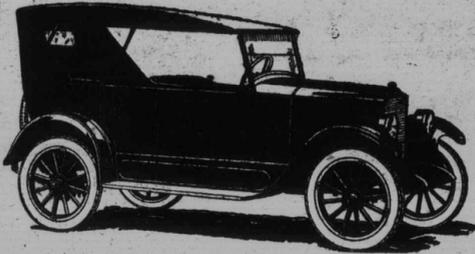


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### OPPOSED TO STATUTE LABOR

Toronto, March 24  
J. A. Johnston,  
Township Clerk of Carrick,  
Mildmay, Ont.  
Dear Sir—

The Minister after careful consideration has decided that no grants will be paid by the Province under the Ontario Highways Act on road expenditure carried out after the 31st of December, 1924, to any township that has retained Statute Labour either in its original or amended form; further, all townships receiving aid from the Province must have a regularly appointed Township Road Superintendent, acting under the direction of the township Council.

The Minister is fully resolved to extend greater and more effective aid toward the upkeep and improvement of township roads and is taking steps to co-operate in every conceivable way in the interests of greater economy and more beneficial results. By this end, it is decided that the first essentials are the complete abolition of Statute Labour and the establishment of township road organizations capable of meeting the requirements of the Department of Highways regarding road improvement and management.

The selection of a road superintendent is a matter upon which the aid of the Province will be especially helpful. It should be a permanent position, similar to the clerk or treasurer, and the office should not be held by either of these. A good practical road man is the indispensable requisite. Mastery of operation and accounting are matters of training and instruction, for which the district engineers of the Department are at all times available.

It is the desire of the Minister that the townships adopt a continuing

plan of road improvement covering a period of years, toward which plan each season's expenditures may be applied with definite and positive results. The program will involve the classification of roads to comply with the needs of the traffic using them.

Our district engineers will attend council or special meetings prepared to discuss any phase of the problem to fully outline the requirements of the Department and to enter at once into their duties of assisting the establishment of organizations that will meet the needs of the local roads.

Should it be the desire of your Council to take advantage of the Government Aid, the by-laws should be considered and passed at an early meeting of your council in order that the Council may develop this year its organization and road program to meet the requirements of the Department in 1925.

Yours truly,  
W. SQUIRE,  
Deputy Minister of Highways

### BLOOD SUCKED BY FERRET

Helen Greenbaum, 9 years old, of near Sioux City, Iowa, is in a serious condition from loss of blood, the blood having been sucked from the child's body by a ferret while she slept. The ferret, a stray, was picked up in the Greenbaum doorway and taken into the house. Late in the evening the ferret was missing. A search revealed it in bed with the girl who was fast asleep. The ferret's fangs were buried in the girl's flesh and its sides were distended by the amount of blood it had drawn from the child's veins. The recovery of the little girl is doubtful.

Spring finds my lady going to the dressmaker to have fits.

### "ADVANCE" JOKE

Last week's Ayton Advance contained a series of cheap jokes from "Windy Wolf." One was aimed at the writer. But all the Advance jokes do not appear on the front page. On an inside page, the Editor undertakes to enlighten the public on the necessity of having their will made. One paragraph in his instructions, which have been appearing for two years or so, reads as follows:

If you do not make a will, your estate is divided among your next of kin see eye to eye with you. This appointee may be one who during your lifetime did not relatives to administer your estate. The courts will appoint an administrator from among your an application is necessary to the court. In order to get money to educate and bring up your children, it is more expensive to close up an estate.

Any intelligent instructions you can get out of the above instructions you are welcome to. If it is front page jokes you are looking for, Oscar, try this one—it beats any of "Windy Wolf's" and it is home product besides. This again proves the necessity for more "light" in the Advance office, so that the Ed. may more clearly see to proof-read some of his own typographical jokes.—Hanover Post.

### FARM HELP FROM GERMANY

Quite a number of young men are coming from Germany to this country, and are going to work on farms. They appear to be going mainly to the German settlements in Ontario as in Waterloo, and the Township of Carrick. In these localities they will meet with more sympathetic treatment than elsewhere, their language will be understood and they will soon pick up a working knowledge of English.

The men are said to be fine strong fellows who have had experience in farm work, and they will make first-rate helpers. They appear to be engaging at \$150 for the year, an amount to which no farmer can object. Of course, as they become familiar with the ways of the country they will command higher pay.

These young Germans will make a much better type of citizen than the miserable material gathered in the cities of Central Europe or even in Britain.

Now that the war with Germany is over, and its horrors are quickly receding into history, it is to be hoped that the young Germans will not be made to suffer for the sins of their government.—Lucknow Sentinel.

### NONSENSE VERSES

'Twas midnight on the ocean,  
Not a street car was in sight,  
While the sun was sinking brightly,  
It rained both day and night.  
'Twas a winter day in summer  
And the sky was raining glass,  
While the barefoot boy with shoes on  
Stood sitting on the grass.  
'Twas evening and the rising sun  
Was setting in the west,  
And the little fishes in the trees  
Were huddled in their nests,  
The rain poured down in drops  
While the sun was shining bright  
And everything that could be seen  
Was hidden out of sight.  
While the organ peeled potatoes  
Lard was rendered by the choir,  
While the sexton rang the dishcloth  
Some one set the church afire,  
Holy Smoke! the preacher shouted,  
And in the rush he lost his hair,  
Now his head resembles heaven,  
As there is no parting there.

### A LITTLE WISDOM

Hot words cool affection.  
If praise is due, pay it.  
If you can't take criticism, don't offer it.  
If at first you don't succeed, ask yourself why.  
If you can't afford to lose, you can't afford to win.  
Look after yourself, and the doctor won't look after you.  
How to succeed is best learnt from "Why others failed."  
Rush through life, and you'll come to the end of it far more quickly.  
The length of a friendship is often determined by the shortness of a temper.  
If you want to draw a good salary you must earn the reputation of being worth it.  
If you can't see your way to fame and fortune, it may be because you have let so many get in front of you.

### TWO ELK FOR JAMIESON ZOO

Dr. Jamieson is still greatly interested in his wild animal farm at Wilder's Lake and this week two elk from the farm of Sir Henry Pellett, near Toronto, are expected to arrive and augment the collection already there.  
The western elks have wintered well, and so have the deer, and with the approach of spring, a large number of English pheasants will be turned loose and allowed to breed.  
We understand Dr. Jamieson's enclosure next spring so that the additions made will not crowd the animals enlarging his wild animal emporium too much.—Durham Chronicle.

A dentist is about the only man who can tell a woman to shut her mouth and get away with it.



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master a bad road in any weather," a woman driver would respond, "Because I can drive it so easily." From the fleet-owners you would hear, "Because I can buy two or three or four Ford Trucks for the price of one big truck."

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### WINGHAM GIRL DROWNED

Wingham, March 26—Love for a puppy caused the death today of five-year-old Marion Signock, who was drowned in the Maitland River when she tried to induce her four-footed playmate to keep off the ice.

Tonight the puppy is rushing up and down on the bank of the stream and onto the ice, while searchers are endeavoring, by the light of lanterns, to locate the body with drags and pike poles.

Marion has been making her home with her grandmother, Mrs. Cyrus Gurling, as her father is dead from the results of his war service and her mother is now in Kitchener.

To-day with her chum, Marie Reid, she was playing near the bank of the river when the puppy insisted on going out onto the broken ice of the swollen river. Fearing for its safety she went after it, the ice gave way, she sank, and did not reappear. Marie raised an alarm, and searchers at once began dragging for the body. Heavy ice flowing in the strong current is making the work difficult.

An appeal was made by relatives and friends to Miss Margaret Pollock, a Spiritualist, in Blyth, and she advises that the body will be found near an elm tree about 50 feet downstream from where the little tot disappeared.

### Body Recovered

Wingham, March 27—The body of five-year-old Marion Signock was recovered from the Maitland River this morning within a few feet of the point where the clairvoyant declared it would be found.

During the late hours of the night the river subsided about a foot, and George Cruickshanks, one of the most diligent of the searchers, observed strands of hair on top of the water. The body was in an upright position, the back of the dress being caught in a submerged willow tree.

Close at the heels of Mr. Cruickshanks when he made the discovery was the pup, for the love of which Marion gave her life, and which had hardly left the bank of the river from the time Marion was drowned. Frantically did the little animal endeavor to awaken his mistress, until it was necessary to put him under restraint.

### TEN LONG LIFE HINTS

**FOOD**—Most people over-eat. Too much food clogs the digestive tract, generates putrefactive products, which poison the tissue cells and which the body finds increasingly difficult to eliminate.

**TEA AND COFFEE**—Be moderate in tea and coffee drinking, but generous in drinking pure water.

**THE HANDS**—Always wash your hands before eating.

**THE TEETH**—Keep the teeth clean and in good repair. Frequent visits to a dentist is a good investment.

**THE BATH**—Bathe regularly, twice a week at least. It is of the greatest importance that the many miles of tiny sewers of the skin be kept active and the discharges from the mouths of these sewers (grease and sweat) be washed away.

**EXERCISE**—Take some kind of

real physical exercise every day. Walk at least two miles daily. Indulge in recreation and play.

**THE MIND**—Why worry over things you cannot help or for which you are not responsible? Worry saps the energy and vitality, sours the disposition, blunts the appetite, retards digestion and poisons the whole system. Be cheerful.

**TAKE STOCK**—Have a thorough physical examination by a good doctor at least once each year—and follow his advice.

**SLEEP**—Sleep at least eight hours each night, with the bedroom windows open, or, better, on a sleeping porch.

**WORK**—Work regularly at some occupation, task, or profession in which you believe and in which you have the joy of accomplishment. Life without work is uninteresting, unprofitable and unbearable.

### A VICIOUS LAW

The Village of Flesherton is painted as a martyr in the fight against hospital autocracy by The Advance of that place, when it says in its last issue, anent the Youngblut case:

"The case of the Gravenhurst sanitarium against the village of Flesherton was settled last week in Toronto by mutual consent, the village agreeing to pay the sum of \$800 costs of the complainant. This will mean about \$2.50 of an indebtedness for every man, woman and child in the village. And this is pulled out of many a family which finds it difficult enough to make ends meet. We have no hesitation in calling this case a piece of legislative and legal banditry, and we claim that the law which makes such things possible is vicious in the extreme and never should have been allowed to become law. An agitation should at once be started to have the present government annul this law or amend it so that small municipalities will be protected from the wolves."

As the law stands a village of four or five hundred inhabitants has to pay the same amount as would a city of 20,000.

There is also another aspect of the case. It gives the unscrupulous a power that they would never possess. Hospitals can easily be filled with patients and the hospital authorities do not even have to try to collect from the patients. All that is necessary is to demand the money from the municipality in which the patient last resided and it comes easily, thanks to the enabling law put on the statute books by Mr. Drury. The unscrupulous institution and different physician have a power placed in their hands out of all proportion to humanitarian needs. Hospital authorities found that donations did not meet their requirements so they went to Mr. Drury, who kindly placed in their hand a sword whereby they may cut their way through the civic pocketbook and rifle its contents to their heart's content.

Whether Flesherton got out of the hole in the cheapest manner possible we do not know. It does not matter. The law is a most vicious one and should be wiped out of existence. Collingwood got pinched recently by the brigands. Possibly when a few more small municipalities get their

dose a sentiment will be aroused, which will make its annulment a question which the government will have to listen to. Flesherton has been made a martyr to the cause, but if its martyrdom results in the destruction of this modern ogre the sacrifice will not have been in vain.

### TRY THIS PLAN

Carp. Review: Home should never be the place where business is discussed—except for a very short time. Mother has had all the troubles during the day that are good for her without being compelled to listen to the troubles of her husband. Father has had enough cares while acting in the capacity of bread winner for the family, without having all the details of the home troubles of the day put on his plate to digest for the evening meal. Discussing this doleful from morning until night is enough to set one crazy. The man who carries all his business worries home and dumps them in his wife's lap is a cry-baby. The wife who nags at her husband about the drip pan under the ice chest is a veritable pest. As we want to die sane we never hash over our troubles to our family. Home is the place to show how good you feel. If you do not feel as good as you would like to, take a walk into the back yard until you get into a condition that will permit you to be a comfort to those to whom you are in duty bound to be a comforter.

Bessie—Papa, are you still growing?  
Father—No, my dear. Why?  
Bessie (puzzled)—Because the top of your head is coming through your hair.

Fair Patient—Oh, doctor, what do you recommend for a tired, fagged out brain?  
Doctor—Well, fish is a great brain food.  
Patient—What kind of fish?  
Doctor—Why, for you, a couple of whales might be about right to start with.

A Toronto Chinaman, whose name the police have been unable to learn has been lodged in the asylum, following a display of most extraordinary strength while in a demented state. Lodged in the Dundas police station he pulled the radiator from the wall, flooding the cell, then broke a water pipe with his bare hands, and when handcuffed to a ring in the floor broke the ring and burst the handcuffs.

Eva Winchester, 18, of Tampa, Fla., told Sheriff Spencer yesterday that she had "stamped to death" with her foot, her father, C. J. Winchester, 65, as a religious offering. She implicated her mother and both were held on charges of murder. She said the three had visited a religious sect gathering at St. Petersburg last Sunday and her father, a paralytic, was so much benefited by the attendance that she and her mother decided they would make the father an offering to the Lord for the benefaction.