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## Hardware

We have on hand a complete stock of :::

## Builders' Hardware

Spades and Shovels, Churns,  
Wire and Fire Fencing  
Milk Cans and Pails  
Washers and Wringers  
Curtain Poles & Window Shades  
Sherwin-Williams Paints, Varnishes  
and Wall Colors.

### ...SEEDS...

Also a large supply of nice clean Clover and Timothy.

Call and examine our goods.

C. Liesemer, Sole Agent

## Great Bargains

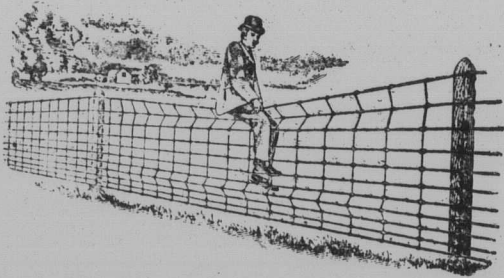
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In Men's and Children's Underwear and Overcoats.

Every line of Underwear is going to be sold at actual cost price in order to make room for spring stock—the same applies to Overcoats and Ready made suits.

J. J. Steigler

## The Dillon Wire Fence,



Is the Fence for the Farmer.

The Dillon Wire Fence is acknowledged by all who have used it to be the most serviceable and durable fence on the market. Miles of it in Carrick is giving the very best-satisfaction. It is the best all round fence made in this country.

The local agent, takes contracts and puts up the fence as well as done well and on short notice. Large and

Mildmay.

## Toronto Swept by Fire.

Toronto was visited on Tuesday night by one of the most-damaging fires in the history of the Dominion. At 7.45 the fire broke out in the premises of E. and S. Currie, neckwear manufacturers, 60 Wellington Street West, and from there it spread southward toward the bay, sweeping everything in its pathway.

The wholesale district of the city was almost wiped out, the number of buildings destroyed being about 150. The business portion of Bay and Front Sts. were almost completely laid waste, and the total loss caused by the dreadful conflagration is estimated at about ten million dollars.

The fire departments were utterly unable to battle with the flames, which were fanned by a high wind. Only one man is missing, but chief Thompson of the Fire Brigade had his leg fractured in jumping from a burning building.

The insurance companies will be hit hard, and it is feared that some of the smaller companies will be forced to suspend payment.

## Obituary.

An old and respected resident of the community of Huntingfield passed away to her eternal home at 11 o'clock Sunday evening, April 18, 1904, in the person of Mrs. John Haskins, who resided on the 9th lot, of the 18th concession of Howick. Although in advanced years, up to the time of her death, she had enjoyed comparative immunity from sickness of any kind.

Her maiden name was Orinda Birdsell, she was born in Leeds Co., Canada in the year 1831, was joined in the holy bands of wedlock April 20th, 1857, and came to the township of Howick Nov. 5th, 1861, one of the first settlers of the 18th concession.

She was ardently esteemed by all who knew her, and was a woman of many exceptionally fine intellectual and natural qualities. The family were regular attendants at the McIntosh Presbyterian church, and her memory will be cherished by many of the congregation on account of her many kind acts of Christian character.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, April 18th, at 2 o'clock. Deep respect was shown the deceased by the large attendance at the funeral. Her form and face will be greatly missed in the community, and her death we lose one in whom deep sorrow and sympathy will be felt. The deceased leaves a bereaved husband and family of seven children, three daughters and four sons to mourn her loss.

Much appreciation has been felt by the bereaved family, owing to the utmost kindness and sympathy shown by some of the neighbors during their bereavement, which will never be forgotten.—Com.

Mr. James Lamb, a Brant farmer, has shipped eggs to Toronto, on and off all winter, receiving for them as high as 38c. a dozen.

At a meeting of shareholders last week it was decided to further exploit the Hepworth gas field, more capital being subscribed for the purpose.

The Minister of Education has expressed his opinion that it would be better to have three inspectors for Bruce County. Of course it would be better for the other two inspectors Cleudening or Christholm complain they were overworked. There is no likelihood of the present council appointing another inspector.—Chesley Enterprise.

Last winter Mr. Bailey, of Brant, lost a horse through the ice on the Saugeen, while driving across the river. Mr. Bailey has a chance of recovering of recovering the harness if he likes to get after it. The Southampton Beacon says: Another consignment of ice, etc., came down the Saugeen last week from some point far inland. It is said that the corpses of five horses, six cows, a number of pigs and other animals came down the river. One of the horses is credited with having a double of harness attached to it, neckyoke and all, and one of our citizens is now a set of harness to the good.

## BELMORE

Mr. Wm McKee, who has been sick with pneumonia for the last two weeks is improving very slowly.

Mr. Samuel Chittick, who came home for Easter, has gone back to the Soo.

Mr. Andrew Gowdy spent Sunday in our burg renewing old acquaintances.

Mr. Henry Lawrence started to plow last week. Harry is a hustler.

We had quite an exciting time here one day last week, when the people on the leading street witnessed one of the most interesting races seen here for some time. The pacers were almost neck and neck, and there was intense excitement on all sides. The betting ran very high, but on the home stretch the winner turned out to be a Tarter.

## BORN

HOGATE—In Troy, Ohio, on Saturday, April 16, to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hogate, a daughter.

VOOR—In Carrick, on April 18, to Mr. and Mrs. William Vogt, a son.

HUFNER—In Lethbridge, Alberta, on Tuesday April 12, to Mr. and Mrs. John Hufner a daughter.

SCHETER—In Mildmay, on Tuesday, April 18, to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Scheter, a son.

KINZIE—In Berlin on April 7, to Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Kinzie a son.

SCHNURR—In Formosa, on April 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schnurr, a son.

DONNELLY—In Greenock, on April 11, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Donnelly a son.

SCHMIDT—In Carrick, on April 14, to Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt, Elora Road, a daughter.

Sixty years ago the United Kingdom was practically self-feeding; to-day more than half its meats and more than two thirds of its grains are of foreign origin.

Mr. Andrew McLean, Sr. and other residents of Greenock and Culross have been endeavoring for years to have the Teeswater river dredged so as to prevent the damage sustained each year by spring freshets. It is beginning to look as if their efforts were finally going to be successful. The Ontario Government has granted seven thousand dollars for the work, providing the townships of Culross and Greenock, and the County Council supplement the grant. It is to be hoped that the necessary funds will be obtained from the sources mentioned as the dredging is badly needed and the increased value of the land will considerably more than cover the outlay.

There is great excitement in the oil district in the Western portion is extreme, and to an outsider almost ridiculous. In that section there are between ten and 15,000 wells in operation owned by 600 or 800 people. The trouble has arisen over a proposal to reduce the duty on crude oil from 5c. per gallon as it is at present, to 2c. Nearly 400 well owners have petitioned the government not to meddle with the tariff but to leave the duty where it is while another petition signed by a few over 100 well owners asks the government to reduce the tariff to 2c. per gallon. Although one petition is much more largely signed than the other, yet curiously each represents about one-half of the wells in the district. Each side declares solemnly that if the government does not act according to their petition the oil industry will be ruined.

Two bales of yarn consigned to the Walkerton Hoisery Co. from England reached Montreal some time in September last. As goods did not put in an appearance within reasonable time the company sued the Grand Trunk for the amount. A defence was put in, and so the thing remained. On Saturday of last week both bales arrived at Walkerton. One was found at Wingham and the other at Galt. They were on the way for a full six months.

## Clifford.

The nomination to fill vacancy for the balance of the year 1904, on account of the resignation of Mr. C. Ersmann as councillor was held on Monday last. Mr. H. Tuck was elected as councillor for the balance of 1904 by acclamation.

Mr. Andrew Hood left from Harrison on Wednesday last week with a carload of effects, to make his home near Basswood, Manitoba.

Mr. K. M. Walton, a former resident of Clifford, died at Bracebridge last week. Mr. Walton was well known in the village and neighborhood, having been postmaster here for some years.

Mr. James Kidd shipped his horses from here to Brandon, Manitoba on Friday last. George Gibson went along with him. There were two carloads, which included 30 horses and other farm effects. Word has reached here that Mr. Kidd was in a railway wreck with this consignment near Guelph on Saturday morning at about 2 o'clock. A freight from the east going west in a fog, and a head-on collision occurred. Three railway employees were instantly killed on the fast going train. They are no doubt thankful for a miraculous escape.

## WALKERTON.

Roderick McCrae, a tailor, who worked for McEwan and Woolman for the past few months was arrested here last Friday on a charge of stealing a watch and chain from Philip Sharpe of Orangeville. He was taken to Toronto.

The suit brought by Levi Good against Richard Harrison for slander was brought up at the assizes this week. Good was awarded \$10, and defendant paid the costs.

Joseph Lamb, father of James A. Lamb, Secretary of South Bruce Farmers' Institute, died last Friday at the age of 80 years.

The entertainment in the town hall on Tuesday evening in aid of the hospital was well attended. Proceeds amounted to \$115.

The turf club met last Friday and decided to hold the annual races on Thursday, July 14. The races last year were a success.

A Clinton coal dealer received a car of coal with a dead horse in it last week.

The Listowel Council have accepted a \$10,000 offer, from Andrew Carnegie for a Public Library.

Messrs. H. and W. H. Bunker, of Lisle, are the inventors of a unique machine for converting straw into wood or fuel. The machine rolls the straw so tightly that it is as tough as a stick of timber. The product, used as fuel, is much cheaper than either wood or coal and gives an intense heat, at the same time holding the fire much longer than wood. Mess. Bunker have entered into a contract with Mr. T. M. Brown for the manufacture of a number of machines, and will begin the manufacture of fuel in the near future.

The Ontario Legislature will likely conclude its sessions next week. The Assessment Bill has passed the committee stage and the chief items left are the passing of the guarantees for the Algoma Central and James Bay Railways. There will be no temperance legislation this session. The County Councils Act will be amended leaving it to a vote of the ratepayers whether the present system of county councils divisions shall be continued or a return made to the old system of Reeves constituting that body.

The Ontario Legislature has passed an act providing for an increase in Magistrates' fees. Hitherto magistrates were not paid anything for trying criminal charges, after this they will be paid \$2 for each case which does not last more than two hours, and fifty cents an hour for all the time spent over the two hours.