

AT THE BIG STORE

New Fall Goods Arriving Daily

It's perhaps a little early to be talking about Fall Goods, but they are coming to hand every day, and are being opened up and passed into stock. Months ago we were busy selecting goods for the Fall and now they are beginning to arrive. Every department is getting its share of the new goods but the greatest quantities have arrived for the Dress Goods Section. Many lines of beautiful Dress Ends, French Waistings, and French Flannels, are now being shown for the first time.

New Ready-to-wear Dress Skirts

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For the Fall and Winter of 1903 have been checked off and passed into stock. Prices range from 2.25 to \$12.00.

New Wrapperettes

Flannels and Flannellettes, price at 5c and upwards.

You'll find new goods wherever you go in the BIG STORE. This season we have bought heavier than ever to meet the demands of our growing business. Why not select your goods early. It's always a little more satisfying to have first choice.

ALEX. RUSSELL

THE BIG STORE.

MIDSUMMER CLEARING SALE

We're always ready to cut prices in two if conditions warrant it. That means we never allow goods to grow old—always sell for less rather than attempt to carry things over from one season to another.

AUGUST used to be a dull month, but we maintain the stimulating busy days by crowding prices down and goods out all over the Store. We can't afford to rest on our oars because it is midsummer. It's a time for bargains and you will get the benefit of such reductions as can not fail to please.

We do some things for the sake of your goodwill. The whole conduct of business here is based on enlarging your good opinion of the Store and bringing you twice as often. We sell cheapest just now in order to clear out the balance of Summer Goods, and we're not not so anxious after profit but we can afford to surprise you with better values than you expect.

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SWINTON PARK.

Mr Phillips of Locknow, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs Richardson.
Mrs McNulty had a horse killed by the lightning lately and Mr W Atoborn also lost a horse.

Among other improvements in the Park is a new wire fence around St Andrew's burying ground and a complete renovation of the Public School. The walls and ceiling of the interior are painted light green with a pretty frescoed border of darker green and brown. The wainscot is oiled, and the woodwork painted a dark red. It is the saying by the travellers judge, the people in a neighbourhood by the general appearance of its public buildings. Swinton Park should compare favorably with her sisters.

Mr Wm Harrison spent last week at his home here.

Mrs Hargrave returned Saturday from a two-weeks' visit with friends in Lutowel.

Misses M Knox, S Feingson and A Hardy, are home from the city for holidays.

Mr Burnet and daughter, of Durham called on friends here last week.

Messrs Earle Parslow and Ed Ferguson are among the stalwarts who left on the harvesters' excursion.

It is cheering to hear the song of the school bell after its long silence.

Hear the reflections of an old residenter: "A little boy has come to stay at Mr Geo Haw's, and we are glad too, for the future of the Park is beginning to cause grave alarm. Seldom in a prosperous burg do we find the population so completely of one sex. Within half a mile, there are no fewer than six households having a total inhabiance of eleven, only two of which belong to the other sex, and each of these above three score and ten."

NORTH EGREMONT.

The Rev. Thos. B. Legate with wife and family arrived at the home of his father on Monday night of this week on a visit to scenes of his childhood.

Miss Lottie Jones of Owen Sound is at present visiting her grandfather, Mr Jno. Hornsby and other friends around. We are pleased to see her looking as well as formerly.

Master Arthur Hann, nephew of Mr Austin Hann, is up on a two weeks' visit here from Toronto.

Mr Austin Hann owing to pressure of harvesting operations has resigned his position as night watchman on the bridge at the Lake, a man from Toronto takes his place having proved himself a capable yeoman.

An official of the McDonald-Robertson Pure Seed Association from Ottawa, visited and inspected the plots of Mr W L Dixon last week and reported them as the best he has yet seen. It will be remembered that his son Charles took some prizes in last year's best selected heads of grain, the seed from which is successively sown in a selected 4 acre plot the following year, these plots in Mr Dixon's case yielding as high as 80 bus. per acre. We remember in this case a remark by Prof Robertson "all good comes by selection."

Miss Hannah B Dixon was visiting friends in Durham last week.

Miss Belle McKinnon paid friends in and around Thistle a visit lately. Her affable and winning manner makes her a welcome visitor.

Misses Alice and Agnes Ramage returned home after spending several days with their grandparents and other friends. They enjoyed their outing very much being free from the smoke and snout of the town.

Harvesting is well advanced, in some cases nearly through, while others have not yet made a start. Mr H Tucker in addition to his own crop, cut that of his brother Wm's, Mr Hann, and others. Henry can hustle when he likes.

The sample of grain is good this year and plentiful. Beautiful weather prevailing for the harvesting of it. We hope the thankfulness of spirit may be proportionately abundant.

The Rev. John Hastie, of Belgrave, in company with his wife, are at present enjoying their holidays at relatives in and around Dromore.

Rev Mr Roach follows the plan of announcing what his subject will be at the following service. At the Ebenezer church on the 30th Aug he will preach on temperance. The choir also will have something in that line.

Misses Ellen and Jane Baxter are expected home this week for their annual holidays. The former from De-Grassi point, a summer resort on Lake Simcoe, the latter from Toronto. Always pleased to extend a welcome to returning visitors.

FAREWELL CORNERS.

Intended for last week
Fall wheat and barley is all stored away for this season.

Mr. A. McDonald and sister Tena visited his aunt, Mrs. McEachern one evening lately.

Miss S. McKinnon visited Miss Jennie Hay of Dromore and also took in the picnic.

Mr. George Hargrave has been harvesting with his brother Wm. in Bentinck last.

There was quite a number from around here attended the picnic at Dromore on Aug. 6, for it is not often the like occurs.

Miss Bell McKinnon is this week taking her holidays visiting at Mr. Wm. Brown's and other acquaintance.

Mr. McLaughlin and Miss Belle McKinnon attended Dromore Church Sunday morning.

We would like to know if B. returned the water-proof cape to the owner. It is handy to have capes on such coats for two may have the use of it.

Miss Mary Calder left on Thursday for Toronto. She intends to stay a while.

Miss Maggie Calder visited friends in Mt. Forest last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. McInnis visited Mr. Robt. Shortreed's last week.

CRAWFORD.

Intended for last issue.
Threshing began on Saturday.

Mr Duncan McKenzie and sister Miss Flora, of Durham, were visiting friends in this locality on Friday.

Rev. Mr Scott, Paisley, occupied the Presbyterian pulpit here, on Sunday last in the absence of Rev Mr Leslie, who has gone on his holidays.

Pleased to see that Mr Wm Anderson is able to be around again.

Mr Wm Orr is engaged with Cook Bros., for the threshing season this fall.

Miss Sarah Ann McDonald spent a few days with friends on the 7th Con. last week.

Mr Dave Milne left for North Dakota on Tuesday of this week.

Mr Jas Sampton accompanied by the Misses Marshall, of Allan Park, were visiting at Dougald McDonald's on Sunday.

Miss Jessie Coutts is spending a few weeks holidays at home.

Mrs Ewing of Sault St Marie is visiting at her parents. Mr and Mrs Andrew Milne.

Miss Jessie Milne returned to Southampton on Saturday.

Mr Dougald McDonald is preparing to build a driving shed this fall.

Our school has reopened under the management of Miss Annie McKenzie of Durham.

Mr Alex Hobkirk accompanied by his sister Annie, took a trip to Owen Sound on Thursday of last week.

Mr D McKechnie of Dornoch was visiting at Brown's on Sunday.

Sorry to hear that Mr A. J. White is down with the measles.

Messrs R. MacFarlane and J. S. Drysdale of Durham were the guests of Mr Alex McDonald on Sunday.

Mrs McIntosh and daughter Johnena, who were visiting at Hobkirk's for a few weeks, returned to Owen Sound last week.

Among those who took advantage of the cheap rates to the west last week were Misses Aggie and Lizzie Milne, and Maggie Hastie; Messrs Andy Hastie and Allan McKinnon.

Among the successful candidates at Walkerton was Mr D. H. McDonald, who succeeded in passing for Part II Junior Leaving, and will attend Model School there this fall.

Edge Hill.

Miss Jopp left Tuesday for her home in the West after spending a month with her many friends around here.

School started last Monday with a fair'y good attendance.

Mr Hilbert, of Markdale, visited at Mrs D Firth's over Sunday.

Misses Mary and Kate McFayden visited in Chesley last Friday.

Mr Dan Firth, of Markdale, visited at the old homestead over Sunday.

A very pleasant time was spent at Mr Geo Staples one evening last week.

Mr and Mrs Shearman, of Bentinck, moved on to the Hunter farm last week.

A number from around here attended a party at Mr Tom Morrison's one day last week.

Mr P. G. Morrison left on Friday for Prescott.

Misses Rachel and Sadie Firth, of Zion, spent Sunday at Mr D McFayden.

Wedding bells were ringing around here last week, when Miss Lizzie McCracken was united in marriage to the man of her choice, Mr Tom Wilson. Congratulations.

THE FIGHT WITH WEEDS.

We read in Grecian mythology of a contest between Hercules and the giant Antaeus, son of mother Earth, and famed for his strength and skill in wrestling. Although Hercules was able to throw his antagonist to the ground, from each fall Antaeus would rise from mother Earth stronger than before. Hercules finally killed him by lifting him from the ground and squeezing him to death. The struggle of the farmer to free his fields from the domination of noxious weeds has been appropriately likened to that of the Greek fable. Everyone who is interested in agriculture knows well the great extent to which weeds exist in our cultivated lands. Hitherto our farmers have been about as successful in their fight against weeds as Hercules was in the earlier stages of his contest with Antaeus. They have been fighting away blindly, treating all kinds of weeds in the same way, with the result that some weeds are killed, some are merely kept in check, and some flourish and increase. If they are ever to be eradicated entirely, their habits of growth, their strong and weak points, must be studied by the cultivators of the soil, even as Hercules studied the weakness of his adversary.

During the last year or two a great deal has been done by the agricultural departments through the medium of newspapers, bulletins, and agricultural meetings to disseminate information on this subject. The process of education, however, is necessarily slow, and it seems to be the general opinion of progressive farmers, as revealed by the farmers' institute meetings all over the country, that the time has come when a herculean effort must be made to lift this giant of "weed domination" from the earth and destroy it. This is why the bill regarding "The Inspection and Sale of Seeds", recently introduced by the Hon. Sydney Fisher, was pronounced by Mr Girard of Chicoutimi and Saguenay to be "the most important that has ever been submitted to Parliament in the interest of farmers."

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in Switzerland and in other countries attention had been directed to the matter and various forms of legislation had been adopted. In some of the states of the Union, in Manitoba, and in the Northwest Territories the magnitude of the evil had been recognized, and efforts had been made to lessen it by legislation, but no general attempt had yet been made in Canada to grapple with the evil. The proposed bill which required that seeds offered for sale be tested for purity and vitality and graded according to quality, was the result of two years' careful study, and he did not think it would interfere with legitimate trade. However, he was desirous of having the details threshed out in committee and was quite willing to accept such amendments as the House might deem desirable. [We shall continue this interesting paper in our next issue.]

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