any time the opportunity presented itself.

No More Pains in the Stomach Because the Greatest of Stomach Remedies Was Used Ferrozone.

Mr. E. Harris, of Rockwood, Ont., writes: "I regard Ferrozone, I am glad to say it is the most excellent remedy for stomach trouble. Before using Ferrozone I was in a poor state of health, but after taking a few boxes I was cured of pains in the stomach and indigestion. I am enjoying the best of health to-day, thanks to Ferrozone."

Mr. Ernest V. Jordan, of Trenton, writes: "I had a severe attack of stomach trouble and indigestion, which completely upset me. I was advised to use Ferrozone, and did so. Since using Ferrozone I have not had any further trouble, and can recommend it as a positive cure. My wife also found Ferrozone a good tonic and nerve strengthener."

F. T. HILL & CO.

Spring Millinery Opening Friday and Saturday April 8 and 9

We cordially invite yourself and friends to our Spring Millinery Opening which takes place on Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9. This season we are making exceptional efforts and ready-to-wear, (New York Models) and Exclusive Blousings, Silks, Laces, Embroideries, Appliques, Gloves, etc., etc.

OVER 1,000 NEW SUIT LENGTHS

We secured from the Finlay Smith Company, of Montreal, nearly 2,000,000 yards of the best stock of high-class Suits five times greater than we have ever had at any time in the past. This stock was secured weeks ago by the Fire Underwriters and included the highest quality Scotch, English and Irish Worsted, Vests, and Ties, and all kinds of English, French, and American Fabrics. We want every gentleman heretofore young and old to see this great opportunity. Below is the actual saving we can effect on you if you have ever seen:

Table with 2 columns: Suit description and Price. Includes items like Men's Suits worth 14.00 made to order for 10.75, Men's Suits worth 15.00 made to order for 11.75, etc.

25 Suit Lengths in various qualities, fine all-wool goods, worth 10 to 25 each, in every case we give you your choice of tailors, we first-class a perfect fit.

Exceptional Values in Ready-Mades

From the best stock of ready-to-wear Suits for Men and Boys ever seen—the lot is beautifully selected in every detail. 25 Men's four button Sacoque Suits, sizes 36 to 42, made of fine slight mixtures of green and red. These suits are excellent facing and make a particularly dressy and good wearing suit. 25 Men's Fancy Worsted Suits, four button sacoque coats, Italian fine all-wool materials. For dressy appearance and good wearing suit. Each

Hardware Department

Plough Ropes Snaps Whitewash Brushes Chains and the best GRANITWARE VALVES in Ontario.

F. T. HILL & CO.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets

WISDOM OF THE BUTCHER. (From The Philadelphia Record.) "When I see men or women looking for nothing but fat on a fowl," said a Twelfth St. market man, "I don't envy them their dinner. There is a layer of fat underneath the skin when poultry is unduly fattened, and in cooking this over-fat saturates the meat, and delicate stomachs are given a hard tussle. This is why lots of people can't eat ducks and geese at all. These over-fattened fowls are in reality more expensive and less easily digested, there being much less lean meat in proportion to the fat. Most of my customers are now willing to pay what a good turkey is worth, understanding the difference. What is the difference? Why, there are a few rules that must be observed. For at least six days before killing barnyard fowls must be kept on huddled, but given good, clean space, and well fed out on for at least five days. Then for twenty-four hours before killing they should be fed on skimmed milk or soft boiled rice. The night before the killing the turkey must be given plenty of water, but no food, which leaves the crop empty; the intestines clean, the dark meat quite light, and gives a flavor as different as possible from the offensive flavor that is likely to impregnate the common fowl killed in the common way. The flesh of all animals is favored by their food. This accounts for the delicious flavor of the canvassback and rehdhead ducks. Both eat of the wild celery at the water's edge, the former taking the roots, the latter the tops.

Foundation

Made up for neighborly help. For sale in large quantities. 50 Colonies of Bees for sale cheap. Italian Bees for Sale.

House and Lot for Sale

In the village of Holland Centre, on the Queen's Hotel, a large house containing 10 rooms, with good stone cellar, very suitable for a store, boarding house, or other business place; large woodshed. The house is on a desirable site, and is well equipped on easy terms. Possession given on the 1st of May. Apply to John Gawler, Holland Centre, Ont.

Properties for Sale

\$2,000 will buy a 100-acre farm in Egan Township, W. J. McFarland. \$1,500 will buy a 100-acre farm in Egan Township, W. J. McFarland. \$1,200 will buy a 100-acre farm in Egan Township, W. J. McFarland.

Farm for Sale

Let 8, con. 12, Glenora, 150 acres, about half under cultivation, and the balance in good bush and pasture; frame barn, etc. Good well, school and post office nearby. Good roads and good neighborhood. GOODWILL GLASGOW.

To Rent

The Rocklyn Hotel, Rocklyn, furnished, unshipped. Possession May 1st, 1904. W. H. Dodson, 224 D. S. Morgan Building, Rocklyn, N. Y.

Bull For Sale

Lot 120, con. 8, Arden, near T. S. Road, near a good Shorthorn Bull, about two years old, with horns, and a good pedigree. JOHN HILL, Markdale, Ont.



Miss Agnes M. Chicago, speaks to you about dangers of the Period. "To Young Women six years with dangerous periods, so much every month, as I know of or four days of intense doctor said this was a condition of the uterus caused by repeated abortions. If you are in a dangerous time, much as you are, I can help you. I am in perfect health, brighter, I have added 12 pounds, my color is bright and happy." Mrs. A. 25 Potomac Ave., Chicago. (Best values in town.)

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Markdale Lodge, 141 meets every Friday at 8:00 the first and third months. Has no members from other lodges. Elliott, Master, C. W. I. corder.

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