

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 land 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.

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Your Hat

Never before have we been so well stocked with all the newest in Men's Hats than at present. We are showing absolutely the latest from fashion's great centre, New York. The great demand during the last few weeks is a proof of their popularity.

Your Suit

We have just received a large assortment of the very newest and up-to-date suit patterns in Scotch and Domestic Tweeds. Some of them are quite startling, others more quiet but all are eminently correct for this fall's wear.

Your Overcoat

We have a nice stock of Raincoats and Fall Overcoats in all sizes and at all prices. We are showing Cravenettes, Herringbone Stripes and Scotch Tweed Effects in fawn grey, black and Olive. Our prices are right in these goods. See them before buying.

Your Shoes

We have a big range of nice shoes for fall in both American and Canadian makes and all great wearers and good lookers. When replenishing your wardrobe for fall wear, do not pass us without seeing our stock. All we ask is to show you.

H. H. MOCKLER

HOLIDAYING IN KENT COUNTY.

The Past and the Present Portrayed by Rev. Mr. Fairgharson.

Chatham, Aug. 22, 1903. To the Editor of the REVIEW,

I am once more on the banks of the Thames a few miles from the scene of the long struggle in the ill starred expedition of Proctor when nearly a hundred years ago Tecumseh and his braves rendered their names illustrious. When I was here last there was drawn up on the opposite bank of the river which had been left to the water's edge to prevent its capture by the victorious Americans. I am told it was sold to an enterprising firm to be made into canes and ornaments as souvenirs of the struggle of the past. The hull of the other gunboat still lies at the bottom of the river to await a like resurrection and transformation should there prove to be money enough in the venture.

Many changes have taken place since those stirring days; only by an effort of the imagination can we think of the present country as a solid forest resounding with the Indian war whoop, but through all the changes of men, and all the transformation of the country Chatham still retains its reputation as the land of mud. A history might be written recording the struggles to overcome its power. There was the primitive corduroy, then the closely laid plank road, then the gravel followed by Macadam, crushed down by steam rollers, but the corduroy plank rotted and gravel and Macadam were swallowed up in the hungry maw of the deep mud, which like the kine of old time was hungry as ever. Still human device struggled for a remedy and in turn cedar blocks, asphalt, cobble stones, &c., were tried, but all in vain. The tossings over those streets were such as the waves of the angriest sea never produced. For a time indeed, it seemed as if citizens and aldermen were resigning themselves in grim despair to the inevitable. But of late years the hope has been awakened that even Chatham streets may be made passable. The process of renovation is to dig out the present street to the depth of a foot or more, lay in this bed a thick flooring of cement and then place on top of that a pavement of vitrified brick cemented together with asphalt. So far it seems as if at last success were within their efforts though not without a heavy load being laid on the tax payer, but so fearful were the former conditions that the high rates scarcely provoke a grumble.

As if encouraged by the renovation of the streets the merchants have all of a sudden awakened to the desirability of beautifying their buildings. A great improvement in architecture is noticeable during the last few years. Things have changed since the disreputable "pork row" used to grace the centre of the town, and now plate glass and artistic architectural details testify that Chatham, has at last awakened to the consciousness that it is no longer a country town, but one of the rising cities of the Dominion.

Held up without pistols. Speaking of the old days in Chatham a very amusing story is told in connection with the visit of Albert Edward, Prince of Wales in 1890, which by the way may have been less amusing to the original actors than to the present readers. It seems that the design was that the prince should proceed from Detroit without stop to London, but on the pressing invitation of the citizens of Chatham he arranged to stop to be presented with a pair of Derringer pistols. The changed program was everywhere announced, and Chatham and the surrounding country turned out, as was estimated, to the number of twenty thousand. In due time the royal train arrived and the prince appeared.

The orator on the platform with his address in his pocket felt his heart beat as if the chance of his life had come. Mayor and aldermen strutted about with all the weight of dignity they could carry. There were loud introductions, hearty cheers from the crowd, the orator never drew out his speech, for why! it was discovered at the last moment that no pistol was there to present. Each looked on the other, and "look," said the train and the prince was gone. The "Chatham Planet" of that date declares that "the Prince of Wales was no doubt fully ten minutes standing on the platform of the Royal car awaiting the pistols and at last was compelled to go away without them." Who was responsible for this fiasco it is hard to say though it seems to have been the result of jealousies regarding the places of honor for the occasion, but if rumor is to be believed, it was a most sorry funny thing by His Royal Highness, who is said on a recent occasion to have recalled the incident to a Canadian representative as one of the amusing experiences of royal travelling.

Ditching and Cement. The country around is steadily advancing, new difficulties arising with every step of progress. It is a long time since we as boys used to listen to our genial neighbor, Mr. John Kerr, and my father evening after evening discuss the "draining of the creeks." The initiative in this movement was taken by the Sanfield McDonald Government in 1870 and the work of digging began a year later. Already the ditch making has outgrown the furthest reach of imagination indulged in, on those nightly discussions. Drains have grown almost to the dimensions of canals and with the growth has come a corresponding development in the tools used in digging, till now, not only pick and spade, but even the plow and scraper are being superseded. For the larger drains the present digger is a steam dredge which runs on track laid in the bottom of the drain which cuts its way through, casting up a mound to the right and to the left.

A serious difficulty is presenting itself as to the supply of materials for the many bridges required. Till lately the material used was wood, but present prices rule that out of the question. A few larger bridges were constructed with abutments of stone which was imported from Amherstburg, and girders of steel, but the stone proved very expensive. At present the materials in general use are cement and steel. For smaller culverts, tiles from 1 to 3 feet in diameter are being put in while for the

larger spans the abutments are made of cement and the space spanned with steel girders. The question as to whether plank, or cement with a netting of wire through its centre, is the better for the flooring is still under discussion, with the probability of the preference being ultimately for the cement. Thus there is every prospect of a steadily increasing demand for cement from all this reared. Perhaps it may surprise you to hear it, but in the circles in which I have been moving, Durham cement is practically unknown, while the opinion is general that all Canadian brands are inferior to the American. Inquiry at the Custom House elicits the information that, notwithstanding all the new mills that are at work, the stream of importation is as large as ever.

Crops and Fruit. Crops in this section are on the whole good, though the cold rainy season has proved unfavorable for corn. The section known as "the plains" which a few years ago was drained by a system of pumping, is the admiration of every visitor. On this land where formerly the mosquito poled out its shrill treble to the accompaniment of the deep bass of the frog, are now waving fields of oats and corn. An enterprising farmer has introduced into this land the culture of the peach, and prides himself this season in the possession of 1300 trees, all laden with the luscious fruit. In this "plains land," everything is on a large scale. There are large ditches, large pumps, large fields, large corn stalks, large orchards, large weeds and we may add large talk, and yet the latter is in a measure excusable when talk and schemes are crowned with success.

Railways. As railway matters are up for consideration at present it may be interesting to note the immense difference a level road and straight track make to the haulage power of an engine. The other day I counted 79 cars after one engine and a thoroughly reliable informant tells me that as many as 100 cars have been counted in one train. Of course the engines are heavy, but you could not imagine the largest engine taking such a load over our track.

But I have already written at too great length—permit me to say that I have had a fine holiday made all the more delightful by my finding a goodly number of the ministers at their work, their holiday being over at an earlier date, thus giving the opportunity of both seeing and hearing them.

Ever Yours, WM. FAIRGHARSON.

NORTH EGREMONT.

Mrs Langford, sister of Mrs John McKenzie, is at present down from Parry Sound on a visit to friends here.

Misses Jans, Charlotte and Ellen Baxter are enjoying the holidays at the old homestead with their mother and brother. The latter returns to her summer home at De Grassi Point in a week or two.

We were pleased to meet and have a conversation with the Rev. Thos Legate and family while they were up on a visit here. A good musician in his younger days, he is still more accomplished on the violin, playing with a skill and delicacy of touch acquired by few. He leads an orchestra of six in his Sunday School in his old charge, composed of violin, cello, and organ.

Mrs Robt Baxter and three of the children left last week on a visit to her mother and sister in Toronto.

The night watchman at the lake has been seeing ghosts, which we may suppose to be the spirit of the Indian, whose arm bone was referred to last week as being found in the lake.

Miss Mary Skelton and her mother, late housekeeper for Wm Bell, Dromore, left last week for Collingwood.

Adam Hall, South Glenelg, has still further improved his buildings by adding the stonework for a new addition to his barn, which he intends to raise in the future.

Mr Jas Main has added an L foundation to his barn ready for the superstructure in the future.

Miss Rachel Adams is home on her holidays from Toronto where she occupies the position of forewoman in a large business house there.

PRICEVILLE.

The last week was quite unfavorable for harvesting. There is a lot to do yet, although some are done awhile ago.

Time is on the move. We are now into September and the chilly winds of the last few days reminds us of an approaching fall.

Our trustees have engaged a Miss Moodie to succeed Miss McMillan, who retired at the end of the vacation. Principal Eastman returned refreshed after a couple of months holiday to resume his onerous position as head teacher of our school, a position which he fills with credit to himself and to those who engaged him. Mr Eastman is also teacher of one of the largest country bible classes in our Sunday School in the Presbyterian church in this place.

The many friends of the late Robt. McGowan, Esq., regrets to hear of his death. Mr McGowan was resident of this town for some fifteen years and carried on extensively the milling business until a few years ago his grist mill was destroyed by fire and his removal from our midst as a citizen was greatly to the loss of our town and country surroundings as Mr McGowan was naturally a thorough business man. In respect to his memory a number of our villagers attended his funeral and a large number more would have attended had the news of his death reached them in time.

Rev Mr Campbell, of Dromore, preached in the Presbyterian church last Sabbath. Mr Campbell is an excellent speaker. Rev Mr Matheson took Mr Campbell's charge same day.

Rev Mr Roach of the Methodist church preached in the Presbyterian church here on Sunday evening last. Mr Roach is a good speaker and masters his texts well. We appreciate the christian spirit and liberality of various denominations in exchanging pulpits, for in reality they all

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7 " " 13.50, now 10.50	6 " " 6.00, now 4.50

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The Scottish concert and moving pictures held in Watson's Hall last week was one of the best ever held in this place.

Mrs (Rey) Matheson spent last week in Toronto. She returned accompanied by her sister, who is at present a guest at the manse.

John Cameron, wife and little boy, of Atlanta, spent a couple of days with Mr Cameron's sister Mrs John Melness, D road, Glenelg. Mr Cameron holds an honorable position as being Vice-President of one of the largest Insurance Company's in the United States.

Mr and Mrs John McKechnie, Owen Sound, visited friends in this locality for a few days last week.

Hector H McDonald, South Line, Glenelg, and the Misses Emma Robertson and Edith James, of this town, left Monday to attend the Northern Business College, Owen Sound.

Communion will be held in the Presbyterian church on the 18th September in English and in Gaelic the following Sabbath at the usual hours.

Don McDonald attended High Court of Foresters held at Barris recently.

Neil McDougall, of Duluth, and wife are spending a while at their former homes on the North Line, Glenelg.

We are sorry to hear that Pat Sullivan has decided to move to the vicinity of Geelp, about the beginning of October to engage in the hotel business. Mr Sullivan has filled the position of Councillor satisfactorily the former part of the year and he and family have the assurance of carrying with them the best wishes of their neighbors and others on the South Line.

Miss Jennie McArthur, of Buffalo, is spending some time at the old home.

Misses Mary E McArthur, Emma McLean and Sarah McMillan took advantage of the cheap rates for the West and Manitoba where they will remain for a couple of months. Also Wm McLeod Jr., South Line, is away to the West for a couple of months.

Some miscreant has been experimenting on the Presbyterian Church windows

as a target a few weeks ago and succeeded in putting bullets through four panes of glass. Should the perpetrator be found out he should be made an example of by giving him a trial in the house of correction.

Vickers.

Arrived too late for last week.

Miss E Wilson, of Dromore, was the guest of Mr and Mrs T H Lawrence for a few days.

Mr and Mrs Herb Livingston, of Hanover, visited friends here last week.

Miss Hazel Marshall, of Durham, spent the past few weeks with her aunt Mrs H Reay.

Rev and Mrs Thos Legate and family, of Barford, are visiting the former's brother at this place.

We were sorry to hear of the sudden death of Mr John Finnigan, who died in Allentown a short time ago. Mr Finnigan was at one time a respected citizen of this place. He was scarcely thirty years of age and leaves a young widow and a small child to mourn his loss. His mother and brother William attended the funeral, which was held in Allentown on the 18th inst.

Miss J Weir, who was at one time teacher here, but now a teacher in Alliston visited at Mr Wm Livingston's last week.

We congratulate Mr Robt Reid on his success at the Senior Leaving examination in Mt. Forest. He left last week for Regina where he intends to take a Normal course.

We were sorry to hear that Master Cecil Reay was ill with some disease of the throat. We hope that under the careful treatment of Dr Gun he may soon recover.

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