Chronicles of

Ginger Farm

Written Specially for

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If anyone wandered through the field

m-pection would reveal the Indian camp

hired to help him with the job. The

strong, intelligent, quick and extremely

thorough. It was fascinating to watch

him at work. With several corn stalks

in one hand he would give one swift shash

row, handling them as gently and care-

Goeing that Partner had help,

thought it unlikely I should be called

been done. With loy in my heart that

the aroma of pickles and spices no longer

assalled my nostrils I set to work in

and the oil stove, got a wonderful shine

on my tea kettles and had just started

afternoon, because I guess I'll need some

help to stook this corn. Jack won't be

Well now, I ask you, every woman

What I said was, "Oh, I suppose I can

come:" what I thought better kept to

myself, and what I did was to go out and

worse olight than when I started, but

you help build a corn stock? First of

shake and shiver in fear of them collaps-

ing. Sheaf after sheaf is placed into

wrong now-can't you hold those sheaves

"Look out for that wind-by George, the

I could by bracing my feet, pressing my head into the corn stalks and pushing.

Yes, it's true I did seem to push the

wrong way at times, but what with the corn high above my head, and the leaves

rustling in my ears, it was hardly to be

unexpected list to leeward. Of course

I thought I was no good at the Job. but

Our wheat is coming up and looks just

we expect to get for it a nice field of

fallible signs-cows lie around the barn-

take on an additional ache through over-

much potato picking and men, if they are

their paper when they try to read at

night. Partner is peacefully alumbering

at this very minute, with the local paper

anyone awake. Presently he will awake

would not be so bad. Just lately they

seem to have taken possession of the

mice must have charmed lives, for they

Several times lately I have routed Part-

confront all kinds of burglars but-well,

It's surprising how much noise one wee

mouse can make when it gets inside

Always an obliging person, I did what

whole lot are coming down!"

reader of this page, what would you have

behind our barn they might think they

had struck an Indian camp, but close

The Free Press by



We Must Explain Again

Every week we receive letters and articles for publication without the name of the writer appended. We have explained on numerous occasions that these will not be published but yet they keep coming. Sometimes the articles are of such a color that we can readily understand that the writer would not desire to father the article when he or she saw it in print. Let us be perfectly clear in this matter. THE FREE PRESS does not publish articles unless they have the signature of the writer appended. It need not be published, but we believe any letter that is of vital concern will usually carry the name of the writer and would carry more weight if it were published. As editor of THE FREE PRESS, we willingly take all the blame and criticism that is coming to us, but for our own protection we must have responsibility attached to views which are not our own.

Not Even the Rubber Stamp Necessary

way across the southerly end of the County is now an assured matter, with construction scheduled to be steady plodding as the duties of the day confront one. started on November 1. The announcement comes from the Ontario Department, and is given as a relief measure for unemployment of municipalities between Toronto and Hamilton. The municipalities are to bear a share of the cost and employment will be given to between 3,000 and 4,000 men. It would appear that the County Council was not considered in this proposal as we can find no reference to a discussion of the matter by that body and just what is meant by the municipalities who will pay a share of the cost and be relieved of unemployment is not quite clear. This will be another argument in the contention of the Collingwood Bulletin and the Fergus News-Record for the abolition of the County Councils, on the ground that they are little more than a rubber stamp. In this instance, however, it would appear that the rubber stamp and ink pad were not even called into use, and the stamping act was considered unneces-

A New Way of Caring for the Sick

Government commandeered and salaried physicians were inevitable unless physicians themselves could devise some method of caring for all people at fees within their ability to pay, C. S. Blake, from the Lord Lister Hospital and Clinic, Omaha, told dele gates to the sixth annual conference of clinic managers, which was held last week in Toronto. Strongly advocating contract medical services which, he said had been tried out successfully by industrial concern in the United States, he declared neither public nor profession was content with the present system which gave adequate care only to the indigent or very wealthy. The average doctor in both Canada and the United States had a net income of only \$3,200 a year, even though some specialists made from \$20,000 to \$50,000, yet middle classes were unable to pay the huge costs of hospitalization. He described the contract medical services rendered by the Consolidated Coal Company to its 10,000 employees and their families, in all 50,000 individuals, at a cost of \$1.50 per month to each employee. The medical staff included 48 full-time doctors, 20 nurses, six dentists standard

East and West

A letter from a Western friend the other day gave an intimate insight into conditions in a section of the Prairie Provinces and exhibited that truly optimistic note that while the West may be down, it is far from being out. Such a spirit will undoubtedly carry any people through the time of adversity. When our Western friend took a recent editorial of Titte FREE PRESS to task for stating the cost of living had been somewhat reduced, he opened up an avenue that would give much ground for statistical controversy. He, however, conceded that grapes were down in price to 65c per basket, as compared with \$1.35 last to be nothing more or less than huge year. The merchant who handled this product in the stookenof corn-huge because they are the West made a profit of 21/2 cents, it was stated. A at least ten feet ligh and in circum trip down street in Acton revealed the price of pble sized wigwam. Partner needed help luscious grapes as 25c per basket. It seems a matter to cut down our corn this year, and apdifficult of explanation that the cost should be increased by about three times between the producer man was quite an interesting studyand a Western consumer. With our grape growers with a bumper crop of this fruit, and receiving only a fair return for the product; the Government implored and conceding the favor of fortifying with with the hoe and then lay the stalks fruit spirits the grape wine to give a greater kick that the crop may not be wasted; it would seem that fully as a mother would lay her baby an investigation was due as to who received the dif- down to sleep, but the speed . . . ference in the cost between grower and Western consumer. Possibly one of the departments-the upon to give any assistance, for which Government-owned railway-would shed some light I was extremely thankful as, after neveral money of the black, long-haired Colomon this subject, and the same inquiry might make it showed every evidence of my having left possible for the Easterner to buy the Westerner's coal undone those things which ought to have at a reasonable figure.

No Clairvoyants in Present Muddle

found it necessary to start backwards, as The past week or so has seen happenings which it were. That is to say the kitchen being make the average man set back and wonder what will occur next. Britain has dropped the gold tackle it first. I cleaned the cook stove standard and other European countries have followed suit. The pound sterling fluctuates around at a to chase each spider from its individual variety of figures. Canada announces that the gold late when along came Partner. standard will be maintained and the Canadian dollar drops to new low levels. In all countries, whether the gold standard is maintained or not, the unemploy- through cutthig for quite a while yet?" ment ill gains in momentum, and the chief and immediate attention of governments seems to be to said? alleviate this distress and arrange for added taxes to meet the mounting expenditures. It all seems an unsolvable muddle of crazy finance, but yet no in- help stook com, leaving my kitchen in dividuals or country seem panicky in any way. Gold standard or not, everyone has confidence in British integrity and fairness to believe that she will meet all, your stooker gets two sheaves and her obligations honestly. A department store in the stands them up like an inverted V-United States announces that Canadian money will you hang on to them like grim death be accepted at par value. Even if not, there is little shake and shiver in the wind and you need to purchase any articles from other countries, and probably a closer application and study to buying position, the work probably being interin our own country would be the best and quickest spersed with a few pointed remarks such method of making our neighbors realize that our as I got yesterday, "What the dickens is dollar is of equal value. Momentous occurrences up straight?" "No, don't push too hard, have transpired in other times and to the average they are coming too much this way." man there is nothing to be gained by getting into a foment in the present time but rather an assurance Judging from newspaper reports the third high- that the solution will come about in the natural sequence of the ages and all that can be done is a

EDITORIAL NOTES

thoughts of coal and snow shovelling.

working together things did not go any Little do you know your own blessedness, for to better-in fact I had the greatest satisfaction in seeing one stook collapse comtravel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive, and pletely, and Partner standing amidst the the true success is to labor.-Stevenson.

and it would appear that Government aid will not be

it seems unanimous.

The revelation of the past week that Hydro paid meetings in municipalities to explain Hydro matters.

from January 1 to August 31, 1931, totalled 13,920,-436 pounds as compared with 10,277,128 pounds for they were not there-apparently it is the corresponding period of last year. The increase of 3,643,308 pounds represents a provincial production of bed in the dead of night to tion 35.4 per-cent, higher than that of last year.

years reached a new high level, with a value of \$2,301,924. The centre of the ashestos mining industry in Canada is at Thetford, Quebec, where the greater part of the world's available supply of asbestos is found. Much of the mineral is exported in falls to bring relief, and in your own

The Legionnaires who visited Windsor will help ed with this disease owes it to himself and clerical and laboratory help, and maintained a out the liquor revenues of Ontario this year. It is to try it. 50-bed hospital. Besides regular examination, treut- said 48,800 cases and 2,200 kegs of heer were bought ment in sickness, the staff dispensed prescriptions, by Americans during the convention. The exlooked after sanitation, and gave care in the home as penditure involved was about \$150,400. They call well as hospital. The department had an income of the system in vogue in Ontario "The Liquor Control ing me this bill for a year. I'll meet you \$180,000, paid good salaries to its staff, and the Act," and it was brought on as a temperance measure. half way. I'm ready to forget half what health of the community it served was on a high It's like the present financial situation-too much for

TROPICAL EXPEDITION VIELDS RARE ORCHIDS

Canadian Flower Hunter Spends Two Years in South American Forests and Returns on Lady Somers with 150 Plants and

One of the strangest professions is orchid-hunting, subject to many weird novels and narratives. But very real was the two-year expedition of A. E. Lawrance, of Toronto, who reached Montreal recently abound the Canadian Natienal liner, Lady Somers, bringing with him 150 treesured orchid plants in crate: posed on an open deck of the West Indies liner. The plants are the result of his labors and perilous trips into the rehids are to be found -- if you know how propriately enough it was an Indian he

Lawrence will hand his orchids over to . Toronto flockst firm, which will grow them carefully in hothouses and sell them to people who can afford to indulge in de luxe flowers. The Canadian orchid hunter will probably life away again to further hearch for the rare plants. Alquickly but carefully in a long, straight ready he has accured some 30,000 of the plants and his hunts have taken him into

Although Lawrance works alone except for native andstance, he did not return alone aboard the Lady Romers days uninterrupted canning, the house bian forest variety. Meko is almost when interviewed by newspapermen who what might be called his forearm, thus great glee to put my house in order, but displaying the paims of his hands and the soles of his feet, both padded with black loather suggestive of amart gent's in the worst plight, I thought it wise to shoes,

THE MILITARY MIND

"The enemy are as thick as peas. What "Shell them, you idlot; shell them!" "Are you doing anything particular this

"It really is a serious situation." "What Is?" "Why the way the hogs' eyes are going

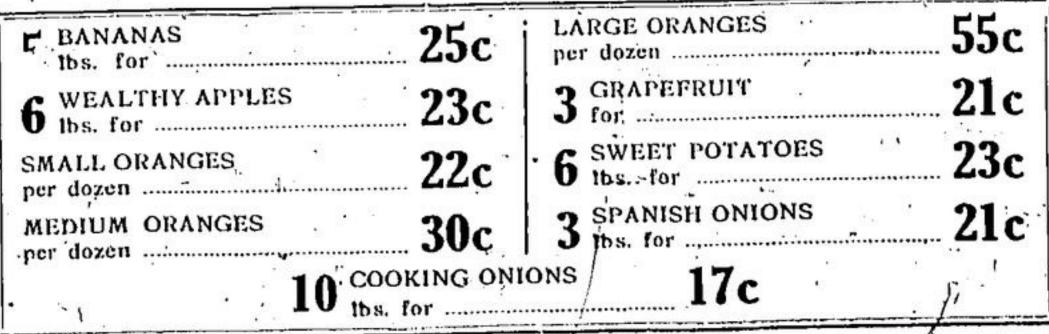
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In the fall the old man's fancy heavily turns to from Partner's uncomplimentary remarks strange to say, when the two men got

fine. It is a strange thing however little The unemployment situation does not improve fall wheat is always a delight to the eye decided upon to be of much assistance to Santa Claus. -it is also a positive proof that seasons are changing. There are also other in-

Roger Babson gives the factors that have brought | yard at night, hens trail our every moveabout Britain's present crisis and the assurance that ment like so many sleuth hounds, backs in the end England and the entire world will be better off for the decisions of the British Government. So anything like my man, fall askep over

on the floor at his feet-not this paper, dear me, no-this is guaranteed to keep almost three times the value for properties purchased of their actual worth will provide another Hluminatwith a start and declare he hasn't been ing subject for discussion at the proposed series of to sleep at all-so like a mant If only the mice would go to sleep as well the

house. I have set traps galore but these Creamory butter production in Saskatchewan walk over every one of my traps as if only an accident if one gets caught.

Manufacture of asbestos products, in Canada last piece of paperl an unmanufactured state.

the average man to attempt to understand.

Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy is rist something that is merely to be hoped. is; it is to be expected: 'It soldon; universal has been the success of this far-famed remedy that every me afflict-

MEETING HIM HALF WAY

Merchant-Itook here, you've been ow-