### In Other Communities Taken From Our Exchanges About People of Your Acquaintance.

### Foshay Meets Ferguson

W. B. Foshay of Minneapolis who was an enthusiastic softballer. controls power interests in Walkerton and other parts of Bruce County, on Traffic Census Taken Monday attended a conference with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and Premier G. Howard Ferguson, at Queen's Park, Toronto. The discussion was understood to centre upon the acquisition of the Foshay interests by the Hydro.-Walkerton Herald-Times.

### Girl Drowned at Wasaga

ter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Loftus of St. Sunday, which is the big joy-riding Catharines, was drowned in four feet day showed the biggest traffic census of water at Wasaga beach Friday af- of the week, upwards of 1200 vehicles ternoon. The child went into the and nearly all of them passenger cars, water immediately after eating a heavy rolled onward, some to and from dinner and it is believed was seized church, it is true, but the majority

and the body was recovered a moment class to a lot of the vehicles but the after she had disappeared under the happiest during the seven days' vigil surface. Dr. Murphy of Stainer was didn't seem to be riding in the best called, but long and tireless efforts to chariots.-Walkerton Herald-Times. revive the girl proved fruitless. Mrs. Loftus was alone with the child Sparks and Gasoline

at their summer cottage on the beach | Terribly burned when some gasoline at the time of the tragedy. Dr. Loftus, took fire Mr. Russell Ludlow lies in the after motoring from St. Catharines, ar- Stephenson Memorial hospital as comrived there Friday evening

### Toronto Boy Killed at Flesherton

lad, was almost instantly killed on one spot the flesh is badly burned. His Wednesday evening, July 10th, near face is also badly burned. The ac-Flesherton, while Mrs. W. H. Thurston cident occurred Friday afternoon at of Flesherton was injured when Mr. Mr. Ludlow's coal sheds at the C.P.R. Thurston, publisher of The Advance, siding. Mr. Ludlow and Thos. Riley turned his car suddenly and upset, in were engaged in the construction of an avoiding a parked auto. The boy was additional shed. Some distance from on his vacation and holidaying with them a gasoline engine was running

covered.

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the Thurston family at Flesherton. He was an employee of the Toronto Star library. His parents, three brothers and two sisters survive. While at the Central Technical School, Billy had won several scholarships. Among his hobbies were chemistry and philately. He was a member of the Bible Class of St. Anne's Anglican church and of the Fern School Old Boys' Association, and

Messrs. Frank Smith and Robert Wilhelm, who took the traffic census at Todd's school corner of all vehicles passing over the Hanover-Walkerton Provincial highway from July 10th to July 16th, found that a total of 6566 vehicles passed this point during the seven days, or an average of 938 per day. Included in this was an average of 40 trucks and 20 horse-drawn Nine-year-old Monica Loftus, daugh- vehicles which breezed by daily. doubtlessly raising a dust for no par-The beach was crowded with bathers ticular purpose in life. There was some

fortable as he can be made under the circumstances. From the tips of the fingers of one hand up to above the Billy Glocking, 18-year-old Toronto elbow the skin is burned off and in

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# Land and Water Champions



Parkdale Ladies Athletic Club | ladies donned their bathing suits

of Toronto recently visited Mont- and exercised on the broad decks real, and since all the nice girls of the liner. The photograph love a sailor and ships, they had shows, left to right, Dot Prior, of course to pay a call on Cana- Olympic champion swimmer; Capdian Pacific steamer Metagama, tain M. F. Murray, R.N.R., skipper then in port. After tea and in- of the Metagama; and Myrtle spection of the ship, the young Cook, Olympic champion runner.

away to safety and in doing so was lying on his desk at the time. caught by the flame. A straw hat She was not content with her first which he was wearing protected his car, so one day she traded it in and head, saving his hair and probably his purchased one still better. The dealer eyes. He rolled in the grass to extin- never questioned her bank accountguish the flame and Mr. Riley being her face was enough. close by lost no time in summoning a She called on a lot more people in doctor. The injured man was taken other towns-Wiarton and Parry to the hospital where everything pos- Sound. Silk stockings, bright hats sible was done to relieve his suffering. gas and oil, spare tires for her car; Nature has been doing the work of re- she got them all with her compelling pair satisfactorily, but it will be some glance and her cheque. time before the C. P. R. fuel dealer | And then came the end. One day liston Herald.

### Mail Boxes Again

patrons. It is illegal to pass on the the wardens at Kingston. right and the driver of an auto following a horsedrawn mail wagon that sud- Mica in Erin Township makes his daily round.—Creemore Star. Bad Fire Narrowly Averted

What might have been a disastrous fire was narrowly averted by the quick work of a few men with pails of water. at the McDonald House stables, Chesley, last Thursday morning. About 10 o'clock Ned Kelleher went to hitch up the team and noticed smoke coming from the back of the stables. On investigating, he found a small fire in a box stall at the very back of the building. An alarm was immediately turned in and in the meantime about half a dozen men ran in with pails of water and checked the blaze before it not long in appearing on the scene and get the mail. On such occasions Misgot a good start. The fire truck was while it was not necessary to use the hose owing to the quick action of the bucket brigade it might have been a great deal worse owing to the fact that right next to it Boos's oil house is situated and it is very close to the corner store building. The origin of the fire is not known as there is no fire of any kind in the building.-Walkerton Tel-

Clever Check Artist Gets Long Term One merchant in Acton another in

Wiarton, and five others in Georgetown, have learnt, through bitter experience, that a pretty face and a dashing smile is not sufficient warrant of integrity. Elsie Robertson, aged 25. pretty Georgetown girl and a short time ago one of the most popular girls of the town, has gulled dozens of Ontario business men to the tune thousands of dollars, winning her way with nothing to aid her but a pleasant word and charming disposition.

Last week. Elsie Robertson, in a crowded court-house in Milton, was for passing bogus cheques. She was also sentenced a week previous to a two year term for similar offences at

Barrie and Parry Sound. rived in Georgetown three months could quite take in what had happened ago. Within a few days she had established herself as a member of the young society of the town. One day she presented herself to a Georgetown motor car dealer, flaunted a cheque book and a gay glance and drove away in a big new sedan. Georgetown faded away in a cloud of exhaust, and Barrie was her next stopping place. There powers. That conclusion was empha-

and some eight or ten feet distant from she soon won her way into the hearts the engine was a pail of gasoline. The and graces of the local Salvation Army engine backfired, the spark from this troops. Clad in bonnet and long skirts dangerous action of a gas motor being the appealing blonde did a lot of colshot directly into the gasoline which lecting for the Army. She even colimmediately burst into a sheet of flame. lected a dollar from the chief of police Mr. Ludlow rushed to get his horse who had a sheaf of warrants for her

will be able to attend to business .- Al- Miss Robertson learned that there were in the neighborhood of twenty warrants out for her arrest. She might have accelerated her car and A regulation of the post office de- disappeared across the border; she partment asks all boxholders to have might have done lots of other things, their boxes erected on the right hand but Elsie Robertson was a true lady. side of the road having regard to the Politely and without any fuss, she direction the courier travels. We have drove up to the police station at observed that in this district this regu- Barrie and paid a social call to the lation has not been taken seriously and chief there. The chief was pleased to the courier is obliged to first turn in see her. So were the judges in Barrie, right and next left, etc., to serve his Milton and Parry Sound. And so will

denly jogs left to serve a box cannot When blasting in connection with always size up the situation quick road work on the fifth line, Erin last enough to prevent an accident. The week, workmen discovered what might fact that a mail courier was killed be a large deposit of mica. The blast near Corbetton on Tuesday in just such turned out many large pieces of rock a situation should create sufficient from which very good samples of mica publicity that a recurrence would not could be stripped in sheets. Whether be probable. Boxholders should obey or not the mica is there in working regulations and not be a party to pos- quantities and if it is of any material sible death traps for the courier who value we could not say.—Erin Advocate.

### DO ANIMALS REASON? J. H. Parsons in "Our Dumb Animals"

Whenever it can be proved that an animal has reached a conclusion by pure reasoning, it is well worth recording, and it is equally interesting to find out why that animal used its reasoning power when hundreds of its species never showed any signs of it. Some years ago I had a young stal-

lion named "Mischief". He surprised me one day by displaying reasoning powers he was not supposed to possess. On that particular day, like many other days. I drove up to the village to chief always waited patiently for a reasonable length of time, ofter which he would commence pawing the ground. He had been pawing that day for some time when I untied him, jumped into the two-wheeled cart, and then went

flying down the road to the ranch. It was always necessary to stop at a gate, which was made out of small poles mortised into two heavier poles. one at each end. The gate swung on a pivot, but was always fastened securely against the pressure of wind or any other cause, by means of a chain, one end of which was stapled firmly to the standard post that formed the gateway. The loose part of the chain was looped over the pole of the gate, the upper part of which stood upright about ten inches above the top of the uppermost horizontal pole. On reaching the gate I always got out and lifted the chain off the perpendicular pole standard, then gave the gate a

good push and it would swing open. On this particular day Mischief was in a great hurry to get home, for he tore down the road at his fastest serve three years in the penitentiary trotting pace. Just as we reached the ard, seized the chain in his mouth. flung it off the standard, then gave the gate a sharp fillip with his nose and was through the opening before I

> The next day I purposely kept the horse waiting until he was very anxious to go. As we reached the gate I slackened the reins and he immediately stepped over, stretched out his neck and opened the gate precisely as before. I felt justified in believing that one horse at least had reasoning

gate as quickly as he got there, but Agent for the booklet entitled "30,000 when he felt lazy or tired after a long Islands of the Georgian Bay". trip, such as hauling a load of grain twenty miles, he would wait for me to get down and open the gate for him. On such occasions, knowing he could do it, I would gently tap him with the whip and tell him not to be so lazy, that I was tired as well as he, and he was nearer-not that he understood the language, but he knew and sensed I was expecting something of him. I never had to wait but a few seconds before he would reach over and do the job as well as I could.

If Mischief was endowed with greater reasoning powers than other horses-which of course is quite probable—they were developed in him because he was a pet of the family from his birth, and he was also the son of a pet. He never had to fear anything, because he knew nothing but kindness from the human family. Had one of those men, who thrash a horse every time it stubs its toe on a rock, driven him up to the gate, that man could not have coaxed him or thrashed him into opening it, because the horse's intellect would be clouded too much by fear.

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in Grey County the though peal to them as expressed i County Grey Old County Grey, dear Cor

To me you are perfection. Your hills and dales and s Live in my recollection. A longing comes within my When Spring does deck

wood. To journey back to County To the lovely scenes of ch Each little hill I know so w And e'en the fallen fence

Brings recollections back to That hold my heart so ter Though some are gone who To roam the mossy way.

Yet still a hearty welcome For me in County Grey. A beautiful little thought

Nature's Touch Just a wave of friendship's Just a kind word spoken.

Just a little sympathy

Just a little token Just a kindred spirit met. Just sometimes do mortals a To make our lives the more

the picture portrayed in the lowing poems "Out of the Mouths of B Three little children at their

The thing they wished the Was what had made the ros One thought an angel had And dropped a seedlet from One guessed a fairy bright Had come and planted it ris The third one said that God And so the lovely rose awa

Three little ones of tender a Whose thoughts might older Their innocent and childing Defined a grand and noble

From out the mouths of lit Comes wisdom that will ne The Little Hand in With fingers soft and sh

For fear that I might crus

We all have friend: while

For you've stolen his fall It is hard to be a real t friend And unless you are sure yo never pretend.

I would rather be stran come near Than a friend who is timi with fear.

Lest an unlucky fellow