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Is making a wide reputation for excellence, being a mixture of equal parts Manitoba and Ontario wheat, the former giving the strength and the latter the color, thus producing a most desirable combination. My third grade

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J. W. KNOTT has on hand a larger stock than ever of DEERING MACHINERY and IMPLEMENTS of the best kind that can be got. Any customer using any other kind of machinery in the past and now using Deering Machines will admit they are far superior both in lightness of draught, handy to operate, and good material. This is why the Deering Company is one of the largest, if not the largest, in the world to-day. I have sold to quite a number of the best farmers in the country who will testify to what I have said here and still they come for more. The Deering Machinery is always getting better. All farmers are cordially invited to come and examine my goods before buying, and if you see anything that will suit you better buy it. You are the man that will have to pay for it.

J. W. KNOTT, Agent. - Markdale.

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Editorial Notes.

Canadians can point with pride to the fact that despite the severity of the winter the transcontinental mails have been coming o'er the Canadian Pacific Railway with almost unbroken regularity. Through the remarkable snow sheds of the British Columbia mountain ranges, across the vast prairie stretches of Alberta, Assiniboia and Manitoba, and into Ontario, all winter long have been coming the mail bags from the Orient and the Pacific coast. It is a good record.

The Japanese have adopted a compulsory system of national education. A boy or girl must attend school as soon as they attain the age of six, and remain there until the age of fourteen. The first four years they teach them the Japanese and Chinese languages, and the latter four years they add English; when a boy or girl are graduated from the Japanese common schools they can read and speak English. By teaching the Chinese and English languages, besides their own tongue, they bring up a new generation, prepared to seek knowledge in the outer world, as commanded by the Emperor.

Fraternal Society Insurance

(Daily Globe.)

The large volume of insurance carried in fraternal societies in Canada makes their management a matter of deep public interest, and it is fortunate that they fully realize the importance of establishing their affairs on a sound financial basis. The recent increase in rates by the A.O.U.W. was a move in the direction of stability, and although it has occasioned some complaint, the ultimate benefit that must result should reconcile the older members to the increased charge. Fraternal societies has always been popular in Canada, and many of the societies attempted the impossible. This was most natural, as there was no information available for their guidance. This need is now met by Mr. Hunter, Provincial Inspector of Insurance, who publishes a schedule giving the minimum of safety in rates, having regard to the low death rate and other favorable features of insurance in this province. . . . The careful policy of the Government has effected an important reform in fraternal societies and has helped to avert threatened financial disasters.

An International Horse Deal.

An amusing story which concerns a horse deal between the Sultan of Morocco and President Roosevelt has just come to light. Knowing that the American President was a keen horseman, the Sultan of Morocco, through a United States Consul at Tangier, begged him to accept as a gift five beautiful Arabian steeds. There was the usual formal interchange of compliments, and finally the priceless horses were shipped. On their arrival in the United States they were turned over to Mr. Homer Davenport, the cartoonist, a friend of the President's, a noted fancier of pheasants, collies, and also a sound judge of a horse. Davenport looked the gift horses in the mouth, and then advised the President that they were worth anywhere from $38 to $47 apiece, and that the Sultan was insulting him by the gift. So President Roosevelt has declined the horses and they will be sold by auction. Thus the fine old superstition about the Arabian horse being the finest in the world receives another blow. Marvellous stories of their unsurpassed speed, symmetry, endurance and docility have been accepted for centuries, and are current to-day, whereas the fact of the matter is that the finest Arabian horse that lives would have not the slightest chance of success in a competition for speed or endurance with a third-rate English thoroughbred.

An Asthmatic's Story Told.

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

Agnew--Wilson.

Two young people from Dundalk were principals in an interesting event which transpired in Markdale on Wednesday, March 15th, at one-thirty o'clock p.m., when Mr. Nassau Agnew and Miss Fanny Wilson were made man and wife. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Nesbitt, and was witnessed by about thirty-five invited guests, a number being from Dundalk. Rev. Shepherd, Presbyterian minister of Markdale, tied the nuptial knot. The bride was daintily attired in a costume of cream taffeta silk, trimmed with sequin and chiffon, and carried a bouquet of white carnations and maiden hair fern. The going-away dress was of black broadcloth and white silk waist with hat to match. She was assisted by Miss Ethel Crossley, of Flesherton, also attired in white. Mr. Hector Moody supported the groom through the trying ordeal. The decorations throughout the house were very pretty, particularly the parlor, where the ceremony took place. The gifts were many and valuable, that of the groom to the bride being a handsome pearl brooch, and to the bridesmaid a pearl pin. After the ceremony and congratulations the company sat down to an elaborate wedding dinner and a social time was spent until the arrival of the afternoon train, when the happy couple left for Toronto, Alliston and other points on a short honeymoon trip. Those who attended from Dundalk were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whitby, Jr., and Mrs. John Russell, Miss Stella Whitby, Miss Mary Bailey, Messrs. Hector Moody, J. E. Richards and E. Colgan.

Miss Elizabeth Falconer, of Louisville, has just perfected an invention which promises to revolutionize the lacing of shoes by fat people. The invention enables men or women to lace their shoes without stooping, and although it was not invented primarily for fat men there are no fat women—it will be utilized as much by them as by the aged and infirm, for whose comfort it was brought into the world. The invention is simple. One lace string is permanent in position, and pulling the top of it laces the shoe. Pulling the bottom string loosens the shoe.

Victoria Corners

Well, Mr. Editor, I presume you will think it time we were sending you a few items from the Corner.

The rain of a week and the continued mild weather have left the roads almost impassable here.

Mr. W. H. Ludlow, who has rented his farm to Mr. Sam Bachelor, has moved to Proton Station, and Mr. Bachelor has moved to the house vacated by Mr. Ludlow.

Mr. W. H. Heard has now settled on the farm which he purchased from Mr. Jas. Rath.

Mr. James Best has sold his team of matched blacks to Mr. Geo. Sharpe for the Western market and has purchased a handsome young team to take their places.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Guest of Henderson, Maine, visited a few days with friends here lately.

Mrs. Albert Stevens is at present suffering from the effects of a grippe and their baby is also very sick with lung trouble. We hope to hear soon of their recovery.

Quite a number of the children around here are having the measles.

SAID "GOOD-BYE" TO HIS FAMILY.

Dying of Weakness—Given up by Doctors as an Incurable and Hopeless Wreck. FERROZONE Saved his Life.

After reading the following letter from Mr. H. A. Thurston, 228 Vermont street, Indianapolis, Ind., no one will ever doubt the merit of Ferrozone:

"A year ago I took the grippe.

"I was as weak as a child.

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Then I heard of the wonderful Ferrozone.

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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, Eolienne 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

We invite your inspection—no need to buy.

A REMARKABLE OFFERING IN PRINTS AND MUSLINS.

Be sure and see these Prints and Muslins.

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.

A BIG REDUCTION IN LADIES TWEED SKIRTS.

32 Ladies Dress Skirts in

Tweeds, Black and Blue Serges,

Nearly every size represented and values the $3 and $3.25 kind, special to clear 1.38

Rummage Sale.

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.

17c per yard, regular value 25c.

1500 yards of Table Oil Cloth 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. 27 suits of High-Class Tailor make, if we have your size this ought to interest you, special sale price 12.50

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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 Deparment

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

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The Woman who Would And The Grocer who wouldn't.

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