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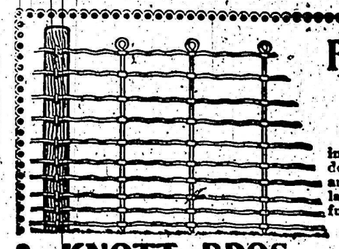

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A Commendable Work.

Circular letters have been received from Mr. R. Mathison, Superintendent of the Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, and from Mr. H. F. Gardiner, Principal of the Institution for the Education of the Blind. Through these circulars attention is called to the advantages of these institutions. With the same object there has been published a special edition of The Deaf Mute, with an interesting account of the work done in both places. These gentlemen are desirous that as many persons as possible shall receive the benefit of the education and training given under their care. Without some such training the life of a blind person or a deaf mute must be dreary and monotonous, and it would be a pity if any should through mere lack of knowledge lose the benefit of intellectual training. The heads of these institutions show a commendable desire to extend their advantages to all who require them, and they ask to be informed of cases that would be benefited by treatment.

Information Asked and Given

EDITOR STANDARD.

Dear Sir,—Will some of your readers who have used the side delivery rake and hayloader please tell the rest of us how they like them. In what way are they better than the old kind of rake? Can they make as good hay with loader as they could by putting hay in cock for a day or two until cured?

As I am one of the first who got a manure spreader in this section several farmers have asked me how I liked it; and I thought it would be better to let all your subscribers interested know through your widely circulating paper. After one season's use of it I think it is one of the best machines for the farmer who has one hundred loads or more of manure to handle. I am satisfied that it saves one-half of the manual labor, and spreads it better than it can possibly be done by hand. You can put on 3, 6, 9, or 12 loads per acre, can unload in four minutes putting on 12 loads to acre, or while your team can travel 40 rods have to go twice as far putting on 6 loads to acre and it would take that much longer for each load. It will do allright to top-dress grain when it is six inches high and I am satisfied we will get twice as good results from same quantity of manure put on with spreader than if spread on the snow in winter by hand.

My Spreader is called "The Success" made by the Paris Plough Co, and is all that its name implies: A SUCCESS. It is the simplest and lightest that I have seen. The firm makes good all breakages through defective material for one year. I have the 50-bushel size and it is none too large as they send three horse rig with it. I have not used three horses on my farm yet, but some of my neighbors have. I would not recommend it to parties having a very hilly farm.

JOSEPH BUCHANAN,
Flesherton p.o.

Proton Station.

(Crowded out last week.)

News items are at a premium around here with a Russian victory in the far east, however, we will charge the enemy, but if we sustain a disaster we wish our readers to understand that it was pre-arranged.

Mr. Walter Carson, of Dundalk, was the guest of Mr. Jos. Trelford on Sunday.

Mr. Jos. Parks, accompanied by Miss Florence Patton, of Cedar Grove, visited with Mr. Jas. Patton, Dundalk, Sunday.

Mr. John Hockley, traveller for a Toronto merchant, narrowly averted what might have been a serious accident last week between Creemore and Stayner. While passing a team with a hay rack on the sleigh, his horse became unmanageable, throwing the driver out in contact with the rack. He received a considerable shaking up, and is this week, in consequence, at home nursing his bruises. The horse, after ridding himself of his driver, ran about four miles and charged a G.T.R. train that was crossing the highway at the time. The foe was solidly entrenched and a retreat was decided upon, and upon examination it was discovered that the attacking party had one side of his face greatly disfigured and mutilated.

Miss Mable Binnie is spending a month's holidays with her sister and friends in Toronto.

Miss Gertie McIntosh, of Owen Sound, who has been spending some weeks with her uncles and cousins of the Medaugh fraternity, returned home this week.

An enjoyable evening was spent last Thursday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Mino, in the nature of a surprise party, by some of the young people of the vicinity. The evening passed all too quickly by the keeping of time to the music of the light fantastic.

Rev. and Mrs. Thom, of Flesherton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sherson last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lyons, February 25th, a son.

Mr. Aaron Wurts, who has been spending a couple of weeks with his mother in Brampton, returned recently and is at present laid up with quinsy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Hopkins, of Durham, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wauchob on Sunday.

Mr. Robert Lockhart, jr., of Elmvale, is this week at the old home and visiting with friends around Proton.

Mr. Wm. Ludlow, who rented his farm some time ago to Mr. Samuel Batchelor intends to spend the summer with his sister, Mrs. Latimer, of the Soo, while Mrs. Ludlow will visit her mother in Manitoba.

A most pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent on March 1st at the home of Miss Maggie Sherson in the form of a surprise by the members of the choir, members and friends of the Presbyterian church. When all had assembled the following address was read by Mrs. (Rev.) Thom, and presentation made by Miss Mable Binnie.

Dear Miss Sherson,—It is with feelings of sincere pleasure that we have assembled here this evening. The only regret that we may have is that we have not sooner availed ourselves of this privilege. The members of the Ladies Aid, choir, church and congregation wish to convey their heartfelt thanks to you as organist—a position which you have so ably and nobly filled, and have given so unsparingly of your time and talents. We also ask you to accept of the contents of this purse. We know that all your services have been rendered freely, unselfishly and heartily, yet we trust you will accept this gift in the same spirit in which it is rendered, namely, kindness. We trust that you may be long spared and wherever your future life may be spent, whether here or elsewhere, that happiness and prosperity may attend you.

Signed in behalf of the congregation of Knox Church, Proton Station—L. W. Thom, pastor; Mrs. Robert Neilson, President of Ladies Aid.

With Crick in the Back.

You are up against a whole lot of trouble unless you have a strong remedy like Nerviline to settle pain and dislodge stiffness from the muscles and joints. Just rub Nerviline on the painful spot—not much rubbing because Nerviline has more power than ordinary remedies. You won't suffer long after Nerviline is applied for it relieves almost instantly. Mr. Phillip Adams, of Oakland, says: "If I hadn't used Ferrozone I guess my back would be stiff yet. A few applications of Nerviline took out all the soreness and stiffness. I can recommend Nerviline for any kind of muscular pain, also for rheumatism." Price 25c.

Wodehouse

Mrs. S. J. Wiley paid a visit to her parents in Markdale the past week, returning home on Saturday.

A number of farmers in this vicinity are engaged hauling logs to Armstrong Bros.' mill, Markdale.

Mr. James Kirkpatrick is settled on the farm he purchased last fall from Mr. Geo. Morwood.

Mr. A. Birch is hauling brick from Meaford.

Mr. C. Devitt and wife were visitors at Mr. Ed Donnelly's recently.

Mr. George Warling and wife of Vandeleur, visited at Mr. D. Walker's lately.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Buchanan, Meaford Road, visited last week at the home of Mr. D. R. Ellis.

Miss Pearl Shaw, of Kolapore, visited friends here last week.

Beaverdale

(Crowded out last week.)

The weather is getting spring-like—the robin has put in an appearance.

Mrs. Robt. Nixon is visiting relatives and friends. All her old acquaintances were glad to see her.

Mrs. Robert Gibson is recovering from a slight attack of la grippe.

The Markdale hockey matches prove very attractive to some. Yes, they get home in good time.

Wedding bells 'apealing in the near future.

Double weddings are the newest.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Wilson were on a visit to relatives.

Mrs. E. Wilson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Thos. Hall, East Mountain.

Some of our young men are already engaged for the spring and summer work.

Maxwell

(Crowded out last week.)

The funeral of the late Mrs. Fred Sheniman took place on Sunday. Her body was laid to rest in the English church cemetery. The bereaved relatives have the heart-felt sympathy of the whole community. The pall bearers were her two sons and four sons-in-law, viz: Charles and Will Sheniman, of Rittsburg; Wm. Ormsby, of Buffalo; Thos. Maxwell, of Parry Sound; Wm. Cousins, of Singhampton; Ed. Pedlar, of Feversham.

Mr. Fred Scheniman is very ill at present. Hope soon to hear of him being around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Field, from near Ravenna, visited their relatives in this vicinity recently.

Mrs. Lindsay, of Caledon East, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Robert Heron, of this village.

Married, on March 7th, at Dundalk, Mr. Wilson Scilley to Miss Mable Guy of this place. We wish the young couple a happy and prosperous journey through life.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Field, of Rockvale, spent Sunday with their relatives here.

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FIRST SHOWING OF NEW SPRING DRESS GOODS

DAME FASHION has decreed that Sheer Fabrics shall be the most popular for Spring wear, with fancy two-tone effects in fancy tweeds for street wear and tailor made suits, hence the reason why our new showing of Spring Dress Goods consists of the following most popular lines: Mohairs, Lustres, Crepe de chene, Grenadine Lace Effects, Sicilians, Eoliennes and Fancy Tweeds. These goods are all popularly priced, and now open for your inspection as follows:

New Mohairs, Bulliontines, Lustres, Sicilians, silk and wool Crepe de chenes, silk and wool Eolienne in plain and fancy weave, Poplin's finished canvas cloths and fancy Tweed popularly priced at per yard **40c to $1.50**

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1500 yards of Prints and Muslins in light and dark colors consisting of stripes, checks and fancy floral designs, perfect goods, regular 10 and 12½c qualities. Special **5c per yard**

To make the lot go round we limit the quantity to 10 yards to a customer.

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32 Ladies Dress Skirts in

Tweeds, Black and Blue Serges,

Nearly every size represented, and values the regular $3.25 kind, special to clear **1.98**

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In Womens, Girls and Boys Shoes and Overshoes. This lot consists of many odd lines, possibly not more than two pairs alike but representing odd lines of various value. No doubt you will be able to find something among them that you can use. The price is low, your choice per pair. **48c**

Table Oil Cloths.

17½ per yard, regular value 25c.

1500 yards of Table Oil Cloths in marble and fancy floral patterns, the regular 25c quality, Special price per yard **17c**

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Manufactured by Hobberlin Bros., King Street, Toronto. This well known firm of high-class tailors were burnt out some three weeks ago. They succeeded, however, in saving many of the suits, that were made for their customers. We succeeded in buying these suits hence the reason that we are able to offer you $18.00 and $20.00 high class tailor made suits for $12.50.

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Special

Seeded Raisins, choice California fruit in 1-pound packages. Special at 3 for **25c.**

7 pounds choice Figs for **25c.**

Complexion Soap, 3 cakes to the box. Special at per box **7c.**

10c. and 15c. boxes of Shoe Blacking. Special at per box **7c.**

Hardware Department

Special

25 kegs of best quality Wire Nails in 2½, 3, 3½, 4 and 5 inch, in any quantity from one pound to 100 pounds, at the special price of per pound **4c**

If you are thinking of building get our quotations on your hardware supplies before buying. We can save you money.

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WHEN BABY COMES YOU'LL NEED STRENGTH

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A woman's anxieties multiply ten-fold about the time the new baby is expected. If her strength is exhausted and her blood weak, it goes hard in the hour of trial. Ferrozone should be used because it makes the blood nutritious and rich. By instilling new strength into every part of the body, it uplifts your spirits at once.

Childbirth is certainly made easier by Ferrozone. The following statement expresses the earnest gratitude of Mrs. M. E. Duckworth of Durham. It is a woman's story—of her own case—told that other women may profit by her experience:

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There is more concentrated nourishment in Ferrozone than you can get from anything else. It supplies what weak systems need. Simply take one tablet at meals and you'll feel uplifted at once. Ferrozone makes healthy, virile, vigorous women; try it. 50c per box of 50 tablets, or six boxes for $2.50, at all dealers, or by mail from N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont., and Hartford, Conn., U.S.A.

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For the cure of kidney complaints of either sex, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is unsurpassed. It will dissolve gravel and expel it in the early stages of development. The tendency to urinate too frequently, or retain the urine, pain in passing water, weak and irritable bladder, inflammation, ulceration, and all kidney complaints are readily overcome by this great remedy.

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