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THAT GROUNDHOG YARN

People will continue to talk about that old moss-covered fable that the groundhog comes out on Candlemas Day, February 2nd, and if he sees his shadow, goes back for another six weeks of winter.

Just stop and think this out. The sun shone here for one hour on Saturday last. Now supposing the groundhog came out during that hour of sunshine, he would go back to his roost underground for another six weeks. But supposing he came out an hour before the sun came out and he could not see his shadow, why he would decide that winter was nearly over and he would remain awake, or supposing that the sun shone, for one hour at one point and was obscured by clouds a hundred miles away, the same anomaly would exist, and the groundhog would be obliged to do a particularily strenuous exhibition of mental gymnastics in order to make the two conditions comply with the theory under discussion.

No, we really have no faith in the old "saw" and we do not believe that the groundhog has any faith in it himself, although newspapers and calendars try to make us believe that he does.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

The Old Age Pension Bill is to come up in the Ontario House in the near future for discussion as to the advisability of instituting old age pensions in Ontario. Last summer a survey was made by the Ontario Government as to the number eligible and the approximate cost to the Province if the pension was decided upon. The cost is evenly divided between the Dominion and the Provincial Governments and the latter are contemplating saddling half of their costs on the municipality wherein the beneficarcy resides. While the Old Age Pension is desirable to the majority it is felt that the local governments have sufficient holes to sink their money and the added load would be an imposition that might prove difficult to handle. We would like to hear from any of our subscribers on this subject or on any other matter of public importance.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There will be no necessity for the 1929 auto licenses for some time to come here.

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The position of chaperone to Durham dogs could be given to the Chief of Police. If the dogs in Durham are as fine canine specimens as ours are, it would be a shame to confine them in durance vile.

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Advertising is the most important thing about any business. It is the vital spark. What good does it do you to have the very best thing or the very best bargain on earth if people do not know it?

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Recently there has been much talk about the "missing link" of the Canadian National Railway, which would connect Meaford and Owen Sound. We hope the search for it will be more successful than the hunt for that human rare.

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There is one item for which we can commend the Hydro Commission very highly. Flesherton has a transmission line of its own from the power house and in the thirteen years of operating the 24 hour service has not been disconected for more than a few hours at a time, and then only at long intervals.

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Mr. Gurnett of the Hydro called on The Advanve Tuesday in reference to an article which appeared in this paper last week. Mr. Gurnett went into the technicalities of the Hydro quite extensively, making the statement that Flesherton has a cheaper rate than many surrounding municialities. He suggested that The Advance agitate for a public meeting to go into Hydro affairs, at which they would be only too glad to be represented and explain matters and answer all questions that could be fired at them. Of course Hydro is run by human beings, and it is a feature of humanity that is does not wish to be criticized unjustly or without a chance of making reply. It is up to our local hydro commission.

Health Service
- of the -
CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOC.

Protection by Home Isolation

All parents are worried, from time to time, lest their children contract one or other of the communicable diseases. To a considerable extent, the spread of these diseases is due to carlessness on the part of some person. The thoughtful parent can do a great deal to reduce the prevalence of these diseases which are spread from the sick to the well.

When a child appears sick, he should be isolated from other children. The mother can tell when her child is not well, and she should isolate him for the protection of others. This may seem to be unreasonable because, in the vast majority of cases, it will be found that there is nothing seriously wrong with the child, certainly no communicable disease. However, the only way to be sure that isolation is carried out on the odd occasion when it is necessary, is to isolate the sick child every time.

It may seem to throw unnecessary work upon the mother of several children to see that one is kept entirely away from the others, and do require her to boil the eating and drinking utensils of the child for five minutes, but the doing of this until there is certainty that no communicable disease is present may be the means of preventing the other children from contracting disease, and, indeed, may mean the saving of lives, particularly those of infants and very young children, who so frequently succumb to such disease.

Protection can only be secured if the necessary effort is made. In general the communicable diseases are most infectious in their early days before the rash or other typical symptoms appear. It is, therefore, necessary that precautions be taken whenever a child is unwell, because this may be the signal of the onset of a communicable disease.

KIMBERLEY

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last Wednesday night in the form of a community dance. This week a mock trial of a motor accident, which will be followed by a debate.

What might have been a serious accident happened in the home of Mr. W. T. Ellis Saturday evening. Mr. Ellis had been absent from the house and returning put a fire in the kitchen stove, believing the water had been drained from the water front. As soon as the stove became heated it exploded, breaking it in pieces, breaking out a window, scattering pieces of the stove even went to other rooms of the house. Help was at hand and put out the fire and coals scattered through the room. No one was in the room at the time.

Mrs. T. Cornfield has returned to her home at Fairmount, after spending a couple of weeks with Mrs. Geo. Cornfield.

HORSE FELL INTO CELLARWAY

Awakened by horrible moanings and a commotion in his store below, F. A. Hunter of Brussels with visions of prowling thieves, notified Chief McDowell at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning. Cautiously he crept downstairs to find a horse, groaning as if in great pain, lodged in the cellarway leading into the store basement. The animal had crashed through the door that protected the steep stairs and broken head-first into the inner doorway. It died a few minutes after the chief arrived, after they had hauled it into the basement. Upon investigation, it was found that the horse belonged to Percy Tverman, who lives 2 1-2 miles south of Brussels The animal had been stricken with colic and is believed to have wandered in great agony about the town until it inadvertently stepped on the stair door. Several places along the road were found where it had rolled and tossed about in pain and its blanket had come loose in its journeyings. — Ex.

PORTLAW

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Shier have both been quite seriously ill for some time. We are glad to hear that there is some improvement in their condition lately.

Mrs. J. Gibson of Riverhurst, Saskatchewan is visiting with her friend, Mrs. Lawrence Lyons, centre line.

Mr. George Blakey of Toronto, who spent the past five weeks in a hospital there is home for a time to recuperate.

Mr. Albert Reid had the misfortune to cut his foot severely while working in the bush lately.

Mrs. Middleton of Toronto is attending her sick parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shier.

Miss Iva McNally is visiting with her sister, Mrs. R. Dingwall at Loring.

Financial Statement
of the
OSPREY MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM
FOR THE YEAR 1928

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, Jan. 1st 1928	$ 294 56
Received from Township	$ 2635 56
Advances from Township	500 00
Cash paid at Central and Bank	104 25
Rentals	44 50
Sate of batteries	1 50
	$ 3580 37

EXPENDITURE

Bell Telephone	$ 141 67
Bell Telephone (directories)	38 24
Supplies	470 72
G. W. Ross	362 00
Leopard salary	778 50
H. G. Burke	30 00
J. A. Kernahan	6 00
Commissioners	45 00
E. C. Pedlar, Sec.-Treas.	50 00
Auditors, 1927	16 00
Rentals, hall and house	90 00
Miscellanous	13 65
Compensation Board	8 60
Stationery	8 00
Freight and Cartage	14 57
Fred Jamieson, rebate	8 00
After hours calls	17 25
	$ 2098 20

ACCOUNT WITH TOWNSHIP OF OSPREY

Due on 1927 balance	$ 999 44
Amount sent to Collection Roll, 1928	$ 2650 02
	$ 3649 46

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Debentures paid	$ 139 94
Interest on advances	6 30
Advances	500 00
Township auditors	4 00
Received from roll, 1928	1636 12
Balance from 1927 roll	999 44
Balance due System	363 66
	$ 3649 46

LIABILITIES — NONE

Outstanding long distance	$ 135 00
Flesherton Calls, out	41 00
Rentals, out	22 50
Stock on hand	125 00
Balance from Township	363 66
Cash on hand	1482 17
	$ 2169 33

We, the auditors of the Osprey Municipal System report from information and explanations which we have received, and having examined the books, accounts, receipts, expenditures, vouchers, etc., and hereby in the statement of Assets and Liabilities, disclose the true condition of the System on December 31 1918, according to the best of our information and explanations given us, and as shown by the books of the System. Total Assets $2169.33.

DOUGALD STEPHEN and HAROLD FENWICK, Auditors

Administrator's Sale

The Administrator of the Estate of Ella Gibson, late of the village of Flesherton, deceased, will sell by public auction at the residence of the said deceased of the village of Flesherton on 16th day of February A.D. 1929, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon the following household goods and chattels.

Walnut Dresser and stand, Walnut Bedstead, Cable Spring, Bed Room Dishes, Surface Oak Dresser and stand, three white iron bedsteads complete with springs and mattresses, wooden bedstead with spring and mattresses, chest drawers, coal heater, 3 small tables, sette and two chairs and six additional kitchen chairs, one arm chair, three rocking chairs, kitchen stove, quantity of pictures, sideboard, kitchen table, extension table, extension dining room table, couch, washing machine and wringer, linoleums and carpets, electric iron and fixtures, box stove and pipes, wash tub and boiler, singer sewing machine, in good condition, numerous other articles.

All of the above will be sold without reserve.

There will be offered for sale at the same time the house and property of the deceased in the village of Flesherton, one-quarter acre more or less, being lot ten of the Munshaw survey, frame house, brick veneered. This is a comfortable dwelling and will be sold subject to reserve bid fixed by the Administrator.

Terms of Sale—Household goods and chattels cash. The real estate will be sold subject to reserved bid, on the usual conditions of sale, 20 per cent. payable on date of sale and balance within 30 days.

Dated at Markdale this 31st day of January A.D. 1929.

W. J. Meads, Administrator and Lucas & Henry, of the village of Markdale, Solicitors for the Administrator.

Auctioneer — W. Kaitting.

Thos. Carefoot, a St. Vincent farmer, died last Thursday morning from injuries received when he was struck by part of a tree the previous afternoon.

Tourist: You've got a big farm here, but it's all covered with rocks. I don's see how you make a living on it.

Farmer: Wal, y'ere going t' see. I own all the mud hole rights on this detour.

"The People's Grocery"

GROCERY SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK

3 pks. Corn Starch	29c.
Just a real good broom	39c.
Quart bottle Catsup	23c.
7 lbs. Epsom Salts	25c.
7 lbs. Sulphur	25c.

Try our Special Tea - 65 cts.

Shirts-Reg. $1.25-50 - 98c.

Blue Melton & Chinchilla O'-Coats for $19.50

W. G. KENNEDY

—: We Deliver in Town :—

Cut Prices in Winter Goods

Serge 36 ins. regular 65, half price 33 cts. a yd.

Blue flannel reg. 75c., Special 49cts. a yd.

Mackinaw Flannel for Children's Dresses or Men's Shirts, regular 30c. for 25 cs. a yd.

Plain Flannel, 54ins. wide, regular $1.50 for $1.15

Checked and Fancy Flannel, reg. $1.00 for 79cts.

A. E. HAW CEYLON, Ont.

Store open on Wednesday and Saturday evenings

SAW DUCKS ON JAN. 20

Four ducks were seen in the harbor by the bridge on Sunday, last. This is rather late for these birds. With a robin seen last week and ducks this week those who base their prophecies on the conduct of birds will probably tell us we are going to have a mild winter. With the big thaw on Friday there was enough water anywhere for thousands of ducks.—Meaford Mirror.

In many of the theatres and placesit." of amusement anyone found coughing or sneezing are requested to go to the box office and get their money back and depart. It's a wonder some mischievous boy hasn't thought of throwing pepper about in these amusement houses.

'The next time that fool fellow of yours comes around I'm going to sit on him."

"Won't do a bit of good Dad. I tried it last night and hes imply likes

Will It Help Business To Mark Time?

By 1934 Ontario and Quebec will need a million telephones and the Bell Telephone Company wants new money to provide them.

The company does not want any money from Parliament. It only wants permission to try to sell new shares to investors.

The investors will supply the money if they are allowed to. If they are not allowed to, the telephone system must mark time.

In 48 years the telephone company has never suggested nor received a government grant; it only asks freedom to take further part in Canada's progress.

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA

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