



decrease costs and give lower prices, the Provincial comes dangerous to entangling them. With such a good old Scotch"—"I always take asand Dominion Governments are increasing the taxa- stigma over both parties the further negotiations in pirin"-"Don't take anything but water tion to meet the costs of administration. A typical the St. Lawrence project would seem to be just as example of the last relief legislation which has been well to "bide a wee," until it can be negotiated for stuff a cold and starve a fever," and so administered is rather startling. It is said there was the interests of the general public, who will be called on, ad infinitum. Can it be that the 7,415,973 days of work provided at a cost to the upon to foot the bill. country of \$76,000,000 or over \$10 per day. It would appear, that all the governments might well get out of the industrial field when such figures are given. There were few of the men employed who received much of the \$10 per day. To pay for this expenditure man Kills Doe, Leaves Carcase." Even the wild taxes must be raised from somewhere. The last levies on business and increases at the common anatomy. pocketbook did not measure- up to expectations. There wasn't as much business done and therefore Robb budgets that lowered taxation were productive shine of living! of sufficient to meet all requirements and consistently lowered costs to the people of average circumstances. We are having an experiment in the other angle at a bride. And the wedding write-up read: "When they time when it would seem that every inducement was return from the honeymoon the newly-weds will live necessary to promote greater activity in business and with the bride's father." trade. Just how far the pocketbook, that has been badly shattered, can maintain the demands of increased levies will remain to be seen. But the present does not seem the most opportune time for experimental purposes.

Too Free

The action of the Government in increasing the radio license fee from one dollar to a two dollar assessment has apparently brought into being a new organization with the sole purpose of saving the "dear public" some moneyloand at the same time put up a stiff opposition, backed by innumerable solicited. requests for the continuance of private ownership of the radio broadcasting. The radio owners have been supplied with a card to simply sign and return to this philanthropic organization and told of the wonderful benefits of the present system, and then the whole matter will be adjusted without further cost to him. We're always just a little bit cautious about these gift articles that don't cost anyhing. The return postage on the reply card was even paid. We're not suspicious, but just who is supplying the funds for this new organization, we wondered. But like a lot of other things we receive, we read the argument. Then our mind went back to the programmes we receive over the radio. We summed up too, how many times that we turned off the machine in disgust. We also recollected a conversation with Sir Harry Brittain, of Acton, England, a for the additional revenue. But the time would seem literature. ripe when a fee might be collected sufficient to insure better programmes over the air and a way out of the that there is room for an improvement.

Time for the Band to Play

A few years ago the baseball team of a university was defeated after confidently expecting a season of unbroken victories. The players-went back to the university humiliated and heavy-hearted, choosing a train that would bring them in at an hour when everybody would be in bed and asleep. When they arrived at half-past one o'clock in the morning, however, they found the college band on hand to welcome them and every student out to cheer. Think what such a greeting meant to those humiliated, disappointed boys! Plenty of people are always near to cheer the successful. There are always bands to meet the fellows who come home victorious. These university students who turned out to give a rousing welcome to a defeated team, however, were in the right. It is the friend who has failed who needs our help and encouragement. When some one you know has encountered defeat, and is crushed, shamed and possibly embittered, that is the time for the band to play.

More Stirring-More Stench

The more stirring about that occurs in the political "slush fund" that was provided from Beauharnois, the more urgent seems the demand for complete invesfigation. The documents requested so earnestly by the enquiry into the Aird business were too insignificant to be considered as valuable by the provincial Government. In fact up to the present it has seemed that the attitude of the Provincial Govern- will come in for the rest of the family!" his fists until he let the dog go and ment has been that the whole affair has been too Now, wasn't that a cheerful thing to backed out of the fight. As a young trifling to warrant a thorough investigation, that an insistent public keeps demanding. The charges these days, I might almost think he was water that his back made a raft on against the Senators have brought more items to light that have kept the public in a foment on the question. Now the High Commissioner to London is to rush home. The question to the average individual is what is he coming for-just to clear his little flu germ decides to fasten its tenown and the party's name or to give real information acles on to some part of our anatomy. that will place all the blame where it belongs? As the matter rests at present it would appear that the sole desire of both parties has been to clear their At the time when everyone else is expected to own skirts and stop the investigations when it be-

EDITORIAL NOTES

A newspaper heading last week said that "Sportsanimals are having motor terms affixed to their

there wasn't the revenue as anticipated. Further sweetness and joy of the giving; to help folks along levies on business will not bring added revenue. The with a hand and a song, why there's the real sun-

"We shall reside at 'The Old Manse'," said the

It would appear that the political "valley of humiliation" was about due for an increase in population, and an overcrowding unless some of the supposed inhabitants-move out.

St. Patrick's Day was loyally observed by all true Irishman last Thursday and many who would have difficulty in tracing Irish ancestry paid tribute to barn baby. On the other hand, it would Ireland and the Irish by the wearing of the green.

Burlington has-been forced to abandon its water extension, following the refusal of the banks to advance the loan. A smaller loan may be sought. These are days when caution is necessary in all

phases of activity.

Canada's gold production in 1931 reached the new high record of 2,682,776 ounces, valued at \$55,-457,900. This is 27.6 per cent above the 1930 pro- tragedy in the henhouse. One of our duction. Of the total the Province of Ontario accounted for 2,079,752 ounces, valued at \$42,992,288.

The transient guests who find a night's lodging at the Town Hall each night do not seem to diminish. It is noticeable, however, that the old-fashioned professional tramp is strangely absent and it is a class of young men who habitate this refuge each night as I very much fear their affection for a shelter from the weather.

The Toronto Mailers' Union comes forward with little over a year ago, in which the programmes as a solution for raising some government revenue. It given under Government control in the Old Land suggested taxing American newspaper Sunday edi- it has only been in his possession two were discussed. The increase in fee from one to two tions five cents per copy. This would possibly acdollars by the Government does not seem justified if complish a double duty. If it didn't raise revenue it no value is to be given by the Government in return would at least curtail a very undesirable sort of

There are over 450 miles of motor highways, 100 confusion and babel that often come from the un- miles of roads, 3,492 miles of trails and 1,100 miles attended receiving set. Possibly a larger fee would of telephone lines in the twenty natonal parks of be the means toward improvement, but we felt Canada, which cover an area of oven 13,800 square rather cautious toward the "no expense signature" miles in different parts of the Dominion. These we were requested to make and our post card went parks, which are sanctuaries for wild life of great to the wastepaper basket. After all, we have no variety, are also wonderlands of forest, streams, assurance that government control of the radio lakes, mountains, glaciers, hot springs, etc. They would not be an improvement, and it is quite evident are open to tourists, for whom special camping

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

Last week my typewriter went strike, and so this week I quite expected to make a trip to the city, instead of which every day and most of every night has been taken up with nursing our daughter. For two weeks she has not been well enough to send to school and yet not sick enough to stay in bed, or even to keep in the house, but the last few days have been what one might call a grand finale. When a temperature reaches 104 degrees, one naturally begins to sit up and take notice, It is then we realize the doctor is our best. friend-incidentally, just at present he is the best friend to half the people in the district. Apparently Pat is not content with a mere doctor, as he said to me the other day-"Mummy, I Jesus was still on earth, then He could

I could not help feeling amused and if he would rather have a smaller bottle. ling bear was mauling a dog in the street the doctors are almost rushed to death mammoth bulk floating so high in the working on the theory of auto-sugges- which two ordinary men found support.

This flu epidemic is not without its humor. Everyone seems to have a pet cure to combat it, but I notice none of them amount to much if the insidious, On every hand one hears-"You ought to try hot lemon drinks, it's the best cure I know"-"Ginger tea is a splendid remedy for a cold"-Camomile tea is the finest thing out to break up a cold"-"You can't beat a hot drink of. for forty-eight hours and your cold will soon disappear" - "Mother always said little flu germs are possessed of a perverted sense of humor? 'Is it that they allow us a certain liberty and then just as we think we are getting nicely away they claim us as their own? Certain i is they are worth watching as their antics are never the same in any two

Molly, I am thankful to say, is very much better. There is plenty of medicine left, but I fefuse to accept the doctor's suggestion "that it will do for To labor with zest, and give of your best, for the the rest of the family." As a precaution, no one was allowed to go into Molly's room but myself. Of course the medicine may be required, but I don't believe in taking any kind of trouble or sickness as a foregone conclusion -to do so is invariably the first step towards-capitulation

My bottle fed baby at the barn has also been under the weather, and I had to put it on a diet of raw eggs. This morning she was a lot better and bawling for her breakfast, so I thought it a good time to wean her from the bottle I put the milk in a pail and the little darling drank as though she had never been used to anything else. Now I ask you why can't every calf behave itself in like manner? ... When the calf was taking its feed, I thought how glad every prohibitionist would be if inveterate topers of the human species could be weaned from the bottle as easily as my hardly be satisfactory if, like my calf, they took to the pail instead!

-Yesterday Pat's own heifer proudly produced a calf. This time it was by no means a Jack rabbit-in fact if one might stretch the point—the calf looks almost as big as its mother. So now we have four calves - three Ayrshires and one Jersey, but I am afraid the Jersey is the only one destined to reach

a ripe old age. The "biddles" are still trying to beat their own record each day, and succeeding very well, but alas! there has been good roosters put his head down a hole and twisted his neck. I rescued him before he had been trapped very long and made him a comfortable nest in the hay, but in a little while Partner passed away. We have since boughtanother bird to replace him in fact he is brother to the roosters we already have, but they have been parted so long bloodshed will be the inevitable result. Speaking of bloodshed reminds me of

Pat. He has been saving up his weekly nickel and bought himself a Jack-knife. days and already his hands are liberally decorated with adhesive plaster and are invariably dirty and blood-stained. It is torture to me to see him whittling away with his knife, but I don't interfere, because I look upon it as part of his education. Even little boys must learn by experience, and to remove

words to express my indignation.

Robert Ruggendork, the heaviest man in Germany, died not long ago at Ruisburg. An' enormous being, he weighod over 400 lbs., and made a living by exhibiting his prodigious bulk. He could not travel by train except in a baggage car, so he toured in a motor-lorry capable of carrying a man-mountain, whose flesh and fat approached a quarter of a ton. The front door of his house had to be twice as wide as that of his

Big-as he was, Robert the German was almost a middle-weight compared with Edward Bright, an Englishman, weighed 600 lbs. when he died. He measured five feet six inches around the chest, six feet eleven inches round the abdomen, and two feet six inches round the middle of his arm. He was never exhibited, but went about his business as a grocer until increasing weight brought him to his death-bed. Daniel Lambert, the biggest man on record, surpassed Bright to a far greater extent than Bright exceeded the Ger-A few days before his death, Lambrt weighed over 700 lbs. stupendous man measured nine feet four

Born at Leicester, Lambert was no perhaps a little annoyed with our doctor freak with only his size to commend when he came. He was filling a big him. He could carry five hundredbottle with medicine when I asked him weight with ease, and when a perform-"Oh, no," he said, "what is left over Lambert beat the infurlated beast with say? If it were not for the fact that man he was a wonderful swimmer, his

inches round the body and thirty-seven

inches round the leg. His tailor charg-

ed him twenty pounds for a suit.

HANDS OFF PISA TOWER

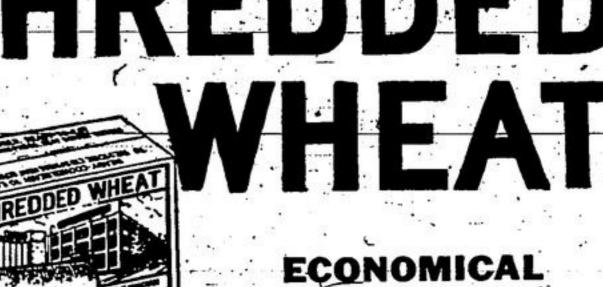
The citizens of Pisa won't have their famous attraction, the Leaning tower, straightened. 'An Italian cleric, Father Piccardo, who specializes building church towers, wants to straighten it. He wants to make an excavation below the foundations on the side opposite the lean. The tower would be rested on jacks while this is going on and then would be lowered gently until it was upright. He is confident he can do the job, but Pisa derives a great revenue from this tower every year. It is the drawing card for many tourists who spend much money in the city. For that reason Pisa prefers that Father Piccardo do his digging elswhere.

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