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Best value in the county. From $1.50 to $10.00. If you want to see what a good cap looks like come here—we have them.

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To look up a stove before winter sets in, either Cook or Heater in coal and wood or wood only. We have some rare bargains in these lines. We have in stock: Empire Queen Ranges, Empire Queen Steel Ranges. Empire Oak Heaters, Empire Ideal Base Burners, Empire Princess Wood Cook Stoves, Empire Hot Blast Heaters, Crown Treasure Base Burners. We have a lot of wood cook stoves of the McClary Mfg. Co. make which we are clearing off at cost. Come and see us and we will give you a good deal.

Thornbury, January 5th, 1905.

Gentlemen,—This is to certify that the stove I purchased from you last fall, manufactured in Owen Sound, has given us the best of results. It is an excellent working stove.

Yours truly,
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Postmaster, Thornbury.

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"A short time ago one who signed himself "Constant Reader" made an attempt to lead the public to believe that it is necessary to have a certain amount of Bran in flour. It seems to me he did not understand very well what he was talking about, for

Bran Waste is one great difference between good and poor Flour.

The food part of Flour is "Protein."

Protein makes bone, muscle and brain—there is no protein in bran.

Bran is the outside part, the husk or "bark" of the wheat.

Bran is the part of the wheat which is absolutely without food-value to the human system.

Bran represents part of the difference between

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and whole-wheat flour or cheap inferior flours that are poorly milled and not thoroughly purified.

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MARKDALE, NOVEMBER 23, 1905.

NOTES.

Canada has 20,379 miles of railway, steam and electric.

Canada's banks have seventy-nine million dollars of paid up capital.

After the Boer war a number of ultra patriotic burghers who could not reconcile themselves to living beneath the British flag left British domains for other parts of the world. Some went to the United States, some to South America and some to German Africa. But they have only fallen out of the frying pan into the fire to put it mildly. The United States colony was not a success, the South American colony was a failure and the brutalities of the Germans in German Africa are driving the burghers back again to the blessings of British rule.

A number of esteemed contemporaries are making shocked comments upon the brazen and flagrant perjury which prevailed at recent political trials at Kingston, Belleville, etc., and the Belleville Intelligencer enquires: "Is perjury considered a crime any more?" The Hamilton Spectator is of the opinion that the average Ontario man places no great weight upon the taking of an oath. There is unfortunately too much truth in this latter statement and we grieve that political corruption is largely responsible for the prevalence of perjury. Theft, forgery and perjury, so far as political matters are concerned, of late years seem to have been considered mere venial sins and it is only a slight step downward in the path to steal and forge and perjure in civil affairs.

A despatch to a London newspaper from Hong Kong says that the recent massacre at Lienchow was due to the action of the wife of one of the United States Missionaries, who, on the refusal of some of the members of a native procession to desist from worshipping the idols they carried, seized the idols and tried to keep them. The angered Chinamen thereupon attacked the Missionaries. The next act in this drama we presume will be the arrival of United States warships on the Chinese coast to demand indemnity and reparation for the murdered Missionaries. But who can justly blame the Chinamen? Just imagine what an uproar there would be if some over zealous Chinese priest were to interrupt forcibly some of our church services! The Chinese religous service is just as dear to him as ours is to us and should be respected just as much.

Not long ago the Canadian Bank of Commerce advertised in Scotland for capable junior clerks and this caused considerable adverse comment in some Canadian newspapers, which marvelled that there should be any necessity to apply outside Canada for new clerks. The real reason is—and most business houses in Canada will understand and sympathize with the position of the Bank of Commerce authorities—that our defective school system turns out its pupils as a rule in poor condition for entering business life. We have too many poor writers and bad spellers. The Old Country boy as a rule is at least able to write a neat, legible hand and to spell correctly. The defect is in our top-heavy school system. Our teachers and scholars are allright, but they seem to have too much to do to ensure success in the elementary steps of education. There is a great opportunity for reform, and the advertisements of the Canadian Bank of Commerce are very practical arguments in favor of it.

Local Option.

The council of every township, city, town and incorporated village may pass by-laws against the sale, by retail, of spirituous, fermented or other manufactured liquors in any tavern, inn or any other place or house of public entertainment, and for prohibiting the sale thereof, except by wholesale, in shops and places other than houses of public entertainment.

The right of the Legislature to enact this law has been up-held by the Court of appeal.

A local option prohibitory by-law prevents the issue of liquor licenses. All the machinery and authority of the license law are available under it for the prevention of any liquor selling, except by authorized drug stores. It means the absolute prohibition of the retail sale, of liquor, not the wholesale. The Act defines the sale of liquor by wholesale as selling, bartering or trafficking in liquor in quantities of not less than five gallons each, or in the case of bottled liquor, one dozen bottles of three half-pints. No retailing must be done on any premises, even where there is wholesaling. Sec. 63 prohibits the consumption of liquor on the premises or which it is wholesaled or in any building which communicates with such premises. The local option by-law amounts to prohibition.

The penalties imposed upon those who sell or barter contrary to the law are severe. The first offence incurs a penalty of not less than $50 besides costs, and not less than $100 besides costs, and in default of payment therefor, he shall be imprisoned in the county gaol for not less than three months at hard labor, and for the second offence such persons shall be imprisoned for four months at hard labor, and for the third offence, six months at hard labor.

The having or keeping liquor for sale, except as properly authorized as before defined, is an offence, and punishment.

Grey County and District.

Melancthon Agricultural Society (Shelburne) has a surplus in the Treasury of $600.

The Markham Economist suffered a $2,000 loss recently from a gasoline explosion, followed by fire.

A recent Police Census taken in Toronto gives the city a population of 262,740, an increase of 41,166 in four years.

After ample investigation it is announced that there is sufficient marl in Durham vicinity to last the great cement mill for generations to come.

A skunk took up its abode in a pipe connected with the furnace of Robert Kanawin, in Orangeville, recently, and they had an adoriferous time dispatching the tenant.

Bears are numerous on St. Joseph's Island, and are committing serious depredations among the sheep. This should attract sportsmen, and the open season will stay right with them.

Harry Donaghy, of Grand Valley, sexton of Knox Church, was found dead in the church woodshed recently, having committed suicide while temporally insane from a former trouble or abcess in the head

The Tonic of Health.

Must be more than a stimulant—must be a food as well. There is one medicine which is both a food and a tonic,—it aids digestion, promotes assimilation, converts a food into nutriment that builds up nerves, blood, brain and bone. That tonic is Ferrozone which contains exactly what a run-down system needs. Ferrozone supplies oxygen to purify the blood, phorphorous to develop the brain, iron to harden the muscles. No wonder it makes such vigorous men and women. You'll eat, sleep, think and feel better by using Ferrozone; try it—now. Fifty cents buys a box of fifty chocolate coated Ferrozone tablets, at all dealers.

Eugenia

Indian Summer is a long time coming this fall, but we must live in hope that it will soon come, as a great many farmers have not their roots taken up yet, and some have not even their potatoes up. The continued stormy and disagreeable weather makes farm work impossible.

Our Muskoka hunters are safe home again and report a good time. Game was shy this year on account of the crisp snow.

Mr. Wesley Latimer, of Toronto, was up for a week's hunting around Eugenia with his father who is a keen sportsman. They shot a fine deer a short distance from Eugenia, also a lot of other game.

A few of our young sports went out hunting one day last week. After tramping through woods and swamp they never got so much as one squirrel's tail, although they say they killed a mouse.

Mr. Willie Gordon has gone to Montclair, New Jersey. He will be missed by the young people, with whom he was a general favorite.

Mr. and Mrs. Duckett have moved down to Pleasant Valley for the winter. They will be missed at the corner.

Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald of the post office, and Miss Doris, have been visiting friends in King for a few days.

Everyone is delighted to hear that Miss Henderson has been re-engaged as teacher for Eugenia school for the coming year. During her past term she has proved an efficient teacher and has made a great many warm friends around Eugenia.

Mrs. Wm. Purvis is going on an extended visit to her children in Toronto, as the city will be more pleasant during the cold winter months.

Mr. James Williams has about finished collecting the taxes for this year. His kind, obliging manners seem to make him more popular with the people every year he goes his rounds.

Miller's Compound Iron Pills, only 25 cents for 50 doses. For sale by W. Turner & Co.

HERE IS A CURE FOR SLEEPLESSNESS

Weak, Listless, Sleepless Men and Women Cured Every Day by Dr. Hamilton's Pills.

The physical suffering and mental anguish that victims of sleeplessness endure is indeed a sad story. But in Dr. Hamilton's Pills there is swift relief from this awful condition. Thousands have proved the merit of this grand medicine, among them Mrs. G. T. Lyons, one of the best known residents of Geneva, who writes? "My health ran down and I was unable to sleep. I had headaches and pains in different parts of my body. In the morning I was weary and exhausted—no rest or comfort came from the snatches of sleep I got.

"Dr. Hamilton's Pills braced me at once. After the first night I got refreshing sleep, that extreme weariness left me and I recovered very fast

"No medicine I ever used gave such telling results as Dr. Hamilton's Mandrake and Butternut Pills."

Don't let sleepless drive you crazy; take Dr. Hamilton's Pills and get well. You will increase in flesh your appetite will be vigorous, force and energy will be instilled into your nervous system.

By nourishing and purifying the blood and by stimulating the action of the kidneys, liver and stomach. Dr. Hamilton's Pills accomplish wonders. Try a 25c. box, or five boxes for $1, at all dealers, or N. C. Polson & Co., Hartford, Conn., U. S. A., and Kingston, Ont.

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THIS week we put on sale many lines of merchandise much below the regular selling values. These lines are perfect in every respect and afford a buying opportunity that occurrs very seldom. We want you to see them. If you do not require them right away you will save money by buying ahead.

Special Handkerchief Offering for the Children, 6 for 5c.

250 dozen Children's Fancy Printed Handkerchiefs, very neat in pattern, good washing quality. Special selling price 6 for 5

Replace your broken Cups and Plates from these special lines.

300 assorted Plates, principally in the green tints, some in the blue semi-porcelain china, guaranteed. These come in the tea and breakfast size and sold regularly at $1.00 per dozen. Our special price in this line is 68

500 dozen White Delph Cups, best iron stone china, full size, just what you require for ordinary use. Special selling price, per dozen 48

10c. Wrapperette for 6 c.

2500 yards of a nice quality of Wrapperette, new fall patterns, in stripes, floral, paisley and polka dot effects. Good value at the regular selling price, but we are selling the lot at per yard 6

Ladies' 25 and 35c. Vests at 19c.

300 Ladies' Vests in the heavy ribbed qualities. Some are the 25c. kind, but the majority of the line is the regular 35c. quality. The special price for them is your choice for 19

A Bargain in Ladies Fine Qualities of Cashmere Hose, 3 pr. for 1.00

35dozen Ladies Fine Imported Cashmere Hose, principally in the ribbed, some plain. These fine Hose are made to sell for 40c, 45c and 50c per pair. Note the special price, 3 pair for 1.00

Extra Fine, Heavy, All-wool Flannels for 29c yard, regular 40c.

400 yards of fine, heavy, all-wool Flannels, in light and dark grey, oxford and navy blue, good value at 40c per yard. Special selling price 29

Men's Heavy All-wool Pant, Bargain for $1.48 per pr.

175 pairs of Men's pure all-wool Pants in fine tweeds, heavy tweeds and friezes. These are a manufacturer's odd lines, possibly not more than two or three pairs alike in the lot but many are worth $2.25 a pair, and the quality of each pair guaranteed, hence the reason we say a bargain at per pair 1.48

Men's Heavy Waterproof Smocks, double & single breasted for 1.48

75 Men's Heavy American Waterproof Smocks, plaid lining, all sizes included, the kind you have been paying 1.90 and 2.00 for. Special selling price 1.48

Grocery Specials

20 pounds Redpath's Granulated Sugar for	1.00
22 pounds Redpath's Yellow Sugar for	1.00
25 pounds Dark Brown Sugar for	1.00
Canned Tomatoes, per tin	10c.
Canned Peas, per tin 10c. or	3 tins for 25c.
Canned Corn, per tin 10c. or	3 tins for 25c.
Complexion Toilet Soap, 3 cakes to the box, regular price 10c per box. Special at	2 boxes for 10c.

Choice Raisins, Cleaned Currants and New Peels for your Christmas Baking now in stock.

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We carry a very large assortment of Heaters, Ranges and Wood Stoves. See us for your Hardware requirements. We can save you money.

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