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We know how to handle the tape to secure the results, and we've got the goods from which to make the garments. Fit style and workmanship are guaranteed.

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Raised on 5,313,654 Acres,

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When you want a physic that is mild and gentle, easy to take and certain to act, always use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by R. L. Stephen.

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MARKDALE, FEBRUARY 2, 1905.

Opportunity.

Lord Strathcona, the grand old man of Canada, in the course of an interview which appears in the Young Man gives the following practical advice to young fellows starting in life: "Be content with your present lot, but always be fitting yourself for something higher. Do not despise what you are. Be satisfied for the time, not grumbling and finding fault. If you want to get higher, to a better position, only cheerful perseverance will bring you there; grumbling will not help you on an inch. Your future really depends almost entirely on yourself, and is what you like to make it; I would like to impress this fact upon you. Do the work yourself; don't wait for your friends to use their influence in your behalf; don't depend on the help of others. Of course opportunity is a great thing, and it comes to some men more frequently than to others. But there are very few whom it does not visit at one time or another and if you are ready for it and have not prepared to welcome it, that is your fault and you are the loser. Apart from that which we call genius, I believe that one man is able to do as well as any other, provided the opportunity presents itself, and he is blessed with good health. Much of what I would advise you young men to do is contained in the old counsel, "Trust in Providence and keep your powder dry."

A Fatal Vice.

When you find yourself leaning in the direction of a leather cushioned chair or an air filled settee look out. The fellow who is always looking for a nice place to sit down will have no place to rest his weary end in a short while. It makes one sick to walk into some places to see able bodied men trying to do business with all their energies bent on getting the soft side of a chair. When a man gets the "sit down" disease before he is fifty it is all up with him. Laziness is fatal. You can cure almost any other kind of vice. A drunkard may brace up, a man may get rid of a hot temper, a wild boy may settle down, but a lazy man is a hopeless proposition. Get someone to give you a swift kick every time you feel yourself gravitating towards the cushion. Nip the thing in the bud. If you are an employer don't keep a sanitarium for the cure of the malady. Let somebody else do the nursing. Give the lazy man his walking ticket. That will do him more good than all the preaching you can put into his head, and there is more money in it for you.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite.

The soothing and healing properties of this remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and permanent cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of small children, for colds, croup and whooping cough, as it contains no opium or other harmful drug, it may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by R. L. Stephen.

Holland Centre Meth. Church.

Anniversary services of the Methodist Church will be held here next Sunday and Monday, Feb. 5th and 6th, as follows: The regular quarterly meeting will be held at 10.30 a.m. The evening service at 7 will be conducted by Rev. Findlay Matheson, B. A., of Chatsworth. The collection in the morning will be the quarterly collection, and in the evening in aid of "The New Church Fund."

Do not fail to attend the Bachelors' Tea and Concert on Monday night under the control and management of the young men of the Methodist congregation here. Tea served in Price's Hall from 6 to 8 p.m., after which a very choice programme will be given in the church consisting of addresses by Revs. McNab of Kilsyth, Lawrence of Walters Falls, Shepherd of Markdale and McLaren of Desboro; readings and instrumental and vocal selections by the Chatsworth Male Quartette, the Hawken family of Harsawa, the Misses Williams of Holland Centre, and Miss Margaret Matheson of Owen Sound, elocutionist, graduate of Alma Ladies College, St. Thomas. Mr. I. B. Lucas, M.P.P., has been invited to preside. Admission, adults 25c, children 15c. No reserve seats; first come first served. All welcome. Come early to secure a seat. The bachelors will do their utmost to make this the event of the season. Every bachelor is requested to bring his own sister or some other person's sister.

No service in the Methodist church at Berkeley or Massie next Sunday. The following Sunday services at each appointment at the usual hour: Berkeley 10.30, Holland Centre 2.30, and Massie 7 p.m.

The Holland Centre circuit Official Board are to meet at Holland Centre next Monday, the 6th February, at 2.30 p.m. A meeting of the parsonage trustee board immediately after at the same place.

Startling But True

People the world over were horrified on learning of the burning of the Chicago theater, in which nearly six hundred people lost their lives, yet more than five times this number or over 3,000 people died from pneumonia in Chicago during the same year, with scarcely a passing notice. Every one of these cases of pneumonia resulted from a cold and could have been prevented by the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. A great many who had every reason to fear pneumonia have warded it off by the prompt use of this remedy. The following is an instance of this sort: "Too much cannot be said in favor of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and especially for colds and influenza. I know that it saved my daughter, Laura, of a severe cold, and I believe saved her life when she was threatened with pneumonia." W. D. Wilcox, Logan, New York. Sold by R. L. Stephen, Markdale.

Vandeleur

Mr. Jas. Boland of Winnipeg is the guest of his brother, John, and family at the Oaks.

Miss Minnie Graham of Burlington is visiting at the parental home.

The Woman's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Gilbert Jobb Thursday afternoon and had a practical demonstration on cooking oysters. We hear that the Foresters also treated themselves to an oyster supper the same evening.

The Box social given by the Sons of Temperance on Friday night was a success in spite of unfavorable weather. Messrs. Chas. Boland and Robert Graham deserve much credit for the excellent manner in which they managed the collecting and distributing of the boxes. Everyone seemed satisfied with the results. After tea an excellent program was delivered, consisting of choruses by the Division, recitations, dialogues and singing. Rev. Mr. Wilson was present and gave an excellent address, which was much appreciated as could be easily seen by the hearty vote of thanks which he received. Proceeds amounted to $10.

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Is Promptly Overcome—Health and Vigor Permanently Restored by FERROZONE—Cures All Ailments From Which Women Suffer.

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No woman can remain sick or miserable if she uses Ferrozone. It goes direct to the seat of the trouble, puts a stop to functional irregularities, and so establishes buoyant, robust health. Being free from alcohol and dangerous drugs, Ferrozone can be used by old and young with perfect safety. Prepared in tablet form, fifty to the box; price 50c. or six boxes for $2.50, at all dealers, or N. C. Polson & Co., Hartford, Conn., U.S., and Kingston, Ont.

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(Signed) MRS. T. SMITH.

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WINTER GOODS of every description are now being sold here at the smallest prices we've ever known, quality and style considered. In two weeks we take stock and want quantities in each department reduced to the smallest possible points. That means buying opportunities now that will not be repeated this season. Read on:

78c. Regular Price $1.75

$1.75 Ladies' Underskirts for 78c.

We have exactly 27 Ladies' Mercerized Sateen Underskirts in light blue, dark blue, cerise etc. These are a beautiful, silky goods, heavily quilted and will give thorough satisfaction. The price all season has been $1.75, but to effect a speedy clearance of the balance we have reduced them to less than half, for each 78c.

78c. Regular Price $1.75

29c. Regular Price 45c. to 75c.

45c. to 75c. Velveteens for 29c.

In all we have about 15 pieces plain and fancy Velveteens, which make a very complete assortment. Some of these are particularly nice for Shirt Waists, others for children's dresses and others for fancy work. In all there are probably 250 yards, regular 45c., 50c. and 75c. goods. Every yard to be cleared out at this very small price 29c.

29c. Regular Price 45c. to 75c.

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Worth $5.00 to $10.00, Clearing at $2.38 to $5.00.

Exactly 26 of these Men's and Boy's Dress and Storm Overcoats that embrace nearly every size up to 44. We want to sell every one of these during the next two weeks, and at the prices we have marked them that should be easily accomplished. Nearly every coat is marked at less than half its actual value. Overcoats worth $5.00 to $10.00 clearing now at $2.38 to 5.00

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43c. Regular Price 55c. to 75c.

55c. and 75c. Tweeds for 43c.

This is part of a shipment of "mill ends" manufactured by one of the largest and best Canadian mills. The lengths of these vary from 2 to 15 yards, the cloths are all solid goods, all winter weight, and patterns the newest and best. In seasons gone by we have had splendid values in "Tweed Mill Ends" but never anything to surpass this last shipment. Your choice per yard 43c.

43c. Regular Price 55c. to 75c.

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50c Mens' Top Shirts 39c.

In all we have about 5 dozen Mens Heavy Knitted Shirts, assorted sizes. This is one of the best half-dollar lines of Shirts we have ever seen, the colors and wearing qualities being of the best. While they last we can give you the best 50 cent Shirt you have ever purchased for only 39c.

39c. Regular Price 50c

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1.18 We are clearing out our 1.50 Horse Blankets for only 1.18 **1.18**

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Mr. Editor,—Wishing you and your many subscribers a happy and prosperous New Year.

The Young People's Guild met last Sunday for the first time in the New Year.

Miss Lily Sword, of Meaford, is visiting her sister, Miss Lizzie Sword, of Bognor.

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Service every Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock, Rev. A. Sinclair. School at at 2.30. Mr. [illegible] superintendent.

CHRISTIAN

Sunday Services at 11 [illegible]
Sunday School at 9 [illegible]
Superintendent [illegible]
Bible Class Friday [illegible] ducted by pastor.
The Guild of the [illegible] Friday afternoon at [illegible]
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J. R. [illegible]

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It's an inflammation of the linings of the throat, lungs and nasal passages. Catarrhozone that can only be destroy healing Catarrhozone which direct to the seat of the has never yet failed to cure ozone always gives satisfaction suffered from nasal catarrh that I couldn't breathe through nostrils," writes C. K. Wright iden. I used Catarrhozone minutes and was relieved a short time." No other like Catarrhozone, it's the month's treatment $1.00;