THE
Flesherton Advance
W. H. THURSTON, - Editor

AN ENDORSATION

The Hanover Post, after dealing at length with the hospital question, has the following endorsation of our attitude :

"The Post believes absolutely that indigent patients should be given every opportunity to be restored to health, and that, if no one else will do so, it behooves a municipality to meet the cost of such treatment. Surely we have not sunk to the level where we consider human life as of no account. There may be flaws in the Act, but these can be changed. We believe that indigents, before even entering a hospital,should be compelled to get sanction from the municipal council; in other words, that the council should have some say if they must foot the bill. Also the clause of the Act which defines a resident requires careful consideration. We can sympathize quite readily with Flesherton, which municipality is shouldered with a heavy burden on account of a man who happened to live there last before entering the hospital."

A GOODLY HERITAGE

The Globe issued a special edition of 24 pages on Monday dealing with the mining industry of Canada. The extent of this industry as shown in this special edition will be an eye-opener to Canadians themselves. We really do not realize the magnitude of our inheritance in this regard. In fact nobody yet knows what it is, because new fields are continually opening up and new mineralized localities are being constantly discovered. As one authority has said, our mineralized potentialities are only in embryo as yet, but the evidence of this good thing is growing greater day by day. Canada is now the second largest producer of silver in the world, and the total mineral production of Canada during 1923 amounted to the enormous sum of $214,019,832. It is a goodly heritage.

FLESHERTON NOT IN ON THIS?

We have been told that all the towns and villages from Orangeville to Owen Sound will observe Wednesday afternoon as a half holiday. It seems that so far neither Flesherton nor Holland Centre have considered this matter. It is about fifteen years since this plan has been generally adopted and during that time it has worked out well, in fact so well that there has been started an agitation to make it a provincial law and to have all places observe the same afternoons. Flesherton is larger than many places that have made a half holday a success. Years ago all the arguments against doing so were swept away. The fact that our prosperous sister towns do not suffer in any way should be proof enough that it would work here. All that is needed is a couple of the merchants to start the thing right and of course advertise the movement sufficiently, and away we go.

McNeil CEMETERY RULES

McNeil public cemetery authorities, Priceville. have published a little book of rules and regulations—something Flesherton should have done long ago. In this we notice that the price for digging graves is $2.50 for child and $3.50 for adult, caretaker to remove all surplus earth after graves filled. Cutting grass on plot is 30c. for each time. These prices are very reasonable. How do they compare with the happy-go-lucky way the things are done here?

WHY LET THE EDITOR HAVE ALL THE SAY?

We clip the following article from an exchange. We do not know where it originated and therefore cannot give credit, but it is good enough to find a place in the editorial columns of any paper, and to it we say hear, hear, and raise both hands in affirmative :

"Why let a community, say like this, or even a much larger one, allow the editor of the local paper to have all "the say" as to community work, improvements, regulations—and restrictions as applied locally, or indeed on any live local question? The editor's opinions and suggestions are often criticised severely enough in the little room back of the store, in the barber shops and in other places where men meet and talk on public questions. If you have a better idea or a better plan than the editor why don't fou get out with it. The editor will be glad to give you space in his paper to express your ideas. He will even help you to put your ideas in shape to be printed, and will welcome rather than object to, your criticism and your better ideas. Now this is a privilege you don't get anywhere else. The pulpit may denounce and may criticise, but you can't very well reply. But you can air your views through the local newspaper if they are worth anything, and there is nothing the editor will more gladly welcome than a friendly criticism of his views, the advancing of any new ideas, the suggesting of some new improvement. If you can't write you can at least come in and let the editor know what you think. Try it. Exchange of thought is of great value. In this way you can help promote ideas that would improve community ideals and bring town and country into closer relationship."

EDITORIAL NOTES

You may go fishing on Thursday of this week, and you may catch some and you may not. May day, you know.

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The chain prayers are on the go again. It would seem that people would never get over this foolishness and let up with it. No goo can come from the practise and it is only a waste of stamps and time. Pay no attention to them.

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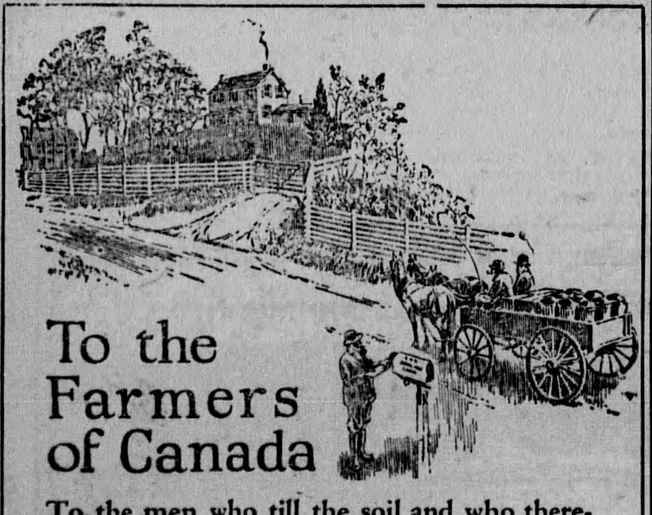
Recently The Advance has been flooded with propaganda pro and con on the church union question for publication. We are refraining from publishing this unless paid for at usual advertising rates. The church union committees have expended their allowance on the big dailies and now expect the small papers to publish their arguments free gratis. In this fight we are decidedly neutral. The failure at Toronto seems to have been a mere skirmish in the battle.



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HOME

By One of The Old Boys

THE OLDEST CITIZEN

When these pages were written for personal amusement and with no thought of publication, a few years ago, there were but two men left at Home whose lives ran back to the earliest days : the Insurance Agent and the Apothecary. The former was still in harness, but the latter saw time pass by his window while he sat reading or thinking, clear-brained, but crippled of body by illness.

But since then the Call has come to both, and from the streets of Home their wandering feet have been called, and their mantle has fallen upon other shoulders. But even though not now numbered among the folk of Home, no reference to the Home of yesterday would be complete without them.

When Home was young and beckoned with all the alluring novelty and promise of a pioneer community, it drew the Insurance Agent,—but he was then a young, ambitious man, the servant of a keen business instinct. With a young wife behind him he plunged into business on a man-sized scale and finished as a large store structure that had bravely started out to be a huge hotel, and became one of the important traders in the growing centre. And flourished!

Came a time in the course of years when he had to say a long, last farewell to the still young wife and face the future with his two young motherless children alone. Came a time, soon after, when adversity bestirred itself again, and the business failed, though honorably.

With a broken spirit he re-embarked in a business sufficient to maintain his little family and educate them,—then in the course of years became postmaster and forsook the merchandising business.

There were many business ventures through the years of the Insurance Agent's life at Home, for what is bred in the bone will show in the flesh, and he was a born trader; but he always retained the post office.

From early morning till late at night he could be found diligently and studiously going over his aflairs in the small office. When letters were expected from distant ones and the mail was not opened on Saturday night it was no uncommon thing to have the missive handed over at church;—and once when sad news was dreaded, he brought it sympathetically late at night after the mail was sorted.

Regulations did not call for him to open the mail when the night train came in (and he may have been breaking regulations for ought I know in delivering it) but if it was wanted he was ready to oblige. This was years after his daughter had been married happily and his son had received his call to the Manitoba bar.

It seemed as though he might always be postmaster; and indeed one wondered could the king keep the postal system running smoothly without R. J. to sort of steady it from that end. He might have a grocery store, or an insurance business, or a feed store,—but the post office continued without change. R. J. was as much an institution as the postal service itself, and a deal more accommodating.

And then one day we learned that he had sold the great frame business block that for years had been the only "family" he could claim at home; and with the block relinquished the guardianship of the mails! It was unthinkable; for so many years R. J. had been associated with that block and the postoffice that there was surely no other place where he could fit in and be himself.

True,he proposed to continue his insurance business in one of the offices of the block; but he did not own it, and it seemed to be pretty much part and parcel of his life. Strange things happen; and one winter's night the snow for miles around was reddened by the wierd glare as the large block roared to the heavens in a terrible sea of flames; and in a short hour another of the links with Home's historious past was but a memory.

And since that time he lived a semi-hermit life, supporting himeslf by his insurance business, but living as one apart from the current of daily life in the village. He seemed a connecting link getween the present and far-distant past, but one gained the impression that the link was gradually weakening and that Mystery was tugging at his soul to claim it for that strange place where past and present and future merge into the inconceivable vastness and reality of eternity.

And one day the claims of the spirit triumphed, and the vehicle of mortal clay was deserted. He had passed the veil and re-joined the wife of his younger years.

And yet,—Home rolls on, and on. He no longer passes the collection plate with his feeble dignity of a Sunday, nor is his slow step to be seen on the street. But Home continues as though he had never been, and trace of his citizenship is no more, save in the hearts of those who cherish his sturdy worth.

Flesherton W. I. Finances

The following shows the Flesherton Women's Institute receipts and expenditure for the past year :—

Bal. on hand May 5, 1923....	$180.23
Interest	9 62
Government grant	3.00
Members' fees	8.50
Net receipts July 12	373.47
Miscellaneous	173.79
Total receipts	$724.05
Expenditure	173.79
Balance on hand	$550.26

Membership, 34.

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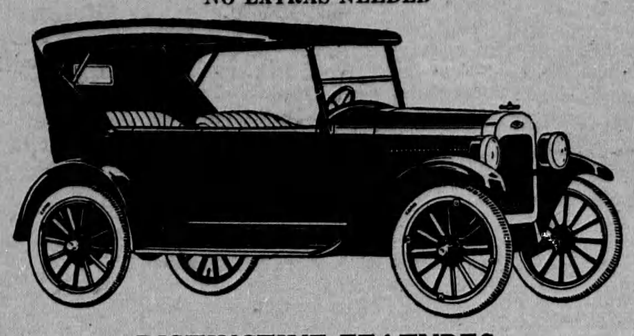

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THE CROWS

as they are and as we'd like them

A lady who is an inmate of the Gravenhurst sanitarium writes The Advance as follows :

Reading an extract from The Advance in my home paper, The Chronicle, re the crow, I was tempted to send you some lines I wrote last year, when the crows were legion. My sleeping porch faces east and south being semi-detached, and about two hundred yards from the south-east corner of the building there are some very high white birch trees, where from all indications, the crows had a rookery. As these lines were merely written for the amusement of patients and staff affected, I make no apology for their merit as verse.

The crow is such a pretty bird,
Its plumage with such a sheen
In certain lights, it looks quite black,
In others blue, and green.
We read oftimes of its conceit
How 'twill fuss, and preen and a'
But nature sure the crow did cheat
When she gave it just a caw.
But lest you start with pity adorning
This old bird, for nature's seeming abuse,
Try sleeping here at four in the morning
And I'm sure you will say, "what's the use!
Why those blamed old crows which seem just overhead
Can make enough noise to waken the dead;
'Tis true nature gave them only a caw,
But I wish she had given them nothing at a'.
There's a million I think. or that many more,
On crows and their ilk, I'm really quitet sore.
But soon we know they will migrate south
Go cawing away on the wing,
Then perchance in February, or the month of March
They'll be welcome, as a "herald of Spring"

—"Sky."

Note :—After a long, cold winter, the crows are with us again and we join with you in hoping they are never exterminated, for it was with real Pleasure we greeted their first caw. —M. H.

BODY FOUND IN PARK

Hanover, April 27 — After three weeks of search and continuous dragging of the Saugeen River, the body of W. H. Hines was accidentally discovered on Saturday on the shore of Hanover park and only 500 yards from the dam where he met his death on April 5. Mr. Hines, an electrician by trade, was opening the sluice gates of the dam when he fell into the water and was drowned.

Diligent search and dragging failed to recover the body. On Saturday a stranger from Owen Sound grew impatient waiting for a train at the station, sauntered along the shore of Hanover park and came across the body of Mr. Hines on the shore.

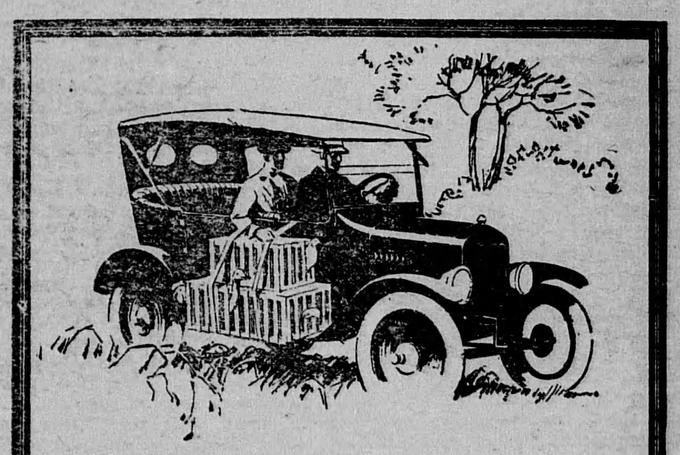
The funeral was held Sunday and attended by many members of the I. O.O.F. and L.O.L. with which orders Mr. Hines had been identified.

BORN

SEMPLE—In Islington, Ont., on Easter Sunday, April 20th, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Semple, nee Pansy Tuppling, a son.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Martin Phillips desires to thank her friends for kindly sympathy and assistance during her recent bereavement.



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