

Markdale

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Handkerchiefs; arm bands,  
cotton coats, overshirts, shirts,  
any of those articles are gifts

## THE LADIES

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stocks  
75c., \$1.10, \$1.50,  
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up-to-date goods.

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## MEN

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again.  
3.50, All to go at one  
\$24.95way.  
early ones and give our  
service we try to give.

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## Want Ads.

## STRAYED

strayed.—Sometime ago, yearling and two 2-year-olds from J. A. Stuart's, Kimball, will be rewarded.—J. A. Kimberley. 28-30\*

On the premises of Seigle, lot 11, concession 12, the 9th December, a sow. The owner is requested to pay expenses and otherwise she will be sold in December, to pay keep, Markdale. 29-

WANTED

Tenders will be received by the undersigned for the purchase of Lot No. 29 in Block O in the Village of Markdale, part of the Estate of the late Mary Dulan, deceased, up to the 20th day of December, A. D. 1919.—P. McCullough, Executor of Estate of Mary Dulan, deceased. 27-

For Sale.—Property of the late Thos. Brown, 34 acre of land, containing a good eight-room brick veneered house with good cellar, cistern and well; a good frame stable 24x30. Also about twenty apples trees and other small fruit. Apply to Mrs. T. Brown on the premises, Toronto St., Markdale. 29-32\*

## FOR SALE

One dark red Shorthorn, fifteen months old.—J. L. & Sons. 28-9\*

28 ewes, rising two and a half years old.—F. A. Walker, R. 7, Mount Pleasant. 28-9\*

Sale.—A concrete residence, premises, choice location, apply at the Standard office. 19\*-

Brick house, stable, shed, implement house, on Main St. Apply at the Standard office. 26\*-

For Sale.—Twelve pure-bred Lephorn pullets and one Walter Rose's famous ex-train.—J. C. Mercer, Markdale. 26\*

Sale.—A solid brick house, suitable location, Main St. has every modern convenience. Very low price. Apply at the office. 25\*-

The Sprout block, Main St., centrally located, two in ground floor, dwelling above. Apply before January 12th to Mrs. T. S. Sprout, One. 28-9\*

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## THE MEARN'S CHARGES

To The Markdale Standard:  
(County papers, please copy.)

The Hanover Post of December 4th refers to a report made by Doctor Mearns of the proceedings of the County Council November Session.

With your permission for space Mr. Editor, and in justice to the Committee I will endeavour to explain the work of the Committee during the present year, also give particulars as to the charges made by Dr. Mearns and by Mr. Calder at the June and November sessions.

## The Sinkhole

At a point where the townline Glenelg and Holland intersects the Toronto and Sydenham road there is a swamp 1800 feet in length. Many years ago a narrow roadway was built of clay and gravel on top of a soft substance which carried a light weight of material and has been similarly maintained ever since. The roadway was very narrow, the crossing of vehicles being made possible by the intersection of the townline Holland and Glenelg and has never been any more than a very temporary structure.

At a point 300 feet from the south end of the swamp was a floating bridge commonly known as the sinkhole. Into this hole immense quantities of filling, including bridges, trees, brush, clay, etc., had been buried.

When the road was designated a County-Provincial Highway our Engineer, in company with the Engineer from the Department of Highways, officially visited the spot and presented a report to the County Council the estimated amount required to fill the hole (420 feet in length) was 12000 yards.

In making this estimate they had to guess at how much material there was in the hole of sufficient substance to stay intact and form part of the fill—no human individual could do other than guess at it.

The engineers guessed wrong and instead of 12000 yards 36000 yards was required to complete the job including 300 additional feet being the whole portion of the swamp south of the sinkhole. That means that about 24000 yards were required to fill the 420 feet which the engineers estimated at 12000 yards.

This mistake on the part of the engineers was absolutely no loss to the County, nor to the Department of Highways, who pay 60% of the cost.

The swamp is now nearing completion including the cutting of Allan's hill immediately to the north of the swamp.

I challenge Doctor Mearns, Mr. Calder, or any other individual to show one instance, one item of expenditure, in connection with this undertaking that has not been along economical, practical and judicious lines. Space will not permit further detail.

The Doctor says they purchased four sets of machinery, \$20,000 or \$25,000 worth. Yes, Doctor, you voted at the June session for the payment of over \$28,000 worth, and at the November session an additional \$25,000 worth over \$50,000 worth has been bought, all told.

At the June session Mr. Calder charged the Committee with graft in words as follows: "Down in our part of the County, wrong-doing" on the part of the County Roads Committee are as numerous as stars

(1) 1 sprinkling wagon & pump \$255

(k) 6 reversible wagon, each \$400

(1) and probably one compression drilling outfit, price open."

In committee of the whole above clause was struck out and the following substituted: "Doctor voting for the toy tractors and the substituted clause as follows:

"2 heavy graders for tractor power \$1100; 2 stone crushers, approximate \$6000; 2 sprinkling wagons, \$550; 4 dump wagons, \$700; 6 ordinary graders, (\$325 each), \$1950; 8 small tractors (\$95 each), \$7800; 2 12-ton rollers, \$3600 each, \$7360."

Then the Doctor wants to know why the Normanby bridge collapsed.

"This bridge was built in 1918 and collapsed because of a dirty pond as explained by the engineer at the November session, a condition which was not known except to the contractor and the inspector in charge of the work until the salvage was being removed, this year. It was then found that at a most critical point just where the arch begins to curve a dirty pond was made without inserting dowel pins as called for in the specifications."

It is just a question whether the council would not be successful in an action for damages against the contractor. In any case the contractor and the inspector in charge of the work contributed to the negligence which caused the collapse of the bridge. The Committee was not to blame.

Again the Doctor says: "We had to fight Bruce very hard."

Well, I have been on the County Roads Committee for two years and during that time on relations with Bruce have been of the most cordial and pleasant character. There has not been one instance that would justify the remark. We had to fight Bruce very hard." I am sorry the Doctor would use such uncalled-for statements. "Apologies are due the gentlemen of the County Roads Committee of Bruce, which on behalf of the Grey Committee, I respectfully convey."

In short, the sum total of the charges made by Dr. Mearns and Mr. Calder have been absolutely without foundation, much worse foundation than the so-called bottomless sinkhole and the strong division the Doctor refers to is very properly referred to by the O. S. Sun-Times—Mr. Calder and Dr. Mearns of the attack, with practically the whole of the rest of the Council on the defensive.

The Doctor says this rotten committee must be turned out. Such language is very insulting coming from an educated orator like Doctor Mearns.

Surely the Doctor knows that the term of office of all committees comes to an end with the organization of the committees at the January session.

If it will not be a matter of turning

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HARROWAY, Public Works

Sr. 4—W. Walker

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