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SEED TESTING.

An Important Factor in the Agricultural Progress of Canada.

The testing of seed for purity and vitality by scientific methods has been an important factor in the agricultural progress of Germany, France and other European countries. Laboratory methods for seed testing were devised by Dr. Nobbe of Tharandt, Germany, thirty years ago, since which time seed testing laboratories have been established in all European countries and in the United States, Canada, Japan. In some modern seed laboratories equipped with the necessary apparatus for testing the purity and vitality of seeds.

It is a fact that Germany alone now possesses thirty-nine seed testing laboratories, which shows that seed testing is recognized as a means of safeguarding the interests of agriculture in that country. The results of the work that has already been done in the Dominion Seed Laboratory prove a great need for active work in this direction as well as persistent efforts to protect Canadian farmers from the many evils that are connected with the seed trade. Last year in the spring of the present year Mr. G. H. Clark, B.S.A., who was associated with Prof. Robertson's work and who is now in charge of the seed laboratory, planned to make an investigation of the condition of the trade in grass and clover seeds. With the assistance of agricultural associations, institute workers and others interested persons, over one hundred one-half pound samples of timothy, alsike and red clover seed that was offered for sale by dealers were procured for the seed laboratory. With each sample was passed a statement showing at the time the dealer, the place at which it was offered for sale, the price per pound or per bushel, and the purity of the seed.

The seed laboratory then submitted to two examinations for purity and one for vitality in making these examinations the rules adopted by the Association of American Agricultural Chemists and Experiment Stations were followed in detail.

Evidence of wilful adulteration was found in several instances. One sample purchased from Prince Edward Island contained 26 pounds of dodder seed per hundred pounds of seed. From ten to twenty per cent. by weight of seed was frequently found in samples of alsike and timothy. The whole there has been cause for complaint in regard to low vitality. It is the impurities and noxious nature of the weed seeds found in most of the samples that render the evils of the trade in grass seeds of more than ordinary importance to agriculture. The weed seeds per pound of timothy seed ranged with timothy from 237,690, alsike from 150,000 to 750,000, and red clover from 0 to approximate number of timothy seeds. The weed seeds namely which they most frequently consisted of foxtail, lamb's quarter, white cockle, curled dock, false flax, mayweed, Canada thistle, plantain, lady's fingers, black medick, ragweed or wild mustard and Canada thistle.

In red clover and alsike clover the most fruitful source of the dissemination of weed seeds is the steadily increasing demand for seeds for both the export trade has encouraged production on farms infested with weeds. Canada exports large quantities of alsike and clover seed to European countries where a thorough system of seed testing has become established, where only the best seed can find a market. The demand for these imported seeds is in turn reflected on our home market and are retailed by local dealers.

As an agricultural merchant of seed value which is so different from appearance as timothy and other small seeds, it is said to be the life of competition in business possible only when the buyer is able to buy according to fixed standards of purity, or under a definite guarantee based upon a standard analysis. The seed trade has been passing into the hands of reliable seed houses and incompetent and unreliable dealers whose methods are of an entirely different character. There are far too many failures in the seed business. The result is that competition has contributed to prices to the most farmers and merchants are not aware of the impurities that go with grass and clover seed, making their purchases to screw down the price to the lowest tick. As long as there is a demand for cheap seed, a cheap article will be sold. Canadian farmers should know that the highest standards of seed is always in demand, the best quality of our seeds will be exported where the seed trade is a more business like one. Hodson, Live Stock Commissioner.

Care of Cow After Calving.

Some days after having produced a calf it is safer to ration to overfeed cows. A reasonable allowance of food the animal of course, have, but the practice followed in some quarters, of giving unlimited supplies of food to the cows, is one to be strongly attended with very serious results. Another point worthy of special attention is the watering of the cow. Care should be taken to restrict the allowance of cold water for at least two or three days after the calves are dropped. White water with oatmeal are, of course, perhaps, the best drinks for the first two days after the cows have dropped their calves.

Winter Fattening Lambs.

Indications at present are that farmers' lambs carried on and for sale about February will be good money. They should be weaned from the ewes, be dipped and allowed room for exercise, on the grass fails, be given a allowance of roots. Feed grain liberally on the start, and at the least not more than half a pound of oats and barley or oats and peas. London Farmer's Advocate.

Clear Away Rubbish Heaps,

There is hardly a farm place that is so neatly kept that there is not some old relics of rubbish heap somewhere on land that would be doing a crop if it was in a condition that it could be tilled. This winter will be a good time to clear up all such places. Try and remember this.

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LOCAL NEWS.

The Bank of Toronto has opened a branch at Oakville.

On Tuesday J. H. Peacock paid out for over 250 hogs, which he shipped to Stimson.

As Christmas comes on Thursday this year the Champion is issued a day earlier than usual. It wishes its readers a merry Christmas.

Beardmore & Co. have offered $1,000 towards the erection of a skating rink, gymnasium and reading room for the young people of Acton.

CURLING.—Milton and Brampton have been pitted against each other in the draw for the Ontario tankard. The games will be played at Guelph.

Remember the Firemen's Annual Ball in Georgetown New Years' Eve., Dec. 31st. It will be the best ever given by the brigade. Everybody welcome.

The Christmas number of the Canadian Churchman is the finest which it has issued. It is beautifully illustrated and contains a great deal of choice reading matter.

G. F. McCraney, barrister, of Rossburn, N.W.T., arrived at Oakville a few days ago. He will spend the holidays with Ontario friends and will visit Milton shortly.

Thos. Horne, late of Trafalgar, removed with his family on Tuesday to Toronto, where he will go into business. He has the best wishes of a great many friends in Milton and vicinity.

GRACE CHURCH.—The services on Christmas Day will be at 8 and 11 a.m. The Christmas music will be repeated at the evening service on Sunday. Services at All Saints' Mission at 3 p.m.

We are placing the agency for our Bath Cabinets with Mrs. Alfred Knight (see Mrs. Dickin), and would greatly appreciate any kindness shown her.—The Tonic Vapor Bath Co., Orillia. 24-tf

Turkeys are very scarce this Christmas on account of the wetness of last spring which was very hard on the young birds. Turkeys sell here at 15 cents per pound, the highest price on record.

The Chicago Weekly Inter Ocean bears the reputation of being the finest weekly newspaper in the world. We have arranged specially to supply it and this paper together for one year at the low price of $1.45 for both.

LOCAL RIFLES.—The following appears in the last militia general orders: 30th Halton Regt Lorne Rifles—To be Lieutenant-Colonel and to command the regiment, Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. W. P. Appelbe, vice G. S. Goodwillie, retired.

S. S. ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—Rev. S. W. Fallis, of Woodstock, preached at the Sunday School anniversary services at the Methodist Church last Sunday. The annual tea-meeting was held on Monday evening. There was a good programme of vocal and instrumental music, recitations and addresses and the attendance was large.

EAST END MEAT MARKET.—Attention is directed to the following announcement of F. Wales of the East End meat market, that he is prepared to supply prime fresh meat by the quarter or in large or small quantities at special terms for cash. Mr. Wales's is an old established business.

The Hamilton Spectator issued a fine Christmas number last Saturday, including an art supplement with a full-page portrait in colors of "The Lady of the Mistletoe," half-tone pictures of the Hamilton Tigers, Rugby team, junior I.R.F.U. champions, portraits of Hamilton actors, and other illustrations. Altogether the number is a credit to its publishers and to Hamilton.

Mansewood U.P. Church; Rev. A. P. Gillespie, pastor.—A New Year's entertainment under the auspices of the Sabbath School will be given in the church on Friday evening, Jan. 2nd. The programme will consist of addresses, drills, music, recitations, etc. Tea will be provided. There will be no charge for admission, but a silver collection will be taken. Everybody will be welcome. Come.

REV. T. A. MOORE CHOSEN.—Rev. T. Albert Moore, president of the Hamilton Methodist Conference, will, it is announced, become associate secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance. The alliance is now awaiting Mr. Moore's reply to the offer which they have made him. Rev. F. A. Cassidy, of St. Catharines, was expected to become associate secretary, but has left for Japan. Mr. Moore was born in Acton, Ont., and after editing the Acton Free Press for a number of years, entered the ministry, and is very popular among the ministers of the Methodist Church throughout Canada.—Mail and Empire.

The monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) Robertson next Monday afternoon at 3 p.m. All the new members are especially requested to be present.

We have not advanced the price of our tobaccos. Amber smoking tobacco, Bobs, Currency and Fair Play chewing tobacco are the same size and price to the consumer as formerly. We have also extended the time for the redemption of Snoeshoe tags to January 1, 1904.
THE EMPIRE TOBACCO CO., Limited.

GRACE CHURCH—On Tuesday a memorial window was put into Grace Church, by Mrs. Heaven, of Oakville. It is in memory of her late husband, Herbert Heaven, formerly of Boyne. The window represents Mary Magdalene weeping at the tomb, with the figure of the Saviour behind her, as if saying, "Women, why weepest thou?" The coloring is very rich.

Auction Sale of Town Property will be held at Chisholm's ware-rooms, Main Street, Milton, on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, commencing at 2 p. m., when the large residence on Martin-st., and lot adjoining, with stable, will be offered for sale either separate or en bloc; also the large ware-rooms on Main-st. For further particulars see posters, or apply to Finlay Chisholm, proprietor, or to Jas. A. Frazer, auctioneer.

Go to Geo. Laing's Honey Store for your Christmas Groceries. All choice, fresh and cheap. Have a select quantity of Oranges, Nuts, Candies, Candy Toys, Fancy Newport Bon Bons, Boxes, etc., the largest assortment of Pipes, Tobacco and Cigars in town. Big display of Fancy China for holiday gifts. Holly and Mistletoe for Christmas decoration. Fresh Fish arriving weekly throughout the season. Come along.—Geo. Laing.

A very interesting event took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McJannett, East Ward, on the afternoon of the 19th inst., when their eldest daughter, Agnes, and Edwin Rose, of Toronto, were united in marriage. Rev. E. F. McL. Smith performed the ceremony. The groom was supported by Chas. Coles, of Hamilton, and the bridesmaid was Miss L. Duggan, of Toronto. About 35 guests witnessed the ceremony and partook of a sumptuous repast, after which Mr. and Mrs. Rose left for their future home in Toronto. The presents were numerous and costly.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.—I have just received the sole agency for The Twin City Herb Food, "the farmers' dollar maker," a purely herb and root preparation that is guaranteed pound for pound against any other cattle food, and costs less than half the money. I have also received a large shipment of Ogilvie's Glenora and Lawson's Peerless brands of flour, which I offer at lowest prices. Wheat taken in exchange for flour. Call and see before you buy.—Jno. T. Hannant.

ACCIDENTS—On Saturday Calvin Fleming, son of James Fleming, of Milton, and Robert Lemon, who works for Thos. Aitken, Scotch Block, were at a threshing at Mr. McCowan's, base line, Trafalgar. The young men fell together from the hay mow, a drop of 24 feet. Fleming's hip was badly bruised, but no bones were broken, and one of Lemon's ankles was hurt. Both required the services of a sergeon. They are doing well. Last week, as Jessie Atkinson was loading iron, a heavy bar struck the outside of one of his knees, dislocating it. A dislocation of the knee is a serious matter, being very difficult to reduce, but in this case, fortunately, the reduction was successful.

We wish to announce to the farmers of the County of Halton that when in need of any feed, such as Bran, Shorts, and Pea Meal, they should call on us. Chops of all kinds, which will be ground to suit purchases. When the cook scolds, call at the corner of Main and Martin Sts. and take home a bag of our gilt-edge Souris Flour; none better on the market. We also carry a full supply of the famous International Stock Food, which is sold the world over on a cash guarantee or your money refunded.—Springgay & Babcock.

MASONIC.—St. Clair Chapter, No. 75, G. R. C., was honored last Thursday evening by the presence of M. E. Comp. Hon. Wm. Gibson, Grand Z., M. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, P.G.Z., and R. E. Comp. George Moore, G.S., Hamilton District, the latter paying his official visit. Among others present were R.E. Comp. Fred. Walter, District Secretary, R.E. Comp. Thos. Davis, P.G.S., and Ex-Comps. Wilson, Bain and Staunton of Hamilton. After the close of the meeting the eminent visitors were given a supper at the Wallace House, at which a number of speeches were made and songs sung. The Grand Z., in responding to the toast of the Grand Chapter of Canada, spoke of his own connection with St. Clair Chapter. He had been at one time a resident of Milton, twenty years ago as Grand Scribe of the Hamilton District. He congratulated the members of the chapter on its good prospects and expressed the hope that he would be able to revisit it. He complimented R. E. Comp. Moore very highly on his efficiency as an officer of the Grand Chapter and on the zeal displayed by him on behalf of Royal Arch Masonry.

A crowded house greeted King Winter and his youthful subjects in the Town Hall last Friday evening, and none in that large audience were in the least degree disappointed with the entertainment. From start to finish the cantata was a grand success. Judged from a spectacular point of view the scene was dazzling, and one would have felt amply repaid had there been nothing more. This, however, was not the case, for the music was both charming and well rendered. Of those taking the principal parts, special mention must be made. In excellent style Mr. Dick took the part of King Winter, and his rich, well-modulated voice was well suited to the music. The audience felt that the real Santa Claus might almost take a few pointers from Mr. Hemstreet, for the jolly old elf could not be more fascinating. Masters Albert Knapp and Wilfrid Campbell, impersonating North Wind and Jack Frost respectively, in their costumes of sparkling coldness looked and acted their parts exceptionally well, while Miss Flossie Suggitt, the dainty little Tree-Sprite, won all hearts. The choruses were all good, but special mention must be made of the tiny Snowflakes, the bright dancing Sunbeams and the merry fun-loving Brownies, while none of the performers deserve more praise than does Miss Carrie Rowe. In the song of "The Coasters" her clear bell-like voice showed to excellent advantage. The superintendent and teachers of Knox Church Sunday School are to be congratulated and should feel themselves amply repaid for all their work, as the event was a success from every point of view. The proceeds amounted to $65.00.

Address and Presentation.

On Friday, Dec. 19th, the annual examination and closing exercises of the year were held in Bell's schoolhouse, Sec. No. 13, Nelson.

A large number of visitors (friends of the pupils and teacher) met to spend the day in a sociable way.

The forenoon and part of the afternoon were spent in the usual school work, which in itself was an entertainment those whose school days are over, and showed quite plainly that Mr. McMillan had been doing his work thoroughly, also giving all interested ones an idea of how lessons are taught and learned at the present time.

The latter part of the day was devoted to entertainment, consisting of songs, dialogues and recitations by pupils of school, also instrumental music by the Misses and Mr. F. Cartwright, all of which was enjoyed by those present.

Mr. McMillan was then called to the platform by the chairman and the following appropriate address was read:

Mr. McMillan.

Dear Teacher,—Now, that you are about to remove from amongst us and engage in some other calling in life, we naturally review the pleasant years we have spent together as teacher and pupils. We reflect with pleasure on your patience with us in our childish inattention and your untiring efforts to help us to the attainment of the education we require for usefulness in after years.

We also remember your kindness in connection with the Sabbath School entertainments and desire to thank you for your ready help in training us. The time you devoted to that work has an important place in the degree of efficiency which characterizes the Mountain Union Sabbath School.

And now, dear teacher, with our best wishes to attend your future life work, we ask your acceptance of this dressing case as a small token of the esteem and respect of the pupils of School Section No. 13, Nelson.

Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Signed on behalf of the school,
Bessie Agnew,
Bertha Cartwright,
Tillie Hartley.

In replying to the above, the teacher thanked his pupils most kindly for their expressions of regard and also for their beautiful present.

The short addresses which completed the programme were a slight expression of the high esteem in which Mr. McMillan is held by his many friends here.

The pleasant day closed by the singing of "God Save the King."

OMAGH.

Dec. 22.

Our village school was closed on Friday afternoon, Dec. 19th, for the Xmas holidays, and will be reopened on Monday, Jan. 5th, 1903. Miss Taylor has been re-engaged as teacher. We wish our friend Miss T. as much success in the future as she had in the term just closed.

Clare Grandy, who has been attending the Georgetown High School, is spending the holiday season at the Methodist parsonage, the home of his parents.

Wm. Beatty drove to Toronto market on Friday. He reports that good prices were paid for all farm produce.

Messrs. Oscar Downs & Co., of Drumquin, were very busy last week threshing grain and alsike clover in this neighborhood. This firm have a good and complete threshing outfit.

Austin Buck has purchased a quantity of wood from Joseph Howes and Son, of Drumquin, and is now busy hauling it to his home here.

Fred Forster, of Snider's Corners, addressed the Omagh Methodists Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Cunningham and family, of Port Credit, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. McHugh, "Sixteen View Farm," 6th line, on Sunday.

On Thursday afternoon, Dec. 18th, a shooting match was held on the beautiful flats on Mr. Coulson's farm, in the village. The match, which was under the able management of Messrs. G. E. Saunders of Agerton and John Pirie of Drumquin, was a decided success.

Quite a number of the Bethel Methodists of this place attended the concert at Hornby on Friday night.

Messrs. Featherstone Bros., of Boyne, have been very busy threshing alsike clover in our neighborhood for the past week or two.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c. 25-y

A Polish school girl was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment for stamping upon a brooch bearing a picture of Emperor William.

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We will be pleased to have your trade. Wishing you a Merry Christmas.

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Burnt to Death.

Oakville, Dec. 21.—Henry Baker, the oldest pioneer on the lake shore, lost his life on Saturday evening in a fire which destroyed his barn on his farm about three miles east of this place. Four horses were also burned to death. Mr. Baker, who lived alone, had been to Oakville during the afternoon on some business and returned home about dark.

Just how he came to meet such a tragic fate must always remain a mystery, but it is supposed that he went to do his chores at the barn with the lantern, and in some way it was upset, igniting the hay or straw. A few minutes after 7 o'clock the blaze was seen for miles around, and a large crowd soon gathered, but too late to do anything. There was a lot of hay and straw in the barn, consequently the flames spread very rapidly. The charred remains of Mr. Baker were found among the debris about 4 o'clock this morning.

It is hard to account for his inability to escape. Some are of the opinion that he may have fallen down from the hay mow and so badly hurt himself that he could not get out, while others are of the opinion that he may have been kicked by one of the horses, and, being thus knocked over with the lantern in his hand, set fire to the building; but no one knows just how it did happen.

Deceased was born in Oakville 69 years ago and has spent all his days in this neighborhood. When a young man he moved on to the farm where he met his untimely fate. His wife died several years ago. He leaves a family of four—two sons and two daughters. F. P. and Miss Addie Baker live in Toronto, W.C. Baker in Winnipeg and Mrs. Remisieur in Vanconver, B.C.

Hockey.

The following is the schedule of the Western Ontario Hockey Association, Intermediate, Group 2:—

Jan. 6—Ayr at Galt, Milton at Preston.
Jan. 12—Galt at Hespeler, Preston at Ayr.
Jan. 17—Preston at Galt, Hespeler at Milton.
Jan. 20—Hespeler at Preston, Milton at Ayr.
Jan. 26—Ayr at Hespeler, Galt at Milton.
Jan. 31—Galt at Ayr, Preston at Milton.
Feb. 4—Hespeler at Galt, Ayr at Preston.
Feb. 10—Milton at Hespeler, Galt at Preston.
Feb. 23—Hespeler at Ayr, Milton at Galt.

The above dates are subject to revision by mutual consent. The winners in groups 1 and 2 will play home-and-home games on dates to be fixed by the executive. President Wettlaufer has donated a silver cup 22 inches high, valued at $65, to be competed for annually by intermediate teams of the W.O.H.A.

TANSLEY.

Dec. 23.

All the turkeys and geese that walked in from the country to Hamilton market to-day are unanimous in their decision never to attend Xmas market again.

Miss Dougherty, of Sixteen, spent a few days with friends here this week.

Gracie Rowe, of Bronte, visited in town this week.

Fred Alexander, who has been out west for several years, arrived home last night.

Seward Jarvis is at home for Xmas holidays.

A large number from here enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. O. McKerlie on Friday evening last, it being the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their wedding. Games and music were provided for the guests and also dancing. Everyone spent a very enjoyable evening. Mr. and Mrs. McKerlie received a great many fine presents.

Xmas tree entertainment to-night at St. Paul's Church.

Quite a number of cases of sickness are reported in the neighborhood, but we trust none are serious.

A little son recently arrived at the home of T. Quintin.

HANNINGTON.—In loviug memory of our darling, Irene Hannington, who died in Milton on Dec. 19th, 1901, in her 9th year.

We cannot say, and we will not say,
That she is dead—she is just away;
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,
She has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since she lingers there.

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To wheedle out of him.

The New Figure.

"I guess that will take the wind out of his sails."

"Worse than that. It will remove the gasoline from his automobile."—Life.

The Rogue's Wish.

I would the world were honest,
As honest as the day.
'Twould grow so trustful that I'd have
A very easy prey.

Innocuous.

"I hear he's a great knocker. Is he?"

"Oh, no. He's perfectly innocuous."—New York World.

Possibly.

"But why," asked the wondering pupil,
"Do they ever call catnip 'nep?'"
"I presume, my dear," said the teacher,
"'Tis to furnish a rhyme for 'step.'"
—Chicago News

MARRIED.

ROSE-MCJANNETT—At the residence of the bride's parents, on Dec. 19th, by Rev. E. F. McL. Smith, Miss Agnes McJannett, eldest daughter of Robt. McJannett, Sr., Milton, to Edwin Rose, Toronto.

DOBIE-JOHNSTON—At the residence of the bride's father, Esquesing, on Dec. 11th, by Rev. Austin Potter, Thomas M. Dobie, to Miss Clara, daughter of Capt. Johnston.

DIED.

RUSSELL—At Acton, on Sunday morning, 14th December, James Russell, aged 65 years.

BELT—On Saturday, Dec. 20th, Laurence Elmira, eldest son of J. A. Belt, Toronto, aged 12 years and 3 months.

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3 Bottles Extracts for ..... 25c.
2 Pkgs Tilson's Pan-dried Oats ..... 25c.
3 Pkgs Life Chips ..... 25c.
Box Toilet Soap ..... 10c.
3 lbs. Mixed Candies ..... 25c.
2 lbs. Fancy Cakes ..... 25c.
30 lbs. Brown Sugar for $1.00
Nuts—Peanuts, Walnuts, Almonds, Etc.

Can we help you in making your selection of Xmas gifts?

A Few Suggestions of the many desirable articles we are showing—

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Fine Kid Gloves, black and col'd, per pair $1.00, $1.25
Fancy Ringwood and Black Cashmere Gloves, per pair ..... 25, 35, 45, 50c.
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Fancy Silk Waist Lengths ..... $1.25 up.
Imitation Grey Lamb Gauntlets, per pr ..... 75c.
New Belts, latest styles ..... 25, 35, 50c.
Silk Ties ..... 40, 50, 65, 75c.
Handkerchiefs—Hemstitched, lace, linen, embroidered, and silk—in great variety and profusion.

FOR MEN

Men's Kid and Mocha Gloves, per pair 75c, $1, $1.25
Men's Umbrellas $1.00, $1.25, $1.50
Men's Elastic Suspenders ..... 25, 35, 50c.
Men's Silk and Brocaded Handkfs 35, 50, 75, $1.00
Men's Nobby Neckwear 25, 35, 50c
Silk Mufflers 50, 75c, $1.00
Black Lamb Gauntlets, per pair $1.00
Men's and Boys' Suits, cheap.

☞ Dried Apples wanted.

Xmas Bargains in Women's Ready-to-wear Goods.

Black Homespun Skirts, well tailored and newest cut and style.... $3.25
Women's Moreen Underskirts $1.00, $1.25, $1.50
Fancy Sateen and Moreen Underskirts $1.75, $2.00, $2.25
Women's Flannelette Wrappers $1.00, $1.25
Women's Cloth Coats only $3.00

SPECIAL PRICE ATTRACTION IN MILLINERY!

New Trimmed Hats for $1.00, $1.25, $1.50.

HINTS as to some of the Useful, Desirable Articles we have which will be appreciated as Xmas gifts—

Linen Table Cloths, Linen Table Napkins, Fancy Tray Cover, Damask Table Cloths, Chenille Table Covers, Linen Towels, White Quilts, New Tapestry Carpets, special value, 50c yard.

New Lace Curtains from 25c to $4.00 pair.

See our interesting values in Fur Ruffs, Caperines, Muffs, &c.
Special Xmas prices in Furs.

SILVERWARE AND FURNITURE GIVEN AWAY FREE—Holders of coupons should exchange them for some of the many new articles in Silverware which has just come in. These will make most acceptable Xmas gifts.

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A Fur Coat for $12.50

These are really not fur coats, but a heavy curly cloth, known as Saskatchewan fur cloth. They are perfectly wind and waterproof, and wear better than any real fur coat. Lining is extra quality farmer's satins, quilted in rows and interlined with rubber. We have these coats in all sizes and strongly recommend them. Price only $12.50

Fur Coats at $12.75 to $18.50

Bishop's Natural Jet Black Fur Coats, undyed. These in all sizes, at $12.75, $15.00, $18.50

Calfskin Coats $20

Rich Dark Brown Calfskin Coats, quilted lining throughout. These natural calf skin coats are very serviceable, outwearing almost any line of fur coats, not excepting the old style buffalo coats. Price only $20.00

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Saskatchewan Robes $7

These are the genuine Galt make of Saskatchewan Cloth Fur Robes. They are lined with best Astrachan lining, and interlined with rubber, making them exceedingly warm. The robes are fitted with loops for hanging up. Medium size $7 & $8; extra large $9

HORSE BLANKETS

German Kersey Blankets $1.50

Our famous German Kersey Horse Blanket this year is 78 inches long, extra heavy, is shaped and fitted with straps and full bound. No better blanket in the world than this. Price, each $1.50
Unlined and Lined Sable Blankets at ..... $1.00 and $1.25
Extra Heavy Lined Blankets, and extra large in size, $2, $2.50 and $3
A fine, large, square All-Wool Horse Blankets, with or without straps, for each $3.00
72-inch Robe Lining, yard $1.00
Fancy Robe Trimmings, yard 12½c

MITTS

Our stock of Heavy Lined and Unlined Working Mitts is unquestionably the largest in this section.

We pay special attention to the choosing of our Farmers' Mitts, getting just such lines as we know will give the best of satisfaction and the greatest amount of comfort.

An Extra H'vy Lined Working Mitt, with or without one finger, 25c pr
Real Hogskin Mitts, with wool cuffs, at ..... 75c pr
Genuine Calfskin Mitts, with wool cuffs, at ..... 75c pr
Horsehide Mitts, with wool cuffs, at ..... $1 pair
Hand Knit Woollen Mitts, strong and warm ..... 25c pr

Sleigh Bells

Shaft Bells, nickel, 2 bell on each strap, 25c. pair; others, 3 on a strap, 15c. pair; Shaft Chimes, $1.45 pair, Half Strings, 15, 50 and 75c.; Full Body Strings, $1 and $2.

Skates.
Steel Spring Skates ..... 50c pr
Finest Quality Steel Spring Skates ..... $1 pair
Finest Nickel Plated Spring Skate ..... $1.50 pair
Hockey Skates ..... 50c pair
Ladies' Finest Nickel Plated Hockey Skates ..... $1 pair
Men's Finest Quality Nickel Plated Hockey Skates $1.50, $2

Sleighs.
Boys' Flat Sleighs, with tin runners ..... 25 and 35c
With Spring Steel Round Runners ..... 50, 65c and $1
Girls' High Sleigh, nicely painted tin runners ..... 50, 60 and 75c
Better ones, with half round steel runners $1, $1.25, $1.50
Babies' push sleighs, nicely painted, with handles ..... $1.25 ea

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NECKWEAR—Latest shapes and colors from best makers.
GLOVES—In Suede, Buck, Mocho, Reindeer, and Kid, in all grades, from 50c to $2.25.
SMOKING JACKETS—Nothing finer for a Christmas present than a Stylish Smoking Jacket.
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OUR SMART SACK SUITS at $15.00, are unsurpassable for value.

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Lumberman's Socks and Rubbers—We have the best that is made—"Kant Krack Rubbers." They are soft, light, pliable, but firm as a rock and will not crack or break. All sizes, shapes, high and low cut, buckle and lace. The heaviest sole on any lumberman's rubbers now made. These rubbers are sold only at this store.

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