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**Markdale Markets.**  
Corrected each Wednesday.

Fall wheat	\$ 35 to 40
Spring wheat	45 to 50
Barley	45 to 50
Oats	35 to 40
Pease	30 to 35
Butter	30 to 35
Eggs, fresh	30 to 35
Hay, per ton	13 00 to 15 00
Wool, washed	23 to 24
Wool, unwashed	15 to 17
Beef	5 00 to 6 00
Pork	7 00 to 8 25
Hides	9 00 to 10 00
Geese, per lb.	8 to 10
Turkeys, per lb.	12 to 14
Ducks, per lb.	8 to 10
Chickens, per lb.	4 to 7
Apples, per bag	50 to 60
Potatoes, per bag	40 to 50
Flour, per bbl.	8 20 to 4 80
Flour, Manitoba	5 00 to 5 00
Bean, per cwt.	1 00 to 1 00
Shore, per cwt.	1 10 to 1 10
Chop oats, per swt.	1 35 to 1 25
Sheep skins	45 to 75

**KIMBERLEY HAPPENINGS**

What changeable weather! Mrs. A. E. Myles, accompanied by her son, Teddy, and daughter, Ruth, are this week the guests of Mrs. Myles' mother, Mrs. T. Kelly, Markdale.  
A Mr. Abercrombie of Griersville, "Riverview" on Sunday last.  
Miss Jennie Graham, of Eugenia, was the guest of Mrs. Geo. Proctor during the past week.  
While engaged in the ice harvest last week a team belonging to Stuart Bros. butchers, had the misfortune to go through the ice on the mill pond but were soon rescued by willing hands who speedily gathered; the horses are none the worse save the rather cold bath which they received.  
Mr. Anley McConnell is on the sick list at present. We hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

Mr. James Stuart, one of the prominent residents of this vicinity, who received rather severe injuries in a run away accident some five weeks ago, is recovering, but slowly, having been out but once in that time. We hope to be able in the near future to report Mr. Stuart fully recovered from his injuries. Mrs. Stuart, who was with her husband at the time of the accident, received a rather severe nervous shock but has since fully recovered.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Stuart are now comfortably settled in their new home.  
Mr. W. G. Pickell, of Markdale, was in this vicinity on business this week.  
Mr. Henry Hurd will hold an Auction Sale of live stock, implements, etc., on Tuesday, February 26th; no reserve as he has leased his farm.  
Mr. Geo. Stuart, of Flesherton, visited friends here last week.  
Temperance advocates throughout the Province still continue to be justly indignant regarding the clause in the New Liquor Act which requires the two-thirds vote to carry local option. Never before do we believe in the history of the Province, or the Dominion for that matter, has the temperance element been so strong as at present and if the Whitney Government would strike out this objectionable clause, relating to the two-thirds vote on local option, we would soon have total prohibition in Ontario. If the Government fails to do this it up to the temperance people and all others who believe in the majority ruling to give Mr. Whitney the go-by.

**DOING SPLENDID WORK.**  
If there is an effort calculated to raise the moral standard of Canadian life that deserves the most generous support of the citizens of this great and progressive nation it is that of the department of the government having care of neglected and orphan children. Scarcely a week passes but some little boy or girl, or sometimes two or three of each are picked out of surroundings which, if not vicious, might become so through neglect, and brought to the headquarters of some local branch of the work known as the Children's Aid Society. Nowhere in the province is this work being more thoroughly attended to than in the County of Grey and its adjoining counties. The late Rev. James Lediard was a prince amongst the workers in the cause and to his energy much of the splendid foundation work may be attributed.  
Mr. M. K. Richardson, ex-M. P. of Flesherton, is making an excellent successor and many a little chap or miss will in days to come count amongst the greatest blessings of their lives the fact that they were rescued from surroundings not congenial to healthy moral growth, and that the public appreciate the work is gratifying evidence. Only last week Mr. Richardson was called to Shelburne to take a bright little boy of five years from a hotel where his mother with three big, lazy drunken brothers lived a miserable vicious life. The little chap naturally began to cry when at the station he found he was to be separated from his mother. To pacify him Mr. Richardson gave him a bright cent piece. The crying of the lad attracted a crowd including a number of commercial men who took in the situation, and to the little fellow's one cent another added five cents, then another man doubled the amount only to be followed by twenty-five cents and fifty cent pieces to which were added in quick succession several one dollar bills. The latter Mr. Richardson accepted only on the understanding that each donor give his name and receive a receipt for his contribution. So without the least solicitation enough money was handed over to provide comfortable clothing for the child. He was brought to the shelter here, and is being cared for and trained suitably for the little lad did not know the use of a chair and when told to sit down exclaimed "to his bunkers" alongside the wall - to admit of his being sent to some of the many homes from which have come application for children for adoption. The movement needs just such practical sympathy as that Shelburne station platform crowd gave and which again demonstrated that the Canadian people only have to know of a need to prompt a generous response, and any contributions handed to Mr. Archie Trout, assistant postmaster, at the Owen Sound post office, will be gladly received and suitably acknowledged, and the way opened up for a white life and a square deal for many a helpless child, who instead of being a burden to the community and a disgrace to Canada may become a useful, industrious citizen. - Times.

**Do Not Stop to Think.**

The amount of energy people sometimes expend in making a bad matter worse is illustrated by the story of a chance encounter in a street car told to the world by a New York man.  
It was on a Broadway car, and there were few passengers. A man boarded the car and sat down by my side. His clothing was muddy and torn, and he had a handkerchief wrapped round one hand.  
"I guess I am the biggest fool in town," he remarked. I looked interested, and he continued:  
"See that car four blocks ahead? Well, I ran a block to overtake it and gave the conductor a dime. He handed me a nickel, which fell from my hand to the street. I yelled for him to stop the car. He did not do it, and I jumped off and handed all spraddled out like an old saddle. See my clothes? Well, the jump did it!"  
I asked the man if he found the nickel.  
"Oh, yes, I found the nickel, but what good did it do me? I could not overtake the car from which I had jumped, and so I boarded this car and gave the nickel to the conductor. So I skinned my hand, spoiled my clothes, and risked my neck just to find that five cent piece and give it to the street railway!"

All the Transfers She Had.  
As a bevy of laughing girls rose to get off a street car the other day at a point where transfers are given they were followed by a demure young woman who had been absorbed in a novel. Just before she alighted she asked the conductor for a transfer, and he, thinking all the girls were of one party, gave her six, which she took without noticing and held in her hand as she stood on the corner waiting for her car, the other girls having gone on walking.  
When the reader got her car she took a seat and was soon lost again in her novel. Then the conductor came up, and she held out the slip. He took them, counted them and they looked around with a puzzled expression.  
"Where are the others?" he asked.  
"Oh," replied the young woman, looking up a moment from her book, "that's all he gave me." - Philadelphia Record.

The First Phonograph.  
The first words reproduced and uttered by a phonograph are naturally a matter of historical interest. When Edison was at work on his first phonograph many weeks were consumed in experiment. It is said that when the talking machine was first discovered it was as much a surprise to its inventor as to the world. The Wizard was working on some telephone receivers and was led to put a piece of tin foil on a cylinder. It recorded sound, and Edison was convinced that the human voice could be recorded and reproduced. When the time came to make an actual test Edison, with his mind on mechanical details, absentmindedly tested his contrivance with the familiar phrase, "Mary had a little lamb." The verbe was the first record taken by the machine.

Strengthening the Nerves.  
Self control or nerve force is the great lesson of health and therefore of life itself. To understand how to relax is to understand how to strengthen nerves. Hearty laughter is a source of relaxation, as are also all high thoughts, as those of hope, beauty, trust or love. Relaxation is found in diversion. An occasion, party or holiday is necessary. As there are conscious and unconscious thoughts, there are also conscious and unconscious nerve tensions. Women when shopping do not know the very tight grip they give their parcels until, on reaching home, their hands fall relaxed in their laps, and they say they are so tired. - Health Culture.

The Emerald.  
An emerald that has no flaw in it is typical of the purest love. Some people say that, as few such stones can be found, purest love is necessarily rare. An emerald was always thought to possess the power of discovering treachery in the shape of alleged friends. The emerald is exceedingly popular in courtships and in marriages.  
After marriage it is supposed to bring harmony into the household and to further domestic joys in every possible way. To lose an emerald is said to bring business misfortunes and disaster.

A Hopeless Woman.  
"My wife's the most helpless creature," growled Cadly; "simply can't do anything without bothering me to help her."  
"Yes?"  
"Yes. Only last night I had to reach up and get a candle off the shelf of the pantry for her so she could go down cellar and bring up a scuttle of coal." - Philadelphia Press.

Disgusted.  
Arthur - "Were't you awfully frightened when you saw the burglar in your room?"  
Theodore - "I was worse than frightened; I was disgusted. He said if I said a word I was a dead man. Absurd, don't you know. A dead man couldn't talk." - Boston Transcript.

Nothing to Woe From.  
Mother - "So your little playmate is sick. What is the matter with her?"  
Little Dot - "Don't know, but it's something with an awful long name, so I guess it's a real respectable sort of disease. May I go to see her?"

His Main Duty.  
Employer (to new office boy) - "Has the company told you what your duty is to do this afternoon?"  
Office Boy - "Yes, sir; I'm to wake him when I see you coming." - Scraps.

A watch taken to the top of Mont Blanc will gain thirty-six seconds in twenty-four hours.

**CHERRY GROVE**  
Miss Ellen Bradley and brother, Balmer, recently spent a few days in Drumore.

Miss Ethel Bradley this week received the gift of a fine new organ. It was put in by T. F. Wilson, Markdale. One of our young ladies wears a sprig of "weather" these times.  
Mrs. E. Bradley, ex., is on the sick list owing to an attack of grippe.

**F. T. HILL & CO.**  
JUST 15 DAYS MORE OF  
OUR GREAT  
**February Graniteware Sale**

Just fifteen more days to sell Graniteware and the opportunity to buy all kinds of Graniteware at a saving of 1/3 to 1/2 less than regular prices will be gone. Thrifty housekeepers should not miss this chance to anticipate their requirements and refurnish kitchen utensils in all kinds of Graniteware at such economical prices.

**Granite Pudding Pans.**

150 only Granite Pudding Pans, 4-quart size, in gray and white, Molony's make, regular \$1.25 value, selling for **19c.**

**Granite Water Pails.**

75 only Granite Water Pails, in colors of grey, blue and white, perfectly seamless, no chance for a leak, enamelled on steel. Regular value \$1.50, selling for **48c.** Regular value \$1.00, selling for **58c.**

**25c Graniteware Basins** selling 2 for 25c.

250 only Graniteware Basins, enamelled on steel, perfectly seamless, in colors of white, blue and grey, during our February Graniteware Sale selling **TWO for 25c.**

**18c Granite Pudding Pans** February Sale Price 11c.

200 Granite Pudding Pans, very useful size available for many purposes and the kind that sells for 18c anywhere, February Sale Price each, **11c.**

During this Great Sale of Graniteware nearly all lines are represented in the selling and the reductions are correspondingly low as the February Sale Price is effected on all lines.

**Startling Prices on Women's Corsets.**

You can thank circumstances for this unusually good opportunity. The corset company, who were unfortunate enough to have a fire, the insurance the lot. Some are slightly stained by water only, hence the reason for so low a price. 17 dozen fine quality Corsets, made by the Golden Rule Corset Co. in Canada. Some are stained with water only, some are perfect, and the lot of 100 Corsets. During February Sale selling at per pair **44c.**

**This week's Savings in Men's Tweed Pants.**

75 pairs Men's Tweed Pants, representing many different lines and all sizes in lot, had values representing 1.25, 1.50 and 1.75 lines, February Sale Price, per pair **98c.**

**Sacrificing good Dress Goods during February.**

75 Dress Lengths in fancy and plain cloths in the staple color of black only. In this lot there is represented 60, 65, 75 and 85c goods. To save you is to buy, your choice per yard only **38c.**

**Granite Slop Pails and Slop Jars.**

45 only Granite Slop Pails in white, also grey, extra heavy and all size, regular \$1.50 value, selling for **85c.**

35 only Granite Slop Pails in white, also grey colors, adjustable life, strong steel pail and seamless. Regular \$1.00 value, selling for **48c.** Regular \$1.50 value, selling for **88c.**

**Preserving Kettles and Lipped Sauce Pans selling at Half.**

75 only Granite Preserving Kettles, regular 35c, size, February Sale Price **18c.**

75 only Granite Lipped Sauce Pans, regular 35c, size, February Sale Price **18c.**

**Granite Dinner Pails selling for 35c, regular 65c value.**

35 only Granite Dinner Pails, cups attached, also separate inside attachment. This article is a boon to the man taking his meals with him, February Sale Price **35c.**

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Why, its very nature makes it the most natural and easy cure that human intuition and diligence have ever discovered. Its effectiveness is in going right to the seat of the trouble, dissolving the mucus, giving immediate relief and a permanent cure. We furnish free sample and literature for the asking.  
Price \$2.00 per bottle from druggists or sent direct on receipt of price.  
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**A Habit to Be Encouraged.**  
The mother who has acquired the habit of keeping on hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saves herself a great amount of unnecessary anxiety. Coughs, colds and croup to which children are susceptible are quickly cured by its use. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia, and if given as soon as the first symptoms of croup appear, it will prevent the attack. This remedy contains nothing injurious and mothers give it to little ones with a feeling of perfect security. Sold by E. L. Stephen.

**Common Colds are the Cause of Many Serious Diseases.**

Physicians who have gained national reputation as analysts of the cause of disease, claim that if catching cold could be avoided a long list of dangerous ailments would never be heard of. Every one knows that pneumonia and consumption originate from colds and chronic catarrh, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles are aggravated and rendered more serious such fresh attacks. Do not risk your life or take chances when you catch a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will cure it before these diseases develop. This remedy contains opium, morphine or other harmful drugs, and has thirty years of reputation behind it, gained by its cure of every condition. For sale by E. L. Stephen.

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