

**BARGAINS FOR DECEMBER AT
MERCER'S
MARKDALE'S CHEAPEST & MOST RELIABLE STORE**

Now For Christmas!

We are ready with the biggest and best stock of useful goods we have ever shown. No matter what you want in Dry Goods, Clothing, Furs, Shoes, Rubbers, Furnishings, Groceries, Crockery, etc., you are almost sure to get it at this store and at prices not beaten by any body. **COME AND SEE.**

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| Suits and Overcoats for Men 5.00 to 15.00. | Dress Goods in all the new materials and colors 25c. to 1.25 per yard. |
| Suits and Overcoats for Boys at 2.50 to 10.00. | Waist Lengths 50 different patterns to choose from, 25c. to 75c. yd. |
| Reefers for Men and Boys at 3.00 to 5.00. | Ladies Collars in all the new style, 25c to 2.00. |
| Men's Fur Coats , the good kind, at 15.00 to 30.00. | Ladies Kid Gloves and Mitts extra quality, 1.00 to 1.75. |
| Gloves and Mitts for Men and boys, at 25c. to 1.75. | Ladies Cloth Jackets at 5.00 to 13.00. |
| Mufflers for Men and Boys 25c. to 75c. All colors. | Ladies Fur Coats at 25.00 to 45.00. |
| Boys' and Girls' Wool Toggles , 25c. to 50c. | Ladies Ruffs at 3.00 to 15.00. |
| Horse Blankets extra heavy, lined and strapped, 1.00 to 2.50. | Ladies Capelines at 5.00 to 15.00. |
| Robes , Grey Goat and Imitation Buffalo, 6.50 to 8.00. | Ladies Felt Slippers at 50c. to 1.25. |
| Men's Heavy Rubbers for sox, 1.00 to 2.50—old price. | Men's Felt Boots in laced and gaiters, 1.25 to 2.25. |
| | Men's Fur Caps at 1.40 to 10.00. |

Come and see our goods. You don't have to pay too much here. Highest prices paid for Poultry, Butter and Eggs.

H. MERCER, Markdale.

W. J. STEPHENS

JUST ARRIVED

ANOTHER CAR LOAD OF OGILVIE'S CELEBRATED ROYAL HOUSEHOLD FLOUR

as well as large quantities of Ogilvie's other goods, viz: Bran, Nestor Feed Flour, Rolled Oats, etc.

We take this privilege of thanking our many customers for the patronage they have extended to us during the past year, and we trust for a continuance of your good-will in future.

Our stock is now complete with all the delicacies of the season for Christmas trade, consisting of new and fancy Candies, Nuts of all kinds, Oranges and Lemons at rock bottom prices at rock bottom prices. New Dates, new Figs in bulk and small fancy boxes, Toys, and many other things which owing to want of space we are unable to enumerate. Pay us a visit before buying your Christmas Cakes and be convinced that we speak the truth.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas and all the compliments of the season

W. J. STEPHENS, MARKDALE

Maxwell

(Intended for last week.)

The funeral of the late Mrs. Miller took place on Friday of last week. Her remains were interred in the Presbyterian cemetery here. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved relatives.

Mrs. Wm. Guy sr. is very ill at present but we hope soon to hear of her recovery.

Mr. George Morgan has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Geo. Fleisher, recently.

Rev. Mr. Scott, of Maple Valley, intends preaching a temperance sermon in the Methodist church here next Sunday evening.

A temperance meeting will be held in the Methodist church here on Thursday evening.

Mr. D. Fairay visited at W. H. Guy's last week.

The C. O. F. No. 533 presented Mr. Wm. Clark with a Forester pin one evening last week.

Mr. Wm. Clark and family left for their new home in Idaho last Tuesday. We are sorry to part with them, but hope that they may enjoy their new home.

DYSPEPTIC FOOD DOES YOU NO GOOD

Half the time you're afraid to eat, your tongue is coated, mouth tastes bad, stomach is bloated. If you want to get well, stop using dyspeptic tablets and go to the source of the trouble before it is too late. Strengthen your stomach, cast out the bile, regulate the bowels—do this and dyspepsia will be no more.

For your condition the best prescription is Dr. Hamilton's Pills which are made specially for the stomach, kidneys and liver, no better remedy will ever be devised. To the overworked organs they give new strength. The general health is built up, and all trace of dyspepsia disappears. Here is proof:

FIVE YEARS OF DYSPEPSIA CURED.

"No one could realize my sufferings from stomach trouble and indigestion. For five years I have not been well. My food did me no good because I couldn't digest or assimilate. My doctor said the condition was at the root of my trouble, so I got Dr. Hamilton's Pills. My appetite improved, pain after eating ceased, and my food digested quickly. I am delighted with the thorough cure I derived from Dr. Hamilton's Pills." (Signed) "MARTIN E. WALKER, 'Bridgewater'."

Quick results attend the use of Dr. Hamilton's Pills; this medicine cures all trouble in the stomach and digestive organs by removing the cause. You feel uplifted and strengthened at once. Get Dr. Hamilton's Pills to-day, and refuse any substitute. Price, 25c. per box, or five boxes for \$1. at all dealers, or sent C. O. P. N. O. Polson & Co., Hartford, Conn., U. S. A., and Kingston, Ont.

A Guaranteed Cure for Piles
Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Druggists refund money if PIAZO OINTMENT fails to cure you after three, no matter of how long standing, in 6 to 14 days. First application gives ease and rest. 50c. If your druggist hasn't it send 50c. in stamps and it will be forwarded, post-paid by Paris Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo.

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A DIFFERENCE.

It has been repeatedly stated, and without contradiction, as far as we have known, that the expenses of County Council have not been lessened on account of the system which has been in vogue for eight years, by which in this county sixteen commissioners take the place of some fifty-four county councillors. The following figures from our county treasurer show that for the last eight years under the old regime the expense averaged \$8,206.81 per year, and for the eight years under the new act the average has been \$1,583.68, a difference of \$1,623.13, or a saving in eight years of \$13,811.44 in Grey County.

"VIRTUES OF THE EMPEROR."

The newspapers of this hemisphere have been having a great deal of fun over the fact that the Admiral Togo ascribed his great triumph over the Russians "to the virtues of the Emperor." But it appears that Admiral Togo had very good cause for his expression. To the Japanese "the virtues of the Emperor" represent certain moral rules by which the Japanese are supposed to govern themselves. There are seven of these rules as follows:

1. Be sincere and loyal—shun unworthiness.
2. Respect superiors and be true to comrades—shun lawlessness and insolence.
3. Obey the command of superiors irrespective of its purport—never resist or disregard it.
4. Value courage and be diligent in the performance of duty—shun cowardice.
5. Be not boastful of brute strength; neither quarrel with nor insult others; thereby engendering hatred.
6. Cultivate virtue and practice frugality—shun extravagance and effeminacy.
7. Cherish honor and reputation—shun greed and vulgarity.

There is nothing amazing whatever about these rules. On the contrary it would be a very good thing if we in our complacent superiority would frame our conduct on these rules.

NOTES.

The wheat crop of the Canadian North West is estimated at 86,810,000 bushels. Of this, 51,110,000 bushels has already been marketed. A large part of the money received for it has gone to pay debts that the Westerners had accumulated while they were applying the proceeds of former crops to the purchase of additional farms. Thus the indebtedness, though large, is passing off, fortunately for all concerned. It was used wisely by the farmers and is being liquidated with little or no loss to the merchants and manufacturers.

A strong deputation of pork-packers of Canada recently waited upon Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture and the burden of their plea was a demand for protection against the importation of hog products from United States to fill the shortage in the Canadian supply. This inferior United States bacon is sold as Canadian to the great detriment of the Canadian trade and the injury of the reputation of Canadian bacon. As a means of protection the Canadian pork-packers advocated the use of a brand.

Ninth Line Euphrasia

(Intended for last week.)

Misses Alice and Nettie Speck, of Mesford, spent last Sunday at home.

Mrs. Hugh Clark returned Sunday after spending a few days with friends at Rocklyn.

Mr. Samuel Erskine, of Rocklyn was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Clarke on Sunday.

A number of our young folks spent a very enjoyable time at Mr. James Murray's one night recently. All report having had a good time.

Miss Ethel Muxlow, of Rocklyn, spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Mabel Boyd spent Sunday at her uncle's, Mr. Sheldon Boyd.

Born, On December 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Ashby, a daughter.

Some of our young boys have gone to College to spend the winter. We wish them success.

Holland Centre

Mrs. Robt. Erwin, who has been visiting her children in the West during the summer, returned home last Tuesday. Her son Tom, who had been absent for several years, returned with her.

Mr. Dennis Hamilton, who has been in Montana for about eleven years, is visiting at the home of his father, Mr. Patrick Hamilton.

Mr. Edwin Berry, of Toronto, and Weston, of Drayton High School, are home at the parsonage spending their Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bliss Williams, of Toronto, spent Sunday at the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rolston, of Owen Sound, are spending a few days with their parents here.

Rev. J. I. Wilson, B.A., B.D., of Markdale, occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church on Sunday afternoon. He preached an excellent sermon and very ably discussed the question of Local Option.

Mr. E. White, our school teacher for No. 5 Holland, is spending Christmas holidays at his home in Walkerton.

F. T. HILL & CO., Markdale.

FOR

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

A Mammoth Purchase of an English Crockery and China stock away below market values

Selling at 25, 33, and 50% Less Than Regular Prices. Sale Begins This Week.

We have just finished placing in stock over one carload of English Crockery and China in Fancy and Staple lines. This is part of the stock of a large English pottery which we succeeded in buying away below market values. This is the reason we are able to make this offer so much below the regular prices. Remember—All first quality goods and this season's staple and up-to-date patterns AT GREAT PRICE REDUCTIONS.

Fruit and Salad Bowls.

20 doz. Fancy Fruit and Salad Bowls, selling at Half Price.

800 Fancy Delph Salad or Fruit Bowls, heavy rich embossed colors, beautiful new designs, large assortment of colors, regular 50c values. Selling for.....25

Cake Plates.

Fancy Cake Plates at Half Price.

12 dozen or 100 Fancy Cake Plates in the heavy, rich, embossed colors, large assortment of patterns richly stippled with gold, regular selling value 50c, selling for.....25

Plates.

Tea Plates, Dessert Plates, Dinner Plates, 25 p.c. off regular prices.

80 dozen Fancy Decorated Tea Plates in all the leading colors, 4 different designs and patterns. Regular values 35c. per dozen for.....58

50 dozen Dessert Plates. Regular 1.00 values for per dozen.....78

50 dozen Fancy Decorated Dinner Plates. Regular 1.25 values for per dozen.....88

IMPORTANT

Customers will please remember while we will only be able to display a part of this large purchase in the main part of our store, we have opened on the second flat of our large store a new and up-to-date Crockery Department where these goods are all fully displayed and can be conveniently seen and are so placed for quick selling, so be here early. Can't come too quick. As we said before this offer cannot be repeated when sold out.

White Delph Cups.

200 dozen White Delph Cups, best quality, full size, 38c. per doz.

200 dozen best quality White Delph Cups, full size, selling without saucers, in plain or wheat pattern. Regular value 60c. per doz. Selling at per dozen.....38

Bedroom Sets.

Fancy Decorated Bedroom Sets for \$1.48 per set. Regular \$2.00.

30 Fancy Decorated Bedroom Sets in floral patterns and a variety of colors, such as blue tints, green tints, grey tints and pink tints, 6 pieces in all. Regular value 2.00. Selling at per set.....1.48

\$4.50 Bedroom Sets in fine quality Porcelain Delph for \$3.25.

35 ten-piece Bedroom Sets in best quality English Delph, beautiful tinted decorations, gold tinted oval basin in rose, sweet peas, daisy and poppy decorations. Regular selling value 4.50. Selling at per set.....3.25

Semi-Porcelain Bedroom Sets in new cream tints

with heavy gold band decorations, new design and shape. Regular selling value 3.75. Selling at per 10-piece set.....2.85

Tea Sets.

44-piece English China Tea Sets for \$3.65.

10 only fine English China Tea Sets, 44 pieces, dainty floral decorations in pinks, greys, greens and combination colors. Regular value 4.75. Selling at per set.....3.65

44-piece Semi-Porcelain China Tea Sets for \$4.25.

6 sets only fine English Semi-Porcelain China Tea Sets, entirely new in style with neat band of gold and colored stripes, in O. K. blue, pea green and pink. Regular value 6.50. Selling at per set.....4.25

See Our Dinner Sets.

See our assortment of Dinner Sets in Fine Porcelain and English China.

New decorations and colorings selling at popular prices—5.50, 7.75, 7.50, 9.75; 10.50, 12.50 and 13.50 for 97-piece sets.

For the convenience of shoppers we would ask you to do your shopping as early in the day as possible, especially for the next three weeks. Shop early!

F. T. HILL & CO., Markdale.

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That in addressing Mrs. Pinkham are confiding your private life to a woman whose experience man's diseases covers a great field. You can talk freely to a woman is revolting to relate your private to a man—besides a man does not stand—simply because he is a man. Many women suffer in silence from bad to worse, knowing full well that to have immediate assistance modesty impels them to shrink from the questions and answers, even their family physician. Without money or price paid, Mrs. Pinkham's Standard Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

Women suffering from any disease are invited to promptly address Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass. An opened, read and answered. A woman can freely talk to a woman; thus has been established confidence between Mrs. Pinkham of America which has been the cause of the thousands of women who have drawn from it, and that she has gained the confidence that will help you in your return except to give advice has relieved thousands of women, rich or poor, who do not take advantage of the offer of assistance from Mrs. Pinkham's Standard Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

Following we publish testimonials from a woman who has tested this invitation. See result.

First letter. "Dear Mrs. Pinkham: I have been suffering from a terrible every month. My doctor has given me many pills, but they do not seem to do any good. I am in a state of womb trouble, and I am unable to submit to it. Please tell me what to do. I am Mrs. M. J. Capitol St., Boston, Mass."

Second letter. "After following and taking Dr. Pinkham's Compound I feel better. My testimonial, that I value and what you will."

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The cause of disease is first of all affected long any organs in they become diseased impurities which are part of the body. DOWNS, HAVE A KIDNEY TROUBLE THE STOMACH COUGHS FRESH NIGHT AND FEELING THE outcome of these allies of CONSUMPTION.



MOTORMAN WALKER on a Broadway. Cured with his lung trouble has not

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