

# THE PEOPLE'S STORE

## The Store the People Talk About

That's what we want them to do. Every purchase made at this store causes the people to talk. The quality of our goods and the reasonable prices at which they are sold is good reason for them to talk

Again, we buy all kinds of farm produce at the highest cash prices, and we pay the cash for it, too. This causes the people to do more talking about us. Then if they want goods we sell them what they want and get the money back. They buy here with the cash because they know they can get as good goods at as low a price and in many cases at lower prices than they can get them for elsewhere.

This is a good time to buy RUBBERS of all kinds as we have a lot left which we do not care to carry over. In fact we will not carry them over if reduced prices will move them.

Our READY-MADE CLOTHING is of the latest pattern and style, and the prices sell the goods. Get the habit of examining our clothing before buying, and we are sure you will not go elsewhere.

Call and see our COON COATS. Now is the time to get a bargain.

Highest Prices Paid for all kinds of Farm Produce

BUTTER, EGGS AND FOWL WANTED

# ROBERT BURNETT

Large Sales

Small Profits

## McKECHNIES' WEEKLY NEWS

### The Best Food for Zero Weather IS ROB ROY and QUAKER OATMEAL

Fresh from the Mills, and the Best in the Market

- Rob Roy, and Quaker Oatmeal. \$2.80 per 50 lb. sack
- New Valencia Raisins, 3 lbs. for..... 25c.
- Good Currants, 3 lbs. for..... 25c.
- Fine Mixed Tea, per lb..... 25c.

A fresh lot of Salada Tea, "The Cup That Cheers."

### BOOTS AND SHOES

A full stock to select from in the newest designs, and the best fitters. Good solid comfort at low prices.

- 1 buckle lumbermen's rubbers, \$1.20
- Men's plain rubbers..... 55c.

### MEN'S CLOTHING

Made in the newest styles, in the latest patterns of cloth, with Overcoats to suit the season. All sold at a discount of 25 per cent. If you need an Overcoat, we cordially invite you to have a look through. Suits made to order on short notice, and a good fit guaranteed

### HOME FURNISHINGS

A fine stock of Rugs, Linoleums, Window Curtains, in the newest designs

### MANTLES

Ladies' Mantles in the newest styles. A fine stock to select from, on which we are giving a discount of 25 per cent.

## THE HIGHEST PRICES FOR PRODUCE

# G. & J. McKechnie

Departmental Store

Durham

**Not Going That Way.**  
 "Miss Adkins, there is something I desire very much to ask you."  
 "Oh, Mr. Williston—I mean Fred—I'm sure I should be delighted to hear—that is, I mean what is there that you can possibly wish to ask me?"  
 "Would you be willing to go on a long journey with me?"  
 "A very, very long journey, Fred?"  
 "Yes, a very, very long journey."  
 "Yes, I will go with you. Of course I—I suppose it is the journey that a man and a woman take together only once in a lifetime?"  
 "Well, as a rule I suppose it would not be taken more than once. You see, my mother and I are thinking of taking a trip to Japan, and she thought it would be nice if I could find some one who would be willing to go as a sort of traveling companion and maid to her in return for having her expenses paid."  
 "Oh! Well, you just tell your homely mother that when I wish to hire out I'll look for some other kind of a job."—Chicago Record-Herald.

**Father's Dilemma.**  
 A parent's life is one long responsibility. It's a wonder that so many of the genus discharge their duties so acceptably. A writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer has discovered another parental problem, or perhaps he merely calls attention to one which many fathers have discovered for themselves.  
 "How's the family?" one inquired of a happily married west sider yesterday.  
 "Well, my children are at a difficult age now."  
 "Difficult? Why, they've all passed the measles and teething stage, have they not?"  
 "Long ago. But you don't know a father's troubles. My children are at the age where if I use slang my wife says I'm setting a bad example, and if I speak correctly the kids think I'm a back number. Which would you do?"

**In a Japanese Sleeping Car.**  
 It was at night we had our first experience in a Japanese sleeping car. The track is narrow gauge, and the standard sleeping cars have six seats running lengthwise, each seating two passengers, with a center aisle. The upper berth is the regular Pullman style, and a section will accommodate two passengers. The night was during the extreme heat of midsummer, the car was crowded, and in addition to the regular curtains each berth was provided with a mosquito bar, which added to the general discomfort. Passengers were taken on and let down at all stops, so there was a constant procession through the aisle all night. Part of the car was reserved for local accommodation, and those who sat up smoked incessantly, so that long before morning the atmosphere became intolerable.—Railway Age Gazette.

**Submarines at Sea.**  
 Equilibrium is almost as difficult to maintain for a submarine vessel as for an aeroplane. With modern large submarines the act of diving is performed when the vessels have headway. The bow is depressed by horizontal rudders, and the vessel moves obliquely downward. The desired depth having been attained, the steersman must so manage the horizontal rudders that the vessel shall practically maintain its level; but, in fact, its course becomes really an undulating one. There must be no movement of men or weights in the vessel without immediate compensation to restore and maintain the balance, else the submarine may dive to a disastrous depth. Manual control has been found better than automatic control.

**Mesmerism.**  
 Frederick Anthony Mesmer, the founder of mesmerism, was a German physician of Merseberg. His thesis setting forth the science of mesmerism was published in 1766. Mesmer contended that the heavenly bodies diffused through the universe a subtle fluid, which acts on the nervous system of all animated beings and especially upon that of man. He gained a great number of followers and realized a splendid fortune. A committee of physicians and "philosophers" investigated his pretensions, which were finally exposed in 1784. Notwithstanding this, however, Mesmer continued to have many friends and followers, so great was the personal "magnetism" of the man.

**Superstition That Is Ancient.**  
 In many parts of Great Britain the superstition still survives that it is folly to save a drowning man, as he will sooner or later do an injury to the rescuer. The superstition comes down from our ancestors, yet traces of it exist among the Sioux and other Indians, who seem to have inherited it from aboriginal sources. The belief is most prevalent in Cornwall and various parts of Scotland.

**A Mean Jolt.**  
 Peckem—So you want to marry my daughter, do you? Young—Yes, sir. Peckem—Hem! Are you aware that she strongly resembles her mother? Young—I am, sir. Peckem—Then take her, young man, and—er—be as happy as you can.—London Mail.

**Greatness.**  
 Greatness is self-conscious, not in the ordinary sense of that phrase, but in the sense that denotes consciousness of its possession.—William E. Simonds.

**Stage Snow.**  
 He—There was nearly a bad fire at the theater. She—How was that? He—The villain lit a cigarette and tossed the match into the snow.

## Big Clearing Sale of Mid-Winter Millinery

We have a number of stylish trimmed hats we are offering at a very low price, almost all colors, including a number of black velvet toques and hats.

Every hat must go at this sale commencing **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd.** It will pay you to see these bargain hats.

## Miss Dick

### BIBLES IN ALL HOTEL ROOMS.

The Christian Commercial Travellers' Association have contemplated a good work in Owen Sound. This Association has undertaken the work of placing a Bible in every hotel bed-room in the Dominion. Frank A. Douglas, General Secretary, visited our town this week and obtained the consent of all the hotel proprietors placing 232 Bibles. The Association organized in March, 1911 and have placed to date over 9000 Bibles in Ontario.—Owen S'd. Sun.

On Monday night Mr. James Matthews, of Egrement, received a telegram from Saskatoon stating that his son, William E. had been accidentally killed at Merengo, Saskatchewan. The message was signed by Mr. C. D. Fisher, Superintendent of the Railroad on which the unfortunate man had been engaged. Mr. Matthews wired back to have the remains sent here for interment. The deceased went West seven or eight years ago and has not been home since. He was nearly thirty-two years of age. No particulars other than those given above have been received by the family here. We sympathize very much with Mr. and Mrs. Matthews and family in their sad bereavement.

### AN EDITOR'S EXPERIENCE

From Winnipeg West to Edmonton I travelled over the new line of the Grand Trunk Pacific. To my mind the Grand Trunk Pacific is the last word in the railway world. A finer roadbed, more luxuriant trains, or more courteous and efficient employees, I have never seen on railways, either in this country or in the country to the south of us.

It seems to me that a few personal experiences on the Grand Trunk Pacific may not be out of place here. These incidents will explain what I mean when I say that I was delighted with the service.

I left Winnipeg at 6 p. m. I had my seat reserved in Winnipeg, and boarded the car at 5.45. I removed my coat and hat, and was about to follow my usual custom of hanging them up when the train porter approached and took them from me. I noticed he did the same with all the other passengers. I later made inquiries and learned that the instructions to the porters are that no clothing, parcels, hats or baggage are to be permitted to disfigure the "parlor" car. All that can be removed by the porter he will take charge of. Passengers may retain such as they wish in their seats, but nothing is to be hung up or placed in the aisles.

This may seem a small affair, but you have no idea how handsome a parlor car looks when lighted up if there is nothing to disfigure the beauty of the interior. It was a revelation to me, and I could not but admit that this was a striking example of what attention to small details meant in the operation of a great railway.

The Grand Trunk Pacific has a new system of collecting tickets and fares on the train.

The train conductor has nothing at all to do with the handling of tickets or cash. His business is to manage his train and all the officials who operate the train. His authority is absolute on the train.

The tickets and fares are all collected by an official known as the "train agent."

The whole duty of the "train agent" is to look after tickets and fares, and to keep a close record in this regard. He is an official that was new to me and I was particularly interested in him. I was more particularly interested in him because of his extreme politeness to, and consideration for, his passengers.

In the West to-day the "train agent" steps up to you and makes a pleasant remark about the weather, or bias you "the time of day" and concludes with, "Your ticket, please." He waits patiently till he gets it, and then invariably says, "thank you."

If you're going far on his train he will tell you about the hour you will get to your journey's end. If the trip is short he will tell you two, three or four stations as the case may be, and hand you a hat check.

I watched the first "train agent" I travelled with and he treated every passenger in the car in the same courteous manner. It was pleasing to see it, and I tell you it pleased the travellers a mighty sight better than the old time poke in the ribs.

Later I travelled on a local train between Watrous and Winnipeg, and I determined to watch if all "train agents" on the G. T. P. were as polite as the first one I saw. I was not doomed to disappointment. He was even more courteous and considerate of every passenger.—Vankleek Hill Review.

### SPENDING OF THE INCOME

A wise man said to his daughter on the eve of his marriage, "If you will promise to spend five minutes each morning in your kitchen, inspecting your cupboards and seeing that nothing is wasted, I will give you a substantial extra allowance for yourself and your household expenses."

Money can disappear with alarming rapidity through the kitchen coffers. Waste is a prodigal spender. The cake that has been left on the shelf instead of being put in the cake box, becomes dried and is thrown away, the toast left from breakfast, perhaps four or five pieces, is "put away," as a German cook I once had to deal with used to say, and which I soon learned meant "thrown away," the meat not used for so long that it must be thrown out; the fruit and vegetables left carelessly about in the heat; and the multitude of left-overs that in so many kitchens find their way to the garbage can, all represent direct loss in money. Most cooks can get up a good meal from raw materials, but when it comes to using up odds and ends, they are nonplussed and take the simplest expedient of not using them at all.

The French are the greatest economists of all in the kitchen and the best buyers of foods. Not a flaw escapes them and not a sou to much do they give. But then they go to market and from store to store examining and comparing, not depending on the telephone. By the way, I have heard two or three women complain this week that when they rang up their grocers they had difficulty in learning the price of things until they had told their names. That looks very suspicious. The French, too, are adepts at made-over food. One never is quite sure what is in a French salad, but the result is so satisfying that one does not care.

If people are wasteful it is sometimes because their attention has never been called to the subject, and the woman whose income is small and who is anxious to make the most of it will welcome a few hints about using food that is to often wasted.

The most nutritive part of the potato or carrot is next to the skin, yet most often that peeled away in thick slices. Potatoes have by far the best flavor when they are boiled in their skins, and this nutritive part is saved. They should, of course, be peeled before being sent to the table. Carrots may be boiled in their skins like beets and thrust in cold water and the skin rubbed off. Then they may be reheated. Left-over potatoes may be made into many different dishes, as potato cakes, creamed potatoes (cut in to dice and reheated with cream sauce; Delmonico potatoes (Alternate layers of potato and cheese, covered with crumbs and baked); salted potatoes (sliced, seasoned and browned in frying pan).

Left-over vegetables except potatoes, if in small quantities, may be added to the stock pot in cold weather or they may be made into a salad. To make the salad, cut the vegetables into dice, add nuts and salad dressing, serve on lettuce leaves or in hollowed beets or tomatoes. Tomatoes are invaluable for flavoring meat and fish, sauces or soup or combined with rice or potatoes.

Cold fish, shredded and bone, together with bread crumbs, seasoning and egg for binding, may be made into fish balls and served with sauce, creamed and served on toast or hashed with potatoes, fried brown underneath and turned out like an omelette.

The water in which meat has been boiled should be used for soup stock. Chicken bones may be boiled, the soup strained off and the meat put into it with apple, onion curry powder, salt, pepper, and a little flour and used as a curry and served with boiled rice. Celery should all be utilized, the leaves and rough parts for soup flavoring, the outside stalk cut into pieces and stewed for a vegetable, to be served with white sauce, and the heart served raw with biscuits and cheese.

Pieces of stale bread may be used for toast or cut into squares and dried in the oven for croutons for soup, or they may be dried and rolled into fine crumbs to be used for scallops. So boiled or poached eggs left over, may be cooked hard and cream may be used in making hosts of good things. One of the best salad dressings I know is made with sour cream.

And there are many other cooking economies.—Rose Rambler.

Edson, Alberta, the first divisional point on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway West of Edmonton, has become a busy point. Teams are leaving every day for the Grande Prairie country. Up in the Peace River District road houses have been erected and good accommodation is afforded for travellers, and ample provision for the accommodation of horses is assured. This route is the favorable one to reach the Peace River country at this time, and it is surprising to see the number of people that are going in.