THE
Flesherton Advance
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THAT HOSPITAL CASE

The Collingwood News takes The Advance to task for its strictures on the working of the Hospital Act as exemplified in the Youngblutt case, and strenuously upholds the Act. It says this is not a new Act but it is "as old as the hills." An Act is just as old as its ammendments make it, and no older. In June 1922 Mr. Drury passed amendments to the Act, one of which made it compulsory for municipalities to pay. Certain institutions had been biding their time for this, and immediately upon its passage many claims were filed by the Gravenhurst Sanitarium for back pay. It was nearly five years after Youngblutt entered the sanitarium before any demand was made on Flesherton for his keep.

In view of all the facts we have related it ill behoves The Collingwood News to charge The Advance with error in stating that the ordinance responsible for the trouble is of recent date. It is just two years old. And it makes it possible for physicians to fill our hospitals with indigents at the expense of municipalities, even if these indigents have only resided one day therein. Any newspaper which argues that it is just and right to make a small municipality pay as much in charity as one of ten times the population has got a wrong twist to their views of the fitness of things. And we think that The News can well be classed in this category.

Ordinary hospitals are obliged to notify at once the municipality interested; sanitariums do not, and we hold that they should be placed on the same plane as hospitals. If this village had been notified it probably would have been placed in a better position. It at least would have known what to provide against.

In conection with the Flesherton case we wish to point out the fact that the verdict will cost the ratepayers about 7 mills on the dollar, or $7 on every $1000 of their assessment. This is a serious matter, especially when it comes down to forcing the widow with her little home and family to pay this heavy tax. There are such families here who find it hard enough to eke out an existence without being forced to pay a heavy toll for a man like the one in question. We call it a crime and the hospital town newspapers may shout themselves hoarse in defence of what they call a humanitarian law, and it will not change our mind one iota. We see nothing humanitarian about a law that causes actual hardship to one that another may be benefitted.

THE ENGINE AT FIRES

Lately a couple of alarms have been sounded on supposed fires and the chemical engine was soon on the spot, being handled by those where the engine was stored. These fires have all been in the day-time and the men were there, but if a real fire came at night some confusion might result and the engine not arrive in time. The council could relieve matters to quite an extent if they would appoint some persons to see that the engine was taken to the scene at once and give them the responsibility of keeping the engine ready. The importance of the position would have to be impressed upon the men.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The fire engine will do good work when given a chance.

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The U. S. government is considering the abolishing of the Japanese from the States and prohibiting their immigration. Is it because of the success the Japs have made in agricultural lines in California?

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It would be a good thing to construct a couple of tennis courts in Memorial Park and form a tennis club with a small entrance fee to help defray expenses. There is no finer game than tennis to help develop a young person's athletic abilities.

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The editor of the Meaford Mirror believes that he could trim the best checker player in Flesherton. If he has as much nerve as that he should try for the Dominion checker championship. His nerve would then be knocked to the four corners of the earth.

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The Hanover Post says in commenting on pitchers emigrating from the district :—"Owen Sound will have to look around for a pitcher to replace Whinfield, who is living in Oshawa." That wouldn't bother Owen Sound a bit as they could bring him up when an important game was scheduled.

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We have never been able to work up any enthusiasm for the so-called "Free Hospital" for consumptives. Although we have been interested for a number of years we have never yet come across one person who was treated free of cost. If the individual did not pay the municipality did. Recently the village of Flesherton was mulcted to the extent of $600, a patient having resided there for a time before going to the sanitarium at Gravenhurst—Burks Falls Arrow.

OUR LETTER BOX

THE COSTS OF CITY LIFE

Editor The Advance :

While farm and country life have their problems, their sense of wrong and injustice, their reaching out for better conditions for themselves and their family, the city life has its problems too. There is, however, a sharp contrast, yet have so many things in common. On the farm today the complaint for the most part might be summed up in their having to sell their products on an open market and be compelled to buy its necessities from a closed (unionized) market. The discontent of the city to-day is largely the increasingly high rents it is compelled to pay, against standardized wages and salaries.

Take Chicago for example. The average wage, outside the highly organized trades, is about $100 to $125 a month. Most of this is eaten up in rent. A five room flat, steam heated, can not be had less than $80 to $90 a month, and a family is compelled to accept a roomer or two to help eke out the expense. This is an average rent in the good neighborhood and these rents are being yearly increased. There is little or no use to try to escape by renting an unheated house, or a bungalow in the suburbs, as coal and railroad fares offset the cost. To buy a home or flat is almost prohibitive, for building costs being so high, the price of buildings have advanced in keeping and that with government stamps, taxes, and attorney fees, etc., make the buying of a home an expensive item.

As an instance of increased values in real estate the following will show: In 1914 I sold a house for $4500, today $8000 has been refused for it. I bought a six-flat building in 1914 for $24,000, I sold it two months ago for $41,000. The new owner immediately increased the rents from $10 to $12.50 a month on each xat. Stores that rented for $60 a month have been raised to $100 and $125. To meet these ever-increasing costs, a few cents on articles are added to the consumer, and wages are increased only at the expense of costly strikes or great inconvenience.

While other costs of living in a city are high, there is little complaint. Grocery competition is keen, and table necessities are reasonable. Clothing is within reasonable reach.

The great menace to life is the automobile. An average of over one life a day is taken on the streets of Chicago every day in the year. This menace is getting worse every day, as hundreds of new machines are added to street traffic.

The Advance is always a welcome visitor, and I read with appreciation your editorial comments and the local news, especially that which deals with those whose names are familiar. One of the most interesting was the item of taking up the corner stone of the old Wright building, with the names of those concerned in its building and the newspapers and other data contained therein. The articles on "Home" now appearing in your paper, are full of heart interest, and I voice the desire of your correspondent that the writer's identity should be made known.

Yours truly
G. W. LeGARD.

HOME

By One of The Old Boys

THE FIRST CITIZEN

The grass has scarcely yet knitted itself over the scar of the last resting place of Home's First Citizen;—He deserves the capitals. When he passed, the place he had filled for close on 60 years became a vacancy that may never be filled again; and though he is gone, it is hard to think of Home folk without placing him first.

Reared in the midst of English politics,—where politics seem to touch so closely the mass of people and invite study,—he brought a "political mind" (in its highest sense) to the new village when he came, and made his indelible stamp upon it. It was always a treat to hear him on the public platform : Home's only orator.

And, while he was sent to Ottawa to help mould the laws of the country for a term, (and heaven knows they are mouldy) it is not for that that he comes in first place. Nor is it for his thoughtful oratory which was always worth while hearing; nor for his local preaching and support of his church; not at all. His chief claim to priority (now that his spirit has fled and he moves about no more) lies in the influence he has had with the young folk of the village in whom his spirit still lives.

On a quiet winter's evening more than one young lad has been seen slipping quietly into the big home, and being ushered with ceremony to the softly lighted library where the First Citizen sat quietly reading or writing, the light shining on his white hair like a silvern crown

And then would follow periods of which treasured memories are held. Common-places served to make the self-conscious lad forget himself, and soon a story of the debating school in the Old Land revealed the secret of the host's oratory, or the tale of a struggle to pick up knowledge from hard-to-get books inspired a deeper respect for the books of the day as a source of wisdom, or again, the tale of great Imperial statesmen inculcated high ideals of citizenship, and the knowledge that the highest heights are open to the lowliest person.

And sometimes "excursions" were held through the tiered shelvs of the library where the old scholar fondled lovingly a select collection of treasures,—the finest library in the village. And taking down one volume or another he might read for a spell extracts from their familiar pages.

These evening revelries were an antidote to the street corner school. and laid a foundation of ambition that has since found its outlet in more than one young man's fairly successful life. And the strange part of it all is that to others than those interested all this is unknown. And to the other villagers he was simply a citizen.—and possibly not the First Citizen.

Later, for a space, he did a work that bore its fruits more on the surface, where they could be appraised by others. As agent for the Children's Aid Society his scholarly mien and his charming and sympathetic friendliness brightened many poor homes, and withdrew from others that were too far gone for brightening, the children who were growing up to be wards of the state, and charges upon themselves.

This was comparatively recently, but already many children whom he released and inspired have repaid his confidence and are good citizens and assets to the state.

And so, one could trace the beneficient influence of this First Citizen from the early days of Home; how his enterprise first developed the business life of the village; and later when misfortune came, turned his talents to developing in a quiet unostentious way the younger citizens of not the village alone, (for many went out beyond,) and nowhere did his touch blast nor his influence discourage.

He was the First Citizen, — and there is none to succeed him in his intense love of letters and high ideals of citizenship. Nor is this a reflection on the Home-folk of to-day, but merely the TRUTH of him.

[Numerous subscribers have written us requesting the name of the writer of the "Home" articles. There are a few more numbers in the series, which are attracting so much attention among the old residents and those who have removed, and at the end of the series the name will be divulged.—The Editor.]

To judge from the number of fifty and sixty years wedding anniversaries recently celebrated, there are evidently a few old-fashioned people who still believe in the "for better or for worse" compact.

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THE HIGH SCHOOL QUESTION

Flesherton, April 14.

Editor of The Advance :

Dear Mr. Editor :—All those in the village and vicinity of Flesherton, who have the best interests of education at heart, would read with surprise of the action of the high school board in regard to the proposed Agricultural course. I am sure they all appreciate your editorial of last week.

Flesherton high school is in an excellent position, both as to staff and location, to make good provision for the needs of this village and the wide territory adjacent. What school for a long distance about here has a better building and grounds? Should not the fullest use be made of these favorable features? This course offers a means by which the number of scholars could be increased to say nothing of the many other advantages it offers.

There is this also: Criticism is being made of the rural schools, both public and high, that they are educating the young people to leave the farms. Does it not seem strange that in the face of this that the board should act as it has? And even more so that two farmer members present should vote adversely?

Would not the board be well advised to call a public meeting and have the matter discussed? There is nothing like talking a thing over with those vitally interested?

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