THE
Flesherton Advance
W. H. THURSTON, - Editor

### THE SLOGAN APPLIES HERE.

When the Gravenhurst sanitarium case was under discussion in Toronto recently, Flesherton officials were informed by the sanitarium representative that there were 27 other cases pending against various other municipalities throughout the province for the upkeep of patients. Think of it! Think of the great costs incurred in defence of these cases and then decide whether Mr. Drury was wise in placing such a weapon in the hands of a merciless corporation—a corporation which does not even have to try to collect its bills from the patient or his friends, but is empowered to go direct to the municipal money bag for all the funds it wants.

And still there are recentacles placed here and there in banks throughout the country, requesting that you "put your pennies here for the Muskoka Free Hospital!" In the immortal words of that clarion political war cry, it is time for a change.

### HYDRO GETS LEGISLATION.

Hydro recently sued the city of Owen Sound for about $3000,expenses of removing poles on the highway where the road construction work was being done. But Hydro received the surprise of its life when the courts decided that its poles had no legal rights on the highway and were there by suffrance. A little thing like that did not trouble the Hydro organization, however. It simply went to the Legislature and asked for legislation to legalize the placing of its poles upon the highways. A bill to that end has received its second reading in the Legislature, but many of the municipalities in Ontario have joined forces to prevent the passage of the bill, which hands our highways over to the Hydro to do with as they will. And Hydro says in effect: "Now, Owen Sound, will you fight us again,"

### A PUN MY WORD!

Can this Teapot Dome affair be called a Dom-estic scandal? And will the excitement over the Bond deal in Toronto Peter out? Probably not. The thing looks pretty black—Smith.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

The town of Collingwood is for a second time on the defensive against the Gravenhurst sanitarium squad, who are anxious for a second pull out of that town. None will escape them if the law in its present form remains on the statute books.

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We are all anxious for the Owen Sound hockey boys to get home and settle down, so that we may have a cessation of adulation. We all know by this time that they won, and our ears are getting weary. No doubt the type machine operators in Owen Sound are, too.

### THE STICK TOGETHER FAMILY.

There are some who seem to fancy
That for gladness they must roam,
That for smiles that are the brightest
They must wander far from home,
That the strange friend is the true friend,
And they travel far astray,
And they waste their lives in striving
For a joy that's far away;
But the gladdest sort of people
When the busy day is done,
Are the brothers and the sisters
Who together share the fun.
The stick together families
Are happier by far,
Than the brothers and the sisters
Who take separate highways are,
The gladdest people living
Are the wholesome folks who make
A circle at the fireside
That no power but death can break;
And the finest of conventions
Ever held beneath the sun,
Are the little family gatherings
When the busy day is done.

H. E. Bywater, a former editor of the Meaford Mirror, died recently at Athens, Ont.

## HOME

By One of The Old Boys

Looking at it from one angle, Home seems to have solved the problem of eternal youth, and seasons roll over its head without adding to the age of the village. Persons age and are called away—but Home pursues its course, changing a bit, yet unchanged in the essentials. If I can explain myseelf I will have done well. for I am not just clear in my own mind how to explain it.

As a lad, the "present moment" was always an intense moment to me. All the past was a road that led up to it, and from our own very youthfulness the place seemed somehow surcharged with youth. All the future leading down the years was but a trail leading out from that, the supreme moment,

Peculiarly, the moment shifted and carried over from day to day, and seldom lost its zest.

There might be a time when one would dream into the future and vainly wonder what might be in store, and feel a dull ache in the heart, or a strange elation, as the moment dictated—but a look around, and there were the same old trees waving their branches with a futile motion, and the sparrows chittering by the roadside that wound its grey ribbon into the distance.

These moments were physical manifestations; little atoms possibly, that went to make up the life of the village; but yet they were not signs of ageing on its part. For long after one had grown beyond such things, and maybe gone to test the future, the thoughts were thought by later ones and are.

But Home goes on. Buildings fall down because of momentary neglect, or burn because of momentary carelessness, or are torn down to be replaced by other structures. Once in half a decade a new building goes up. Periodically painting is done to house and store and barn—but always Home moves on its way unchanged at heart. Time was when Home was crudely pioneer; but time soon came when it became the quietly flexing heart of an agricultural community; and time now is when it is peopled with schooling children and ageing farmers who have left their plows to end their days in quiet

In between are those who don't count, the fathers and the mothers who are, perhaps, momentary rocks of refuge for the youngsters, but who, almost before they know it, will become but landmarks to mark the place of youthful dreams to those who have gone to build up ageing centres elsewhere

Back at home the arteries of the village flex quietly, but out in the world where the young people go to throw their bounding energy into life, the arteries are hardened into roaring rushing channels of trade, and all the fire of youth is called upon to drive the wheels. And the city grows.

When one goes out from the parental roof and leaves Home for his great adventure, which is life itself, he looks in his egoism to see the place droop and wilt and show its age without him; as the years move on and new memories close close in around the old pictures of Home and seem to strangle them—then Home seems to be an ageing, drowsing place,—But it isn't! For if one but returns again and moves around the streets for an hour, it is to pick up bits of conversational gossip of the latest hour.

Home has not been living in the days that you have dreamed; Home still lives in the to-day, as it did then, save that "to-day" always keeps up its march at Home and never confuses itself with yesterday, as you have done.

If one wanders down by the old pond, it is to see youngsters in the act of learning to swim. As they shriek, and splash and shout with all the intensity of a moment that leaves no room for reminiscence, nor dreams of the future, but demands the full attention of the participants, one realizes with a shock that he himself has contributed his part not to this moment, but to the things that led up to this—THIS is the supreme moment of the village life—because it is to-day.

And what, then, is the secret of Home's eternal youth? Who can tell? But who will say that it is not the fact that while the young men go away, the middle aged grow old, and the old folk die, still the children are always there, in endless succession.

And still more, who, surveying the enthusiasm of the sports of the days as they go, will dare to say that it is not from the succession of children that Home derives its youth?

Mr. J. W. Paton has resigned his position as secretary of Rocklyn Agricultural Society after serving in that capacity for 23 years, and will remove from Rocklyn. He is replaced by Mr. Lorne Currie.


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Mr. Ed. LeGard of Glenside, Sask., in renewing sends us the following very interesting letter :—

Dear Mr. Thurston :

We had a big crop last year, but the low price for wheat and all farm produce has made it impossible to get ahead; also high wages and high railway rates are far beyond the price we realize for our labor, but we will have a wheat pool this year that may help some. One thing certain, it cannot be any worse. I sold my crop for 70c. per bu.; paid $6 per day for men besides their board; hogs sell at around $5.50 to $6 perc wt. on an average. It does not seem to matter how many oats we get, there never seems to be any to sell. Of course some sow oats in preference to wheat as the yield is large, and claim they can make more out of oats than wheat by sowing oats on summer-fallow. A great many ship cream—very few care to churn any more, as the store keepers do not care to handle it. Besides, the merchants here are so high with their goods we realize very little for butter. It appears there is a merchants union, and the wholesalers set the price what they have to pay and what they must sell for—consequently we find we must sell for cash and send to the order house for our goods. A lot has been said about patronising the home town, but when they combine against us what are we gaing to do We would not mind a fair profit, but when there is a difference of one dollar on a pair of pants, we have to sit up and take notice. We get the best of material and the choicest of groceries and the inferior goods we get from our merchants make a person wonder that they are driving themselves out of business. We do not expect them to sell as low as the order houses, but there is too much difference in the prices and the quality of the goods. Everything is on a cash basis, anyway, so it is immaterial to us. So let them charge what they like. There are thousands of dollars going annualy to the order houses that the merchants could hold here if they would deal fair. No wonder they can send their families to college while they charge such exorbitant prices.

We have had an ideal winter, no snow or rain to speak of since before harvest. We have had no sleighing all winter, good wagoning, except a few days with barely enough snow to make sleighing. The weather is beautiful, dry and clear; it is just like spring all the time. I never witnessed such a winter. There is a heavy stubble and we are all anxious to have a good stubble burn. Of course that will all depend upon the weather. If it keeps dry we will have no trouble burning, but if we can't get a burn it makes it bad for working and the stubble gives a lot of bother especially if we disc, and if we don't disc then we have weeds and we cannot plow all. Neither is late plowing any good and plowing down heavy stubble keeps the land open and dries it out.

Long live The Advance.

—E. D. LEGARD.


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