THE
Flesherton Advance
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A PLEA FOR THE CROW

The DuPont powder company is offering prizes to those who will shoot the largest number of crows, with a view to exterminating our black friend. The company holds that the crow is an enemy to mankind—that he destroys wild birds' nests, steals corn, etc.

There are those who disagree entirely with this view, claiming that the crow does more good than harm, and personally we hold to the latter view. Wild birds have the instinct to hide their nests pretty well from the depredating crow and the number he discovers are few. Sometimes he will make an onslaught on the corn patch, but the damage done in this way is not great. On the other hand he is a benefactor to the extent that he kills millions of harmful insects and is a general scavanger of much merit. Along our lake shores especially he cleans up a great deal of refuse and is always on the keen search for decaying animal matter. His cheery voice is the first bird voice heard on the approach of spring. Really, spring would not be spring without the graucous notes of Johnny Crow, and we would miss him very much indeed.

We hope the proposed campaign will not be successful in exterminating his ebony majesty. For this year at least he is safe—he is established. Next fall when the crow conventions are on it might be well for them to discuss ways and means of circumventing the campaign, and probably this will be done.

We feel like remarking, too, that crow ethics are quite as estimable as those of humanity as a whole. We have in our combination the corn thief and robbers of home nests, yet we have not yet come to the conclusion that humanity should be exterminated on this account. We do not even exterminate the robbers and thieves, but shut them up and feed them—when we can catch them. While these things go on in the life of human beings our sympathies go out to the crow aud we take off our hats to his persistency in sustaining life under adverse conditions and all campaigns that have ever been undertaken for his extermination.

TURNED A GOOD THING DOWN

At a recent meeting of the high school board a proposition was placed before the members for the formation of an Agricultural department. The present principal, Mr. Carroll, is properly qualified to teach a department. But the proposition was turned down flatly by the board, by shelving the idea until the June meeting. The forming of this department would bring a possible grant of $1000 per year towards the salary of a teacher. They refused to appoint an advisory committee that would entitle them to an extra grant of $600, retroactive from January 1st last, to cover the work already done by the Principal. To entitle the Board to this $600 a committee was necessary and the Board had power to dismiss it in June if they decided to drop the idea of a department. This they refused to do and the $600 was lost to the township by their negligence in not appointing this committee. The payments would be made a year from this March and would embrace the $1000 grant plus the $600 extra for the work done in the past few months. Now, if they do decide in June to have this department officially sanctioned as an Agricultural Department, this $600 grant will be lost to the Township and only the $1000 grant will be received towards next year's salary; $600 lost through shortsightedness. We believe the Board made a big mistake, to put it mildly, in deciding as they did. We confess we don't understand how they can justify themeselves.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A Goderich man has offered to donate $12,000 towards a new town hall there. We would solicit a like subscription for one for Flesherton too.

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The heads of the Canadian National Railway are advocating the co-operation of their employees as the key note to the success of the company in paying its way. Co-operation has made successes in the past and it still holds true.

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The Walkerton Telescope is again advocating an enclosed rink for the town, intsead of the open-air rinks which are now used, but states that money cannot be secured by public subscription to back the propositioin If the citizens would form a rink company and issue shares for the amount, the difficulty might be solved. Flesherton's rink is being run by a rink company and they give first class service.

HOME

By One of The Old Boys

HOME, THE PEOPLE

Dare one write of the people of home ? Dare one attempt to write of the flesh-and-blood people that go to make up the village as it really is ? Commonplace as Home may look to the motoring tourist as he flies through town, with its knots of staring villagers, its people have their secrets that outsiders may not know.

While all its citizens are satisfied with themselves—who is not—still he would be a brave soul who would for a moment dare tell the truth of the Home folk. There are times when discretion is the better part of valor.

And, too, who are there to say that this is truth and that is error ? Who will interpret the motives behind the act, and tell the TRUTH ? And who can tell the secret deeds of kindly people who hide their kindness behind a gruff exterior.

Who is there to tell of the halting tear-brimmed words of the widow and little family, who on Thanksgiving evening found her way to a village home to thank the mother there for a basket of good things because "there isn't anybody else who would have thought of doing a thing like that,"—but there was, if only they had stopped to think. The basket had been carefully left on her doorstep while no one was about; because, as mother said to her son in sending him out, "we have so much, and she so little."

Courage would be required to go up and down the street, and write the truth of all the folk at home—and yet perhaps it would not be courage, but simply bad judgment and poor taste, after all. There are some things that one may not tell to strangers, though every soul at home might know of them. But surely one may write of some of the Home folk; carefully select that which will not wound, but picture for a while the flesh and blood of the village.

THE HILLS OF HOME.

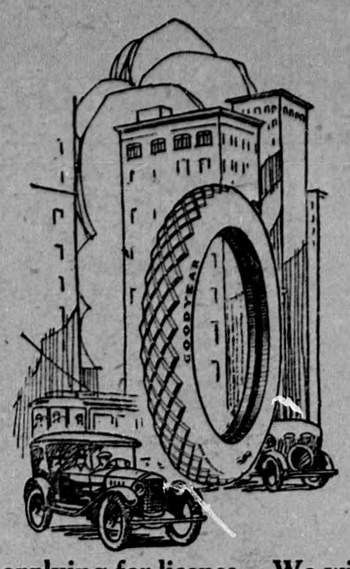
I walk again the hills of Home,
Where birch and maple grow,
Where wild growth pushes through the loam
And crowds away the snow.

In springtime's flush the woodland smiles
With early blossoms, sweet,
And autumn winds waft o'er the smiles
With incense rare and sweet.

But, ah, the hills of Home are not
The hills they used to be.
When brother, brave—a little tot—
Walked them along with me.

He passed beyond the farthest hill,
Beyond the sea's far rim,
And never more, O hills of Home,
Will ye know the feet of him.

With the aid of a shotgun, Wilmer Ritchie, 5th line Amaranth, despatched an animal on Monday of last week which had been growing about the neighborhood for some weeks. Very much resembling a yellow dog, the animal was thought by some to be part wolf. Mr. Ritchie brought the animal to Shelburne on Thursday, where the remains were viewed by many, but he returned home still greatly in doubt as to its breed.—Shelburne Free Press.



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BATTERIES

There seem to have been a large number of batteries in this district which appear to have passed the three score and ten and have lost the vigor they previously possessed. New batteries have dropped so in price since last fall that unless a battery has been in service but a short time, it really does not pay to have it overhauled. We have been appointed distributors for the MACK battery one which has been thoroughly tested and proved it self second to none. The new prices on these batteries will surprise you. We can supply them in rubber cases at the same price as wooden cases and they are much superior.

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Allan, Wm. H.	Corbetton, R.R. 1	Account	47.45
Cantten, Peter	Colbeck, Ont.	Account	39.70
Gallagher, Wm.	Everett, Ont.	Account	4.38
Hall, Thos.	McIntyre, Ont.	Note	69.00
Hammond Jas.	Shelburne, Ont.	Account	67.87
Large, H. J. R.	Shelburne, Ont.	Account	15.40
Pilkey, Fred	Markdale, R.R. 3	Account	18.25
Plewes, Fred	Flesherton, Ont.	Account	14.43
Tucker, John	Orangeville, Ont.	Account	15.00
Welland, G. H.	Rocklyn, Ont.	Account	60.76

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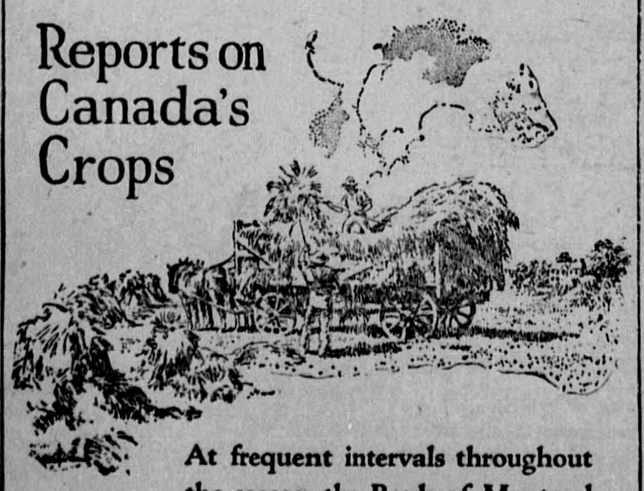

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The Advance refused this directory advertising some time ago.—Ed. Advance.

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