Chronicles-of

Ginger Farm

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cumulated from time to time, a great

number of snapshots which, for want

of a better place, we had kept in 's

box. Once I bought a snapshot album

but as our pictures were all shapes and

sizes I found there were only about

has never appealed to me but at last

I got an idea which I thought might

work out all right. At the local news-

paper office I procured some large

loved and who has since passed on.

Snapshots may be of little value at the

Someone-someday-will look your pic-

tures over and over and either you or they will treasure them for the memorie

they bring-sad or happy as the case

To-day was the occasion of our local

Fair, and, as a family, we turned out in

full force. We always do, as a matter

of fact, and we always shall, as long as we can scrape up the money to get in

Fall Fairs are having a hard struggle

these days to keep going at all-some of

If anyone would like an idea



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Customs and Excise Show Gain

was recorded for customs and excise collections at sources. the port of Toronto with the close of business on Saturday last. The customs and excise revenue collected in Toronto in September amounted to \$3,548,- and festive times when the ladies vie with each 238, which is an increase of \$195,790 over September other in preparing better and better the results of of 1932. Last month's total is also the biggest of the harvest time. the year and is the third successive gain in as many months. The first gain in revenue over the same month of 1932 was recorded this year in July, which lines the past week. We wonder if it actually loomed was followed by another gain in August and the as large in Stratford until the militia and turore third last month. Following are the totals of cus- came from outside points. toms and excise collections at the port of Toronto for the past four months: June, \$3,214,772.90; July, \$3,353,305.67; August, \$3,485,169.97; September, \$3,548,238.05. Every month since May has exceeded the three million dollar mark.

Your Worst Enemies

Some people have a genius for making you feel abused. After talking over matters with them, you are thoroughly convinced that your teachers are partial, your employer is unjust, your parents expect, road fairly well mapped out. too much of you, and your friends are ready to use you and drop you when you can no longer serve them. They are so sympathetic that they soon succeed in making you feel that the world is full of injustice and unkindness and that life is a disappointment from first to last. With only a little real thought you will realize that such a sympathizer is your worst enemy. Those who attack you, deride you, and wake your fighting spirit, do not make you half so uncomfortable as the people whose pity makes you ready to shed tears over your forlorn condition. Having your face slapped is not so bad for you as to be the recipient of sympathy which leaves you as limp as a piece of string. Keep away from those friends who have a genius for this weakening sympathy; they are the enemies you most need to fear.

A Day for Giving Thanks

Monday next will be Thanksgiving Day through- to Acton strip? out the Dominion and if we will but pause for a moment we will recall much for which we all must be thankful. True, the immediate comparisons with fall below the \$30,000,000 mark this year. Business seems to take a keen interest in the more prosperous times may not loom so large, but is bad. No wonder the liquor interests want to break exhibits, especially those belonging to then, a comparison with other days make them great. into the advertising field to bolster up sales. Ontario doesn't get a prize on his horse, or Mrs. In this Dominion of Canada we as a people have doesn't need intoxicating beverages half as bad as Blank a prize for her dressed chickens, every cause for thankfulness. While some sections other necessities of life. have not had sufficient crops, nature has provided a bounty in other sections and a sufficiency to meet the needs of all. Whatever may be said of our in refusing an invitation to broadcast from Russia a forcible Board of Directors, each memtroubles-real or imaginary-no fault can be found an eulogy of the N. R. A., about which he knew with Providence. At the present time, too, a nothing. But General Johnson did not show any critics have a chance to run things for a recovery from the conditions of the past two years sense at all in making the request, which will prob- change and let their predecessors sit seems to be pointing the way out. Locally we have ably confirm the N. C. O. opinion about Generalsevery reason to be thankful in our industrial and Mail and Empire. business situation and it would seem that a moderate recovery was due generally. But business and financial gain are not the chief causes for thankfulness. month of August, 1933, totalled 194,262 tons, an in-Good health, contentment and many other things, crease of 36,543 tons or 23 per cent. over August, which seem commonplace when we have them, are 1931. Canadian newsprint is now shipped to 31 greater than financial advancement. Monday is countries. The United States is the largest purchas Douglas' Egyptian Liniment always blessing that surround us on all sides. Japan and China also taking large shipments.

Motor Vehicle Registrations

Motor vehicle registrations in Canada for 1932 totalled 1,114,503, including 945,564 passenger automobiles, 1,530 motor buses, 157,990 trucks and other commercial vehicles and 9,419 motorcycles. Canada, with one motor vehicle to every 9.4 persons, ranked fourth in density, among the countries of the world, the United States leading with a density of one motor vehicle to every 5.1 persons and Hawaii and New Zealand ranking second and third. Ontario, with 6.5 persons per motor vehicle, had the greatest density in Canada, British Columbia was second with 7.7 persons per motor vehicle. The revenues collected by the provinces from registrations of motor vehicles, operators, etc., for 1932 amounted to \$21,126,271 as against \$19,684,908 for 1931. This was an increase of \$1,441,363, or 7.32 per cent. Revenues collected by half of them that would go into the the Dominion Government from import duties and album at all. Pasting them into a book excise tax on motor vehicles for the calendar year 1932 amounted to \$4,508,471. The total of \$52,718,-058 taxes paid to Dominion and Provincial Governments by motor vehicle owners does not include the sales tax at four and six per cent. of the retail price, estimated at \$2,500,000, nor the import duty on gasoline, nearly all of 21/2c per gallon, which would amount to around \$1,500,000, making a grand total of approximately \$56,700,000 or over \$50 per regis- fit into. New each section is full and that the average citizen is afraid either tered motor vehicle of all kinds. Total gasoline sales the next step is to punch holes in the to spend his money or give his effort for the calendar year 1932 amount to 503,781,207 gallons. This includes sales for all purposes but around 85 per cent. of the total is consumed by and then all the folders can be tied to- 'referring it to a committee' means burymotor vehicles. There were 1,116 deaths in Canada gether withat colored cord and finished ing it alive. in 1932 resulting from motor vehicle accidents, a color. This, by the way, would make decrease of 200 of 15.2 per cent. compared with an inexpensive and attractive Christmas similar accidents in 1931. An official report, issued present. by the Canadian Government Bureau of Statistics attributes excessive speed on rural roads as the a way of becoming discolored and warpprincipal cause of accidents in which motor vehicles ed and sometimes even lost. And what are involved. Of the total of 6,629 violent deaths a pleasure one gets in looking over old in Canada in 1931, automobile accidents accounted -old times, old friends, old places. We or 17 per cent.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Thanksgiving Day on Monday - count your many blessings.

time they are taken but the years pass Premier Henry finally made the definite anon and perhaps those same snapshots nouncement of no election in Ontario this year, may be treasured far more than anyone The biggest monthly revenue gain of the year after the intimation has come from several other at the time could possibly anticipate. You have pictures like that I am sure

> Now for the season of the anniversary suppers snapshots get lost or discolored or be given to the children to play with.

The Stratford strike loomed large in the head-

with. It isn't that we look upon it as The temperance forces of this Province lost such a wonderful treat-if it happens to strong advocate last week when Mr. Justice W. C. be cold, wet or windy, it is anything Raney passed away. A fearless champion of the but! But there is such a thing as loyalty -loyalty to one's community-and does causes he deemed right, his life will remain an init not include putting in an appearance at the local Fair? spiration to all.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson has sailed for London, them have stopped entirely, but others confident that both Canada and the United Kingdom are still struggling bravely on-absolutely are striding along the road to economic recovery. dependent upon the goodwill of the And it might also be added with the Ontario political people. Ask a good many people if they are going to the fair and what do you

Salt production in Canada during 1932 amounted hibition for a quarter and yet they to 263,543 tons valued at \$1,947,551. Salt in Canada expect you to pay 25 or 30 cents for a is produced in the provinces of Nova Scotia, Ontario and Manitoba. Exports of Canadian salt in haven't you-of course I know you would 1932 totalled 11,253,900 pounds.

The announcement the other morning that the fair with the C. N. E.? "The prophet Dominion Government would assist in floating a C. P. R. bond issue seemed rather odd. But then, governments do things that are odd in any other notice people who "can't afford" to go to business, such as assisting a rival railway to finance

A movement is on foot to have the Lakeshore Highway widened to provide for the unemployed. Let's see, didn't the Department of Highways promise go there is very little sign of boredom. a delegation that the first highway construction in There is a splendid spirit of comraderle this County would be the completion of the Milton

It is estimated that Ontario's liquor sales will

Col. Lindberg showed-his customary good sense

Newsprint production in Canada during the live and their success each year be Thanksgiving Day. Let us all give thanks for the er, with the British Isles, Australia, Argentina, handy. Stops bleeding instantly. Caut-

TOO MUCH SAYING YES

In business it is true, as has been said, that if two men always agree, one of them has stopped thinking. Only the vainest individual enjoys a companion who does nothing but echo his ideas. Social intercourse would soon become a stupid business if everyone thought alike. Intellectual independence is, one of the things that make personality invaluable. If you do nothing but say yes, you are an employee. Learn to think for yourself, and then to say what you think, taking care of snapshots, here it is. Like whether you agree with others or not. a good many other people we had ac-

> DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK? By Edson R. Waite, Shawnes, Oklahoma

W. Kee Maxwell, Publisher of th Fullerton (Calif.) News-Tribune, says: "Letting George do it' is the biggest weakness in the programme of develop-

ment in nine out of ten communities. "If you will look over the average city sheets of stiff colored paper at five cents of 1,000 to 25,000 population you will a sheet. I cut each sheet into eight find that practically all the worth-while pieces and folded each piece in two. effort to improve conditions, expand Then I arranged the snapshots in each business and make life generally better folder according to the way I wanted is accomplished by one to three individthem and cut slits in the folder with uals. As often as not, the number is a sharp penknife for each snapshot to one instead of three. The trouble is back of each folder, which must first to do something. So commonly underbe reinforced with those little canvas stood is this fact that being on a comstickers that are used on loose-leaf books mittee' means being a nonenity, and

"Sodom, I believe it was, could have been saved from destruction if five righteous men could have been found in the city. Almost any town can be Everyone likes to keep snapshots but saved from dry rot if five actual workers unless properly taken care of they have can be enlisted in civic and business projects. The trouble is to find the five.

"Just how you can break men of this slacker spirit is rather hard to suggest. A sense of shame should make itself felt on any man who 'rides free' while turn back the pages of life, five, ten, somebody else is paying the cost. And twenty years and perhaps even longer. sense of enlightened self-interest We find among the snapshots pictures should eventually percolate into the that raise many a laugh—and sometimes brain of the individual who hopes to perhaps a tear, because there are snapprofit all his life from the work of the shots there which may be the only other fellow while doing nothing himpicture we possess of someone we have

> "There should be, for every man who retends to be concerned about the business and civic welfare of his community, a perpetual pointing finger which says by its gesture, "This Means You!"

"Who will not work may not eat." said Captain John Smith-and saved and so have I, and so, I am sure, has Jamestown from starvation. everyone we know. So don't let your

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You be the judge

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Preserved GINGER hear-"Going to the fair? No, I can't Fine New Quality afford it. There is nothing to see any. way. Why, you can get into the Ex-

little local Fair." You have heard criticisms like that not make them-and do you call it a

sporting spirit in any citizen? And isn't it rather ridiculous to compare a local is without honor in his own country," and apparently the local fair is without honor in its own community. You will their own fair, can buy gas and attend fairs in other parts of the county. Funny, isn't it?

And, after all, whatever may be the attitude of the people who stay away from their own fair, among those who in the air-everybody seems glad to see everyone else. You often-meet people you haven't seen for years, and you are quite taken aback to find how John and Mary have grown and, of course, you are introduced to Ada's new baby. Everyone friends and relatives, and if Jim Smith it is felt almost a personal disappoint-

Somteimes I think it would be a fine idea if local fairs had a trial year with ber of the Board being chosen from among the most critical critics. Let the back and-watch improvements!

Anyway, whatever the board, here's three cheers for every struggling local fair in the country. Long may they greater and greater!

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