

## In Other Communities

Taken From Our Exchanges About People of Your Acquaintance

### An Old Time Penny

While spreading gravel which was taken from Main street, Nelson Moore picked up a half penny. This coin bears the date of 1857, and bears the name of the Bank of Upper Canada. It is ten years older than the Confederation of Canada, and looks as if it had had some rough usage in its day. —Mt. Forest Confederate.

### Injured at Barn-Raising

Struck by a 30-foot plate, which fell from its position while a timber was being raised, Wilbert Schneider, Carrick township, sustained severe injuries to his chest and arms at a barn-raising on the farm of J. Koenig on Friday afternoon. George C. Pletsch of Mildmay also suffered slight injuries when he was struck by the same piece of timber some time later in the day. —Hanover Post.

### Mosquitoes Went After Bare Legs

Mosquitoes were so bad on Friday evening that the Harriston Klitke band was forced to quit an open air concert which they had planned giving on the library lawn. After playing two pieces the knees of the bandmen began to take on queer shapes as the mosquito bites started to swell. There evidently are no mosquitoes in Scotland, where the Highland costumes first originated. —Harriston Review.

### A Happy Father

A big fat gink who seems to be putting on avoirdupois at the expense of his children breezed into town on Friday in a motor, and while his youngsters played tunes on the fiddle and went around and gathered up the collection, daddy sat lazily in the car puffing at a cigarette. As an exemplification of the refrain, "Everybody works but father", he has all the other parental loafers backed off the map. —Walkerton Times.

### Motorists' Delight

Tar and pea gravel are being applied to Provincial Highway No. 10 from Melancthon corner northwards nine miles. Motorists traversing this road are getting their cars considerably spattered with tar. The sticky stones also stick to the car fenders. The road surface ought to be considerably improved with this application. The work is being done by the Law Construction Co. —Dundalk Herald.

### Accident at Maxwell

A serious accident befell Mr. William Kendall of the Collingwood Gravel Road, east of Maxwell, when he fell off a load of hay which he was taking into the barn and received a bad case of concussion of the brain. In the absence of Dr. Gault of Maxwell, who is on holidays, Dr. Lively of Flesherton attended the patient and he is improving nicely and will be around again in a few days. —Flesherton Advocate.

### A Petrified Turtle

Mr. Emmerson Simmons, contractor, left at this office on Monday a peculiar curiosity in the form of a petrified mudturtle which they discovered in the centre of a large stone which they had broken while working at a culvert in Peel. The turtle was a small one, the shell being only three inches in length and two inches in width and had petrified and become as solid as the stone itself. How it got there or how long the stone had been in growing over it is a conundrum that is puzzling Mr. Simmons and his men. —Drayton Advocate.

### The Fish That Got Away

Mr. Campbell Grant who went forth to Kirkland Lake, in Muskoka district, to catch the fish whose

fame is known to all devotees of the rod and reel, the patron fish of all Waltonians, that finny marvel of the water, "The Fish that Got Away," found on arrival there that this monster had already been captured. It couldn't swim because it was weighted down with fish-hooks and sinkers. The man who caught him dragged him to the market to sell, but was persuaded to dispose of him to a scrap-iron man for more money. Although the Walkertonian was too late to land this prize he came home on Thursday with a few big fins that weren't so skillful at escape. —Walkerton Times.

### Saw Mirage at Gananoque

While standing on the sidewalk on King Street opposite Alma Villa, on Monday about four o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. A. J. Shanaman had the good fortune to witness a mirage, a very rare phenomenon in this part of the country. The sky to the south was brilliantly clear, and in it was reflected, as distinctly as could be, a picture of the town of Clayton, nine miles across the river. The American channel, the docks, the passenger sheds and the Masonic Temple were all outlined. Even the dials on the face of the clock in the Masonic Temple were visible. Mr. Shanaman is well acquainted with Clayton and he had no difficulty in picking out the various well known buildings. The alluring picture lasted only about five minutes, when a cloud passed over that portion of the sky and blotted out the mirage. —Gananoque Reporter.

### Drilling For Oil

Mr. Harry Herron and Mr. Robert Cherry are engaged in drilling for oil on the property adjoining the shore road about three miles east of town and in close proximity to the iron bridge. When a depth of sixty eight feet had been reached, a pocket of natural gas was struck but did not amount to any satisfactory flow and the shaft has now been sunk to one hundred feet and something may happen any time. Mr. Cherry is a well driller and is supervising the operations, although both men are merely playing a hunch and are not building "castles in the air". Natural gas has been found in many parts of Collingwood, and attempts have been made to locate oil but nothing worth while has ever resulted. It is possible that Messrs. Herron and Cherry may be the lucky ones and strike a well that will prove of commercial value. —Collingwood Enterprise.

### Truck Driver Severely Burnt

On Monday about noon Charles Krieger, a truck driver from Toronto, who has driven a motor for twelve years and never had a mishap before, came to grief on Murphy's hill just beyond the bridge. He was coming to Mount Forest for a load of produce. The first intimation he had of trouble was fire in the back part of his clothing. He jumped out of the car but could not get the fire out. Then he ran to the mill but all the staff had gone to dinner. Fortunately a couple of travellers came along, stripped of the clothing and rushed him to the hospital, where he was found to be severely burned, but later appeared to be doing well.

The truck was loaded with empty egg crates and was consumed completely as far as it was consumable. It is supposed the fire started from a short circuit or from the exhaust, setting fire to the crates.

The wife of the victim, and his brother, Mr. Sam Krieger, who formerly kept store here and at Conn. came up in the evening, the former remaining here as a guest of Mrs. Levine.



As Britain observed the 14th anniversary of her entry into the great war, some 11,000 British ex-service men paid their tribute to their fallen comrades in a great memorial pilgrimage to the battle-fields of France and Flanders. Among the pilgrims as a soldier rejoicing his old comrades was the Prince of Wales. Above, his royal highness is seen at Bethune, walking with the mayor.

It is said that Mr. Krieger was fortunate in wearing a belt, which prevented the fire from making such rapid progress as it otherwise would. —Mt. Forest Confederate.

### Fighting Dogs Start Car

An amusing and very out-of-the-ordinary incident occurred here last week which concerned two dogs and a Ford car. A local garage man drove home to show his wife a nice dog which a visitor to town owned. Spying the strange dog in the car the garage man's dog, which had been at home, jumped from the sidewalk into the car to try conclusions with one which had the audacity to take his place in the family. In jumping over the door the dog pulled down the gas lever (unintentionally, of course). Then the dogs began to fight and the weight of the growling, snarling and scratching canines forced down the clutch of the car, which partially threw the car into gear and off it started. This extraordinary procedure had been witnessed by the driver of the car and several others, and the driver had to rush to the car, shove out the dogs and pull up the driverless chariot. "Believe it or not," as Ripley would say, but this is a true story. —Dundalk Herald.

### Needle in Spine

Joe, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Thompson, of Lockerby, was the subject of a most unusual mishap this week. On Monday afternoon he was lying on a lounge in the home, and upon rolling over felt a sharp pain in his back, but as only a very slight mark like an insect bite was to be seen, nothing more was thought of it until in the evening he again complained of pain as he was riding in a wagon. He was then brought to Dr. Grove in Paisley, who located something hard in the flesh, but could not extract it. The lad was taken to Hanover Memorial hospital, where X-ray disclosed a large sewing needle, imbedded in the flesh, with the point in the spinal column and the head almost a couple of inches from the small wound that showed where the steel had entered. Dr. Grove successfully removed the needle by the use of the knife. —Paisley Advocate.

There was a serious collision near six o'clock on Tuesday afternoon between one of the gravel trucks of the Brennan Company and a sedan driven by Mr. James Dyce, at the corner of William and Queen Streets.

Mr. Dyce, who is building a house for Mr. R. E. McCallum, at that corner was driving out on Queen Street when a truck loaded with gravel and driven by L. Anderson, came east at a lively rate. To avoid striking the sedan Anderson swerved to the left but the truck swiped the head of the sedan, carrying off the fender, twisting the frame and dinging a mudguard. The truck ran up on the boulevard and sidewalk for some distance and came to a sudden stop against a stout shade tree which was badly peeled. In spite of all he could do the driver was unable to turn it to the pavement again before it struck the tree.

The sudden stop threw a large part of the load of gravel through the windshield which was smashed to smithereens. The wheel probably saved the driver from taking a header in the same direction. After the impact he opened the door and stepped out on the highway. For a time he seemed dazed and he had a cut on his forehead that required a few stitches to close. He is a young man who came from Welland the day before and this was his first day at

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### The Gift Cigar

Two Scots had met once again after a number of years. In the meantime one of the pair had become affluent. "Ha'e a cigar, Sandy mon," he said to the other. The cigars were lit, and after a

puff or two Sandy was moved to speak. "Sic smokes maun ha'e cost ye a deal a' siller," he observed. "Nae sae muckle," replied the rich one; "a matter o' five shillings the two maybe." Then came a pause while they puffed away in silence. "Mon," ventured Sandy eventually in the tones of one making a great discovery, "Ah'm thinkin' yours is the four-an'-ninpenny win."

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