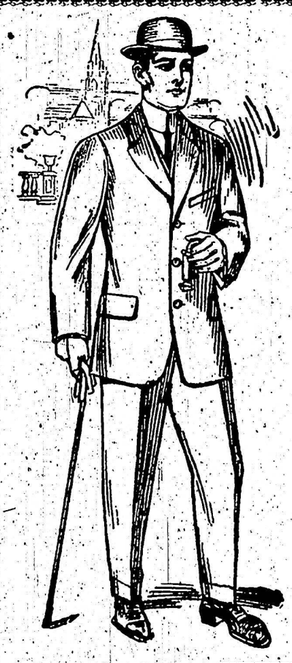

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THE MARKDALE STANDARD

THURSDAY, JUNE 26th, 1913.

Conditions in the West.

Toronto Saturday Night had an article in last week's issue re the real estate situation in the West from the pen of one of its Western Correspondents, from which the following are extracts:

While the illegitimate subdivision business has fallen flat, legitimate business, both in commercial and in real estate lines, is not suffering seriously, by any manner of means. Any slowness there is, is at worst a temporary condition, which is passing. The writer recently travelled through the three prairie provinces, and found this fact in evidence in all the important centres. While the tightness in the money market undoubtedly delayed a great deal of building which had been planned, most of the merchants and business men are finding their returns quite up to last season's record. In fact, merchants and business men are, speaking generally, more optimistic than they were this time last year. Once the wage-earners shake themselves clear of the speculative craze and its after effects, they will have money left, after pay day, to buy not only necessaries but some luxuries. If a statement could be prepared of the amount of money diverted from legitimate channels in the various cities and towns throughout the West through the workings of "the system" of the wild-cat subdivision operators, the total which it would show would be surprising. The majority of the "investors" in these subdivisions now face a cheerless outlook of having to pay for their "building lots", with little or no apparent chance of a turnover, or of abandoning them, instead of sending good money after bad. As "investments" they are so highly problematical, even in the light of bequests to their grandchildren, that many are letting them go, and charging up the loss to the account of experience.

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While the monetary stringency has undoubtedly affected and retarded the operations of the legitimate real estate men, many of whom combine constructive with selling activity, it has affected only the selling activity of the illegitimate dealers, who do not do anything in the construction line, but confine their energy to putting it over on the public, while the putting over is good. Their rake-offs were secured largely from salaried men and women, who are refusing to be fooled any longer. The profitable re-sales not having come through, according to the glowing predictions made, the speculative enthusiasm for more "good buys" has faded away. Month after month such dealers have hung on, in the hope that with the advance of spring "the good old days" would return. As hope and funds run out, drawn blinds follow the passing of the office telephone, and now the movement back to the office job and the once despised shop is becoming stronger every day. Heads of departments for various corporations say that a day seldom passes without two or three young men, retired perforce from the real estate business, applying for positions.

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And the people who foot the bills in the Western cities and towns will have to pay dearly for the illogical land speculation of the past few years. Housing accommodation for new arrivals is now the pressing need of every centre. But financial men, looking into the housebuilding proposition, find they have to pay such high prices for lots, that if they build houses, they will be under the necessity, if they are to make six or seven per cent. on their investment, to charge rents well-nigh prohibitive to the ordinary workingman. New arrivals want to buy lots and build homes, but when they total up the necessary investment, they find it cheaper to take flats than to tackle the interest payments on a home. Land values are high, rents are high, everything is high which people need except air. It comes hard on the many; but the years of wild real estate speculation which have contributed so largely to this condition of things, have made a few people very wealthy.

WALTERS FALLS

(Special to The Standard.)

Mr. J. L. Laycox is having some extensive improvements made having his house moved back from the street and raised onto a foundation.

We had a very refreshing rain last Thursday.

Miss Cora Watson, of St. Vincent, spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Ernest Boyd, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Heighes and little daughter, of Owen Sound, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Heighes.

Mrs. J. A. Milroy, from Fort William, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Dixon, sr.

Mrs. David Brown left for Wellland Monday, where she will visit her son, Percy, and daughter, Mrs. T. M. Strain.

Miss B. Thompson, of Toronto, made a brief visit to the manse last week.

Mrs. Fawcett, of Markdale, spent a few days here last week. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bowler accompanied her home on Saturday.

Rev. J. H. Hosford is entertaining a couple of gentlemen friends from Toronto this week.

Rev. A. P. Stanley will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday in the Methodist Church, and will remove to Burks Falls the following week. Much regret is felt by the people of this place at the departure of Rev. and Mrs. Stanley, who were much beloved by all denominations.

The garden party on the Blind Line, Sydenham, last Wednesday, was a grand success. Chatsworth choir furnished the programme. Proceeds amounted to $125.

Citizens of the village of Sunderland, being faced with the closing of the only hotel there through local option, raised $8,000 and started a temperance hotel.

NEWS FROM SURROUNDING TOWNSHIPS

BY STAFF REPORTERS

BERKELEY

(Special to The Standard.)

The crops are looking fine after the recent rains.

Mr. R. J. Boyd visited last week with friends at Chesley and other points.

Miss Gertrude Bradley, niece of Mr. Leslie Bradley, of the suburbs, happened with the bad misfortune of getting her leg broken one day last week.

Messrs. O. Gillespie, R. Crawford, J. Ritchie, and E. Stout went last week with F. Company 31st Regiment, down to Niagara. From reports, they seem to be having a fine time.

Court Berkeley 483 C.O.F. are to attend divine service in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon next.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walker and son, Franklin, of Pleasant Valley, visited over Sunday with the former's sister, Mrs. G. Rowe, of Desboro.

The ladies of St. Matthias Church, Berkeley, intend holding a picnic in Mr. Mitchell's park, on July 1st. Keep the date clear.

As per announcement in the Standard Rev. Hy. A. Fish, Grand Organizer of the Orange Association, for Ontario West, gave a very entertaining and instructive address in the Methodist Church on Thursday evening of last week. His audience was favorably impressed with the pleasing and able manner in which he expounded the main principles of Orangeism, viz: Equal rights to all and special privileges to none. We are informed that as a result of his visit here, an addition of six members will be made to the local lodge, which was already fairly strong numerically. Rev. Mr. Price, of Massie, performed very ably the duties of chairman.

Mr. Joseph Lee, formerly of this place, now C.P.R. foreman, with extra gang, is now at work making some alterations on the public highway a mile and a quarter West of this village, on what is known as "fifty crossing." We understand the Toronto line crossing is to be cancelled, and a deviation made via sideroad. It will be more convenient for the few that go by the sideroad, but we have yet to learn of any advantage it will be to the number that travel the Toronto line.

TRAVERSTON

(Special to The Standard.)

Miss Bessie Smith spent last week the guest of Mrs. T. E. Blair in Durham.

Miss May Robson left last week to fill a good situation in Toronto.

The showers of last week have done incalculable good to the spring grains; but the hay crop doesn't seem to be much bettered.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillon and Mr. and Mrs. T. Cook, of Markdale motored out to the home of Mr W. J. Cook the first of the week.

Mr. Will Tufts, of Detroit, is holidaying at the home of your scribe.

Mr. George Allan, of the 4th con. is to be wedded on Wednesday of this week to Miss Bella Donnelly, of Hutton Hill, Bentinck.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Beaton and four members of this household were among the big crowd that went on the O.A.C. excursion to Guelph on Saturday. It was a most delightful outing and the Grand Trunk deserves credit for running the trip on time both morning and evening.

Mr. John Greenwood, sr., accompanied by Miss Winnie Greenwood, of Edge Hill, leave on Wednesday for a week's visit to kindred at Molesworth.

Statute Labour is being faithfully done in this vicinity both last week and this. Some pathmasters simply give orders, but ours, Mr. A. G. Blair, shovelled gravel in the pit for two days.

Zion Sunday School holds its annual picnic on Saturday afternoon of this week in Mr. J. J. Peart's woods. As his lot abuts ours, persons attending may use either lane to get there. Everybody made welcome.

Mrs. Wm. McNally, of the 9th con., had the misfortune to break the small bone in her leg last week by a misstep.

Mrs. Joseph McNally, of the 10th, was quite unwell last week, and under medical treatment. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

The many friends of Mr and Mrs. Rob McFadden will learn with pleasure that the stork left a fine boy at their home on Friday night of last week. Being their firstborn, greatly inhances the event.

Mr. John McNally, of the 6th con., is busy erecting a new woodshed and summer kitchen combined.

Mr. Wm. Greenwood swapped colts with us last Friday and as 'tis our first horse trade in twenty years, we expect he has got the best of the deal.

A despatch from Athabasca Landing, away up in the hinterland of Alberta, dated on Wednesday, June 18th, states that Hon. A. G. MacKay of Edmonton is the unanimous choice of the Liberal Association there to contest the Athabasca district in deferred elections to be held.

EUGENIA

(Special to The Standard.)

The beautiful showers we have had recently gave new life to both farmers and vegetation.

Miss Thressa Armstrong and friend visited her sister at Heathcote.

Misses Edna Slack and Vera Latimer, of Toronto, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. R. Plantt.

Miss Etta Latimer is home for her holidays, the guest of Miss McMullen.

Mrs. Lawler, of Maxwell, is the guest of Mrs. T. F. Carr.

Mr. T. B. Carruthers, of Sperling, Man., was the guest of friends here the past week.

Messrs. T. B. Carruthers, Alex. Carruthers and Jacob Williams gave a trio on Sabbath morning entitled "Someone is Looking to You" which was quite effective and appropriate to the sermon given by Rev. Mr. McVicar. Miss Slack, of Toronto, rendered a solo in the Methodist Church in the evening.

Mrs. Robt. Haney and children have gone to Paisley on a visit.

Mr. Harry Duckett has lots of lime on hand for the public at present.

The Duplex Envelope is being introduced in the Presbyterian Church here on the first Sabbath in July.

KIMBERLEY

(Special to The Standard.)

The showers of Thursday and Friday last just came in the niche of time to save the crops at best. The hay crop will be light.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Lougheed, of Clarksburg, and Mr. Wm. McCallum, of Thornbury, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fawcett during the past week.

Born, at Dundalk, on Sunday, June 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Corbett (nee Miss Maude Fawcett), a son.

Miss Nellie Burritt is visiting friends at Heathcote this week.

Our Senior Baseball Team journeyed over to Heathcote on Thursday night last and played a friendly game with the locals. Result—a tie, 8-8.

R. B. Fawcett, of Toronto, who is holidaying with friends here, spent Saturday and Sunday last the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. E. Corbett, of Dundalk.

One of our most popular young agriculturists, in the person of Mr. Burton Wickens, joined the benedicts on Wednesday last. We offer congratulations.

Mr. John Erskine, of Rocklyn, one of Euphrasia's most progressive farmers, was a pleasant caller in our burg one day last week.

Mr. Sanford Knott, of Thornbury, spent a few days here during the past week, and was the guest of his sister, Mrs. R. J. Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Wilcox, of Toronto, visited friends here during the past week and were the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Latter.

Miss Elvie Bishop, who is taking a four years course in Mathamatics at Toronto University, was successful in her recent first year exams. This we consider a highly creditable showing, as this particular course of study is extremely difficult. We offer congratulations.

Mr. Harold Proctor, of Meaford, spent a few days at his parental home here during the past week.

Mr. J. R. Fawcett spent a few days during the past week the guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Corbett, of Dundalk.

HARKAWAY

(Special to The Standard.)

Mr. D. L. Binns visited with friends at the county capital last week.

Mr. Stanley Wiley, of New England, has the contract of shingling Mr. R. Wiley's barn.

Miss Burrell attended the Boyd—Loucks nuptials.

Mr. C. Rodman is putting in cement flooring for Mr. W. Madill at present.

Quite a number of our sports have been investing in up-to-date buggies. Messrs. Will Wiley, W. Johnston, F. Halbert and Page Bros.

Miss M. Smith, daughter of Mr. D. Smith, has gone to Vancouver to visit with friends during the summer.

Miss Annie Johnston is visiting with friends at Dundalk this week.

Mr. A. Rusk arrived from the West last week and reports it very dry and warm out there.

Mr. Roy Thompson is erecting a windmill to-day. Mr. A. A. Lyons is the contractor.

Misses M. and H. Clarke, of Lily Oak, were the guests of Mrs. A. Rusk recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Snell, of Sligo, attended divine service at this appointment on Sunday.

Miss Burrell spent the week end at the parental home, Rocklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lyons visited with Walters Falls friends recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson, of Fairmount, were guests at the parental home here recently.

Joseph Hawken raised a new straw shed 22x60 on Tuesday last. Everything went on fine. John Penelton did the framing.

HILL BROS., Markdale.

Our Great June Sacrifice Sale is in Full Swing

THE SUCCESS OF THE SALE has gone beyond all our expectations. There are still eighteen days left for you to buy good staple up-to-date Merchandise at a big discount off regular prices. We will meet competition in any line we carry. Our prices will convince you that all we say is true. Come with the crowds and get a $'s worth of goods for a dollar bill.

Hill Bros.' Specials for This Week

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Department

We have just placed in stock 25 LADIES' SUITS in Whip Cords, Tweeds [illegible]. There are Suits in this lot that are good value at $25.00 and during this week you will [illegible] from $8 to $15 a Suit on this lot. All Brand New, Up-to-date Goods, prices, per suit, from [illegible] to $15.

We have One Hundred LADIES' HOUSE DRESSES to sell. All this Spring's [illegible] Ginghams, Prints, Ducks, and Chambry. Just the thing for the hot weather that's coming, [illegible] to clear at all specially priced from [illegible] to $3.

LADIES' SKIRTS

We still have a limited quantity of LADIES' GOOD QUALITY SKIRTS [illegible]

Boots and Shoes

Our Shoe Stock is still in good shape in spite of last week's heavy selling. We have selected some lines at Big Discount, for instance:

LADIES' and MISSES WHITE CANVAS SHOES, regular $1 to $1.75; to clear [illegible]
LADIES FINE OXFORDS IN PATENT, TAN and GUNGOLAS, reg. $3, $2.50 to $4; to clear $1.98
LADIES' FINE BOOTS in PATENT, TAN and GUNGOLAS, reg. $3, $2.50 to $4; to clear $1.98
MEN'S SHOES and OXFORDS in TAN and OXBLOOD, regular $4 and $4.50; to clear $1.98
All of our regular Shoe Stock subject to 15 per cent. Discount.

Men's Furnishings Department

Our Values in Summer Underwear, Fine and Wearing Shirts are remarkable. A full assortment to clear.

MEN'S FINE 3-THREAD BALBRIGGAN UNDERWEAR. Regular 50c; to clear at [illegible]
MEN'S FINE SHIRTS, regular 75 to $1.25, to clear at [illegible]
MEN'S WORK SHIRTS, regular 50c and 75c, to clear at [illegible]

Grocery Department Specials

Seeded Raisins	4 lbs. for 25c	Best Corn Starch	4 lbs. for 25c
Granulated Sugar	22 lbs. for 1.00	Cosmos Soap	8 for 25c
Granulated Sugar, per sack	4.50	Brooms, 50 dozen, each	20c

HILL BROS., - Markdale.

BOGNOR

(Special to The Standard.)

The Bognor Women's Institute held their picnic which was a grand success on June 12th in Fraser's beautiful grove on the Big Head river. Walters Falls Institute was invited and there was a large attendance from that place. The Walters Falls ladies supplied a splendid program for the afternoon, opening by an address from their president, Mrs. John Reid, and then the whole institute sang "O Canada." Mrs. A. Ward and Mrs. Reid gave readings. The two institutes had a tug-a-war, the visitors being the winners. The next event was a girl's race won by Miss Lizzie Frizzell of Bognor, and a married women's race by Mrs. Thomas Findlay of Walters Falls. One of the special pleasures of the afternoon was the swing put up by the gentlemen on the banks of the river. About five o'clock the ladies spread a bounteous tea on the green carpet of the earth, after which a very pleasant afternoon was brought to a close by the Bognor ladies joining in a circle around the visiting Institute and singing Auld Lang Syne. The next regular meeting of the Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Albert Lemon on the second Thursday in July.

BARRHEAD

(Special to The Standard.)

Miss Enid Walker, our esteemed school teacher, has resigned.

Mrs. John Varty attended the Ladies' Institute held in Dundalk on June 19.

Misses Mamie Ferguson, Margaret Kinney and Leila Varty went to Markdale June 18th to try the Entrance Examination.

Mr. John Averill's spirited young team of colts, hitched to a wagon, took a skip around the farm on Monday last. No serious damage was done except the breaking of the wagon tongue. Johnnie and Percy Ferguson, aged 9 and 6 years, were the only ones on wagon when the horses started.

Messrs. William McKechnie and Samuel Wright have each purchased up-to-date manure spreaders.

Glad to report that Mrs. George Leitch is on the mend, after an illness of some months.

Mr. McDonald and his men are making good progress at the new cement bridge here.

Born, on May 26th, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. William Smart, a daughter (Vera Winnifred.)

Trial Convinced Her She Couldn't Afford To Do Without a De Laval

Now is the time to buy a Cream S[illegible] weather is at hand. If you want to [illegible] in your lifetime, be sure and buy the [illegible] out for the Cream Separator Peddlers. Only cheap goods that are peddled from [illegible] GOOD GOODS sell on their merits. [illegible] LAVAL before you buy.

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MASSIE

(Intended for last week.)

Messrs. Bert Benson, Will Laird and Marcel Hewitt hade gone with the volunteers to Niagara.

Our pastor, Mr. M. Price, is attending the annual conference in Toronto while his mother, Mrs. K. E. Price, is visiting relatives there.

Miss Mustard, of Strathavon, spent a couple of days with her sister, Mrs. S. H. Norton.

Miss Frankie Hutchinson, of Lindenwood, is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Shouldice.

Mr. Hugh Taylor, of Toronto University, occupied the pulpit in the absence of our pastor last Sunday.

Miss Pearl Howey, of Owen Sound, visited her sister, Miss Jessie Howey, for a few days last week.

Several from around here attended the spe[illegible]rain and agriculture meeting at Chatsworth on last 14th.

Miss Hat[illegible] Brown is holidaying in Owen Sound for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Christie attended the Fleming—Hamilton wedding in Owen Sound.

Miss Vi[illegible]e Hewitt left for Markdale to begin her entrance exams. The other pupils from here intending to try in Chatsworth are Mr. Robt. Henry, of the C.H.S. staff, Chatsworth, is spending a week with her friend Miss Hazel Magee.

We are pleased to be able to state that Mr. John Matheson is improving steadily from his illness.

Report of Promotion Examinations at S.S. No. 10, Holland, for June, 1913.

From Jr. 1 to Sr. 1—B. Howe (H), B. McClung (H).

Jr. 3 to Sr. 3—J. Sowerby (H), E. Hampton.

Sr. 2 to Jr. 3—M. Mathews (H), H. Sowerby (H), C. Howe (H).

Jr. 2 to Sr. 2—F. Morse, E. Watts.

Jr. 1 to Sr. 1—H. Dowling (H).

Jr. Pr. to Sr. Pr.—L. Leopard, V. Watts, F. Stafford.

Class A—L. Leopard, J. McNally (equal).

F. J. Bradley, teacher.