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**REPORT OF S. S. NO. 5, CARRICK**  
 (For October and November)

Sr. IV—Leota Losch 66%, Amelia  
 Klages 51, Monica Stroeder 49, Wil-  
 lie Diemert 44, Carl Weber 40, Mat-  
 tie Stroeder 32.

Sr. III—Lavinia Fischer 66, Alvina  
 Weber 64, Vera Diemert 62, Leo  
 Stroeder 52, Edward Krohn 15.

Jr. III—Norman Diebel 74, Adella  
 Diemert 72, Gladys Diebel 72, Melvin  
 Wolfe 56, Doretta Weber 55, Ger-  
 trude Fischer 53, Norman Schmidt  
 37, Edwin Stroeder 28.

Sr. II—Rita Diemert 53, Loretta  
 Stroeder 26.

Sr. I—Elsie Schmidt, Emma Weber  
 Jr. I—Freddie Klages.  
 Primer—Pearl Wolfe.  
 N. Inglis (teacher)

**Wit and Humor**

A man is drunk when he feels so-  
 phisticated but can't pronounce it.

"And you're sure you realize the  
 difference between driving an ambu-  
 lance and driving an ordinary car?"  
 Applicant—"Sure. When you're  
 driving an ambulance you gotta go  
 back and pick 'em up."

The maid had just given her mis-  
 tress notice. "I'm sorry you want  
 to leave us, Mary," said the latter.  
 "May I ask why? Something private  
 I suppose." "No, mum," replied  
 the maid, smirking, "a corporal."

Uncle—Well, you young rascal,  
 how many times have you been  
 whacked at school today?  
 Tommy—Dunno, uncle. I don't  
 take any notice of what goes on be-  
 hind my back.

Two men met after a lapse of sev-  
 eral years. "Married yet, old man?"  
 inquired one. "No," answered the  
 other, "but I'm engaged, and that's  
 as good as married." "It's better,  
 if you only knew it," said the first,  
 sighing deeply.

Keeper—I thought you hadn't been  
 poaching! What's this rabbit doing  
 in your pocket?  
 Tramp—Well, I am surprised! It  
 must have crawled in and got suffo-  
 cated while I was asleep under the  
 hedge.

"Gentlemen of the jury," said a  
 blundering counsel, in a suit about a  
 lot of hogs, "there were just thirty  
 six hogs in that drove; please to re-  
 member that fact—exactly three times  
 as many as there are in the jury  
 box, gentlemen."

That counsel did not win his case.

As the lady of the house opened  
 the front door in answer to a ring,  
 she found a quietly-dressed man  
 standing on the step, who, politely  
 raising his hat, said to her, "Excuse  
 me, madam, but I've called to tune  
 your piano." "But I never asked  
 you to call," she replied in surprised  
 tones. "Perhaps not, madam," he  
 answered quietly "but your neigh-  
 bors did."

Prison Visitor—Am I right in pre-  
 suming it was your passion or strong  
 drink that brought you here?  
 Prisoner—I don't think you can  
 know this place, gov'nor. It's the  
 last place on earth I'd come to if I  
 was looking for a drink.

"Before giving a final answer,"  
 she said with a becoming blush, "I  
 shall refer you to papa."  
 "But I am perfectly willing to take  
 you without any reference," he said.

Aunt—Why don't you eat your  
 egg, dear?  
 Niece—I don't want it.  
 Aunt—When I was your age I  
 should have been glad to eat that egg.  
 Niece (gently)—But perhaps it  
 was fresh then, Auntie dear.

Little Henry—Mother may I have  
 a nickel for the old man who is out-  
 side crying?  
 Mother—Yes, dear, but what is he  
 crying about?  
 Henry—He's crying 'Salty Peanuts  
 be a bag.'

**Stumped!**  
 A farmer engaged a young lad  
 from a large town. One cold winter  
 morning, the farmer told the boy to  
 harness the mule to the cart. The  
 lad, for some reason, took no light  
 with him, and he was unable to see  
 that there was a cow in the stable  
 with the mule. After a long delay,  
 the farmer grew impatient and  
 shouted, "Billy, what are you doing?"  
 "I can't get the collar over the  
 mule's head," yelled back the boy.  
 "His ears are frozen."

**No Surprise Party**  
 Elopements are not always an un-  
 welcome surprise to the parents of  
 the bride. That at least is the view  
 of the humorist. We find "Good  
 Hardware" adopting this view of the  
 case in the following conversation.  
 He—Then it is settled; we are to  
 elope at midnight?  
 She—Yes, darling!  
 He—And are you sure you can get  
 your trunk packed in time?  
 She—Oh, yes! Papa and mama  
 have both promised to help me.

**OLD-TIME OCCURRENCES RECALLED**

Mr. Chas. Reekin of Warton gave  
 us a very pleasant call on Thursday  
 of last week, and related a lot of  
 very interesting things that took  
 place in this section between fifty  
 and sixty years ago. Mr. Reekin  
 helped to grade up the Elora Road,  
 Carrick, away back in the sixties,  
 and worked under the inspectorship  
 of the late George Johnston of Mild-  
 may, (grandfather of the publisher  
 of this paper). He started work at  
 Balaklava, and by the time they  
 reached Mildmay the inspector had  
 an opportunity of sizing up his Ger-  
 man employee, Reekin, and made him  
 foreman of his gang. He remembers  
 many of the old settlers of that time,  
 such as Wm. Carnegie, George Mc-  
 Millan, James Thomson, John Lamont  
 Ignatz Beechie, Ferdinand Hingsperg-  
 er, John Beitz sr., William McCon-  
 nachie, and many others who were  
 then prominent in the district, but  
 have long since passed away. After  
 leaving Mildmay Mr. Reekin went to  
 Aytton where he purchased the Com-  
 mercial Hotel, which he conducted  
 for eight years. Moving from there  
 to Neustadt, he was driver for  
 Heuther's brewery for about fifteen  
 years, and delivered beer to all the  
 villages in this neighborhood. He  
 told us of a very narrow escape he  
 had from being murdered by Haug,  
 who was afterwards hanged for the  
 murder of J. Neubecker, which took  
 place between Belmore and Ambleside.  
 Reekin had finished up his  
 route at Forthosa one winter night,  
 and had a considerable amount of  
 money on him. The hotelkeeper ad-  
 vised him, as a measure of safety,  
 to remain all night and go home in  
 the morning. Reekin had a big trip  
 to make the next day, however, and  
 decided to start on his homeward  
 journey. He had not gone more than  
 a mile when a man sprang out from  
 behind a tree, and made a vicious at-  
 tack on him with a heavy club. There  
 was a rather wide rack on Reekin's  
 sleigh, which interfered somewhat  
 with his assailant's aim, and he re-  
 ceived a glancing blow on the head  
 from the heavy club, which fell into  
 the sleigh behind Reekin. The as-  
 saulted man whipped up his horses  
 and drove away before the would-be  
 highwayman could renew his attack.  
 The same night, Neubecker, who was  
 returning from Goderich where he  
 had delivered two loads of wheat, fell  
 a victim to Haug, who beat him into  
 unconsciousness, and stole his money.  
 He was found in that condition at  
 Ambleside the next morning, lying  
 on his sleigh. Neubecker lived for  
 eight days after his assault. After  
 Haug had been arrested, tried and  
 sentenced to be hanged, Reekin visit-  
 ed him at the County jail at Walk-  
 erton, and there the condemned man  
 made the confession that he had at-  
 tempted to kill Mr. Reekin on the  
 same night as the Neubecker murder.  
 Haug was a well-known character  
 in this district, having been em-  
 ployed as hostler at Kuhry's hotel  
 at Formosa.

After a residence of fifteen years  
 in Neustadt Mr. Reekin moved to  
 Warton, where he now owns and  
 conducts a large flour mill and furni-  
 ture factory. He also owns a whole-  
 sale grocery at Cohalt, with a branch  
 at Timmins, and has become a  
 wealthy man. He is now 76 years of  
 age, and is enjoying splendid health.  
 He commenced life with four of the  
 greatest assets a man can possess—  
 a healthy body, a willingness to  
 work, a determine to succeed, and an  
 honest heart. Upon these he has  
 built a very successful career.

**KELLY GETS SIX MONTHS**  
 Before imposing a determinate six  
 months sentence in the Ontario Re-  
 formatory on Clifford Kelly, 23, of  
 Drayton, when he was convicted on  
 Friday on charges of breaking and  
 entering the store of O. B. Henry of  
 that village on the night of Oct. 31  
 and stealing goods valued at \$200,  
 County Judge Spotton expressed the  
 opinion that there was "a bad nest of  
 you fellows up around Drayton, and  
 it is high time that you were cleaned  
 out." He referred to those youths  
 who flew around all night in motor  
 cars all over the country.

The evidence before the court was  
 of an extremely conflicting nature.  
 The two of them, previous to the  
 burglary had been to Guelph with an  
 Elora girl. They had purchased a  
 can of alcohol there and started home  
 They dropped the girl at her home in  
 Elora on the way back to Drayton.  
 When they arrived at Drayton they  
 proceeded to a farm in Peel Town-  
 ship where a party was in progress.  
 They stayed there until the gather-  
 ing broke up and after giving sev-

eral of the guests rides home, pro-  
 ceeded into the village, and Walton  
 —according to the statement made  
 by the prisoner committed the burg-  
 lary.

When Kelly denied all active par-  
 ticipation in the crime, the judge was  
 inclined to look with suspicion on  
 him.

"You are pretending too much in-  
 nocence," he said. Continuing his  
 remark: "Whether Walton's story is  
 true or not about your part in the  
 affair, you were guilty of a crime,  
 and if it is true, it is a worse one.  
 I don't imagine that Walton through  
 moral depravity would attempt to  
 drag you into the mire which he is  
 in himself. This sort of stuff must  
 be stopped."

"I'm through with it," the prisoner  
 interjected.

Stanley Walton the alleged ring-  
 leader in the burglary was sentenced  
 to from 12 to 24 months in the On-  
 tario Reformatory early last week  
 when he pleaded guilty to his part in  
 the crime.

**LETTER FROM JOHN D. MILLER**

Wiste, Alta., Nov. 18, 1925  
 Editor Mildmay Gazette  
 Dear Sir:

I have wanted to write to  
 you for a long time, but always put  
 it off, like Felix, who waited for a  
 more convenient time. This has  
 been a very busy and disagreeable  
 fall. The weather was fine during  
 harvest, but when threshing started  
 wet weather started in. Some weeks  
 we got in two days threshing, the  
 most we got was four days, and  
 some weeks we only threshed one  
 day. Lots of outfits went in the  
 hole. Those who had cook cars had  
 to feed the crew, and nothing to do.  
 Now we have splendid weather. The  
 boys are still out threshing. They  
 finished stook threshing yesterday.  
 The ground is frozen and is very  
 rough to haul the bundles, and very  
 hard on wagons and horses.

This was the worst fall we had  
 since we came to the West. In Oc-  
 tober we had it 24 below zero, with  
 snow flurries off and on, but these  
 last few weeks the weather is fine,  
 and threshing went along fine. Hope  
 this fine spell will continue, as it  
 will surely shorten the winter. We  
 had a little winter here in September  
 and October, but not much snow.  
 About two inches was the most we  
 had so far, and there is no snow  
 here now. The roads are as smooth  
 and hard as pavement. Your pa-  
 per gave reports from nearly all parts  
 of the West except Wiste. The  
 crops here were fairly good. Wheat  
 went from 10 to 35 bushels per acre.  
 The threshing will be done this week.  
 Most of the outfits have pulled in,  
 but southwest of here, in the Cal-  
 gary district, they say there is a lot  
 of threshing yet to be done, as they  
 had from 15 to 24 inches of snow.  
 In fact, they had snow there before  
 the crop was set, and the grain was  
 flattened to the ground, and some had  
 to be cut with the mower, and raked  
 up with the horse rake.

We are all well here, and hope  
 you and all the Mildmay friends are  
 the same. Wishing you all a Merry  
 Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
 John D. Miller

After a lapse of forty years, the  
 huge, soft, brown buffalo robes that  
 provided the bold pioneer of Can-  
 ada's Western plains with luxurious  
 protection from the biting winds of  
 winter, are again available and were  
 being offered for sale at the Royal  
 Winter Fair last week.

Last spring says the Orillia Pack-  
 et, a young farmer in the Township  
 of Caledon, offered Blacksmith Ken-  
 neth Kearns 20 bags of potatoes in  
 exchange for a single walking plow,  
 the potatoes to be delivered in the  
 fall. The agreement was signed and  
 now the blacksmith realizes that he  
 received \$46 for his plow. The plow  
 was worth probably from \$20 to \$24.

Poultry stealing is becoming a very  
 popular pastime in Carrick.

**Ke-union—After Years of Separation**

Some ten or eleven years ago  
 Mrs. H. cherished fine plans for her  
 family's future. Her four girls were  
 all bright, clever children who seemed  
 free to travel through life without a  
 single handicap.

But that was years ago. In the  
 meantime Mrs. H. developed consump-  
 tion—and died. Following quickly  
 upon this disaster the eldest girl  
 showed signs of weak lungs and was  
 promptly sent away to the Muskoka  
 Hospital for Consumptives. In two  
 years she returned cured.

But that was not the end. The  
 other sisters, except the youngest,  
 also fell in the way of tuberculosis.  
 They are now at Muskoka, and mak-  
 ing the same progress that their sis-  
 ter made. The father, the eldest girl  
 and youngest girl are now at home  
 preparing for the coming day of re-  
 union.

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**FAVOR HIGHER SPEED UPON OPEN HIGHWAY**

A speed limit of thirty-five miles  
 per hour on the Provincial Highways  
 of Ontario in place of the present  
 limit of twenty-five miles per hour  
 is to be strongly urged upon the  
 Government of this Province by the  
 Ontario Motor League.

The Board of Directors of the  
 League at a special meeting, called  
 to discuss the speed regulations in  
 this Province, and which was very  
 largely attended, after full consider-  
 ation, unanimously went on record  
 for the increase to the 35 m.p.h. limit  
 but with the present rate of 20 m.p.  
 h. in cities, towns and villages, re-  
 maining as it is.

While there was a strong opinion  
 in favor of abolishing the speed limit  
 entirely in the open country, it  
 was felt by the meeting that this  
 might be a little too drastic a step  
 to take from the present compara-  
 tively low limit of 25 m.p.h. and the  
 alternative proposal of increasing  
 the limit instead was decided upon.

It was pointed out, however, that  
 a very strong case could be made  
 out for the abolition of the speed  
 limit entirely, and in its stead mak-  
 ing it compulsory upon all motorists  
 at all times exercise care and  
 prudence in driving. It was held  
 that while such a provision is already  
 embodied in the law this most im-  
 portant phase of it was almost lost  
 sight of by the courts who were at  
 present more or less bound by tech-  
 nical infringement of speed, when  
 the speed of the car at the time  
 might have, under the circumstances  
 been perfectly safe. With the speed  
 limit abolished, the circumstances  
 under which the car was driven  
 would be the determining factor in  
 all cases which came under the law  
 and would insure justice to all con-  
 cerned.

It was further brought to the at-  
 tention of the meeting that Commis-  
 sioner A. W. Campbell of the Domi-  
 nion Department of Highways who  
 had recently voiced the view that the  
 time had arrived for the abolition of  
 technical speed limits had made the  
 statement that the modern high-  
 ways enabled high speed without injury  
 to the roadbed. This, of course, ap-  
 plied only to passenger vehicles and  
 light pneumatic tired trucks. The  
 heavier solid vehicles of course hav-  
 ing to be subjected to special regula-  
 tion at all times.

The higher speed was considered  
 as being an inevitable necessity, both  
 from the point of view of safety and  
 economy. As the regulations now  
 stood the roadways were daily be-  
 coming congested, not only seriously  
 delaying transportation, and being a  
 cause of constant danger to all on the  
 road, but rendering the other alter-  
 native to higher speed, the open-  
 ing up of much more additional  
 roadway and the costly widening of  
 those already in existence.

The fact was also pointed out that  
 the speed limit in most of the states  
 in the United States was consider-  
 ably higher than here, averaging as

it did from 35 m.p.h. upward. As a  
 consequence, the many thousands of  
 American tourists who visited here  
 found it very trying and irksome to  
 travel at the reduced speed prevail-  
 ing in Ontario and as a consequence  
 the highly remunerative traffic which  
 the Province was anticipating from  
 this source, was in danger of being  
 very seriously curtailed if the law in  
 this regard was not changed.

A minimum speed law was also  
 discussed at some length, it being  
 conceded that those who drove too  
 slowly in faster moving traffic were  
 in some instances just as dangerous  
 as those who drove with reckless  
 speed. It was decided, however, that  
 the present law covered this phase of  
 the situation in that it prohibited  
 driving in a manner dangerous to  
 the public. This was to be tested  
 out in the courts and in the event  
 that the courts did not so interpret  
 the meaning of the law, the League  
 will take steps to have the law so  
 amended as to leave no doubt as to  
 its application to too slow driving in  
 faster moving traffic.

In order that steps may be taken  
 to have the speed regulations of the  
 Province amended at the coming ses-  
 sion of the Ontario Legislature, the  
 Ontario Motor League will wait upon  
 Hon. George S. Henry, Ontario Min-  
 ister of Public Works and Highways,  
 and urge upon him the advisability  
 of the Government undertaking the  
 bringing about of such a change in  
 the regulations when the Provincial  
 House meets this winter.

**SOUTHAMPTON LOSES CASE**

The town of Southampton is up  
 against quite a heavy bill of costs  
 and the amount involved in dispute  
 Toronto for a number of years be-  
 at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, last week.  
 It appears a young man named  
 Haight who had been working in  
 Toronto or a number of years be-  
 came afflicted with Tuberculosis and  
 came up to Southampton where his  
 father lived. When examined by a  
 Southampton doctor Haight was in-  
 formed he had contracted Tubercu-  
 losis and he was sent to the Water-  
 loo County Hospital. The hospital  
 authorities billed the town council of  
 Southampton for \$520.50 for the  
 maintenance of Haight. This the  
 council refused to pay. The hospital  
 authorities entered suit for the  
 maintenance charges and at the  
 first trial at Guelph, Southampton  
 Council won, but the High Court has  
 reversed the decision. The expense  
 in costs will be high. It appears  
 Haight paid the charges against  
 himself for a few months after go-  
 ing to the hospital and the South-  
 ampton Council was unaware that  
 there were any expenses involved  
 until they received the bill. As the  
 young man contracted tuberculosis  
 in Toronto there does seem to be  
 an injustice to Southampton in sad-  
 dling the big maintenance charges  
 on that town.

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 The Gazette office.