#### BRIGHT DAYS IN WINTER

Bland as the morning's breath of June, The southwest breezes play. And through its haze, the winter noon Seems warm as summer's day,

"Bear up, O Mother Nature!" cry Bird, breeze, and streamlet free; "Our winter voices prophesy Of summer days to thee."\

So in these winters of the soul, By wintry blasts and drear, O'erswept from Memory's frozen pole, Will summer days appear.

Reviving hope and faith, they show The soul its living powers, And how, beneath the winter's snow, Lia germs of summer flowers.

The Night is mother of the Day; The Winter of the Spring; And ever upon old decay The greenest mosses cling.

Behind the cloud the startight hirks; Through showers the sunbeams fall; Per God, who leveth all His works, Has left His Hope with all. -J. C. Whittier

#### TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Lasur of The Free Press of Thursday, December 7th, 1916

A successful Red Cross concert, with a good program, was held in Ospringe schoolhouse on Friday evening.

Pte. Orval Pletcher, of Nassagaweya was killed in action in Prance last week. Pte. J. Milne, of Eden Mills, has been wounded.

Miss Elsle J. Bird, of Norval Station, has been awarded the Provincial first prize for bread making, open to girls from twelve to eighteen years.

The first anniversary of the opening of Ebenezer's fine new church last Sun-The Women's Missionary Society of

the Methodist Church celebrated the stack just back of here, near the tracks." twenty-fifth anniversary with a very uplifting service on Thursday evening. Pormer members were present and spoke of fifteen. Oh, I've got a home, ladywords of greeting. Mrs. Easton. Guelph, who was the first President; you do make lovely tea, lady, I'll always Mrs. (Rev.) Joseph Edge, Mrs. J. W. remember this. Did you say your name Oram, Mrs. W. Brown, Nursing Sister was Clarke? Well, Mrs. Clarke, next Lieut, Anna M. Oram, all of Toronto, time I come by I'll bring you a nice spoke. The candles on the birthday cake present-but I won't be back again bewere lighted by the two little Misses fore Easter. Now I wonder-could you Darby, of Knatchbull, great-granddaugh- let me have a slice of bread to take along ters of the first President, Mrs. Easton.

McKAY-At Georgetown, on Friday, December 1st. 1916, Frances Barber, beloved wife of Wm. Gilbert McKay, in

#### CANADIAN TURNIPS

pearance. Canadian turnips shipped into Two days later I saw the same old man the United States from the provinces of on the road again, and later I heard he Prince Edward Island and Ontario have had been taking a night's lodging at the predominated on all major wholesale gaol. He was a queer old chap and if markets of the Eastern United States he came from a good home and had within moderate shipping distance of the money, there certainly wasn't much sign Dominion. Passing through the usual of it. But still, for all that, he was a channels of trade of consumption in human being and the day was cold so the winter. Yes, we had lots of funhotels, restaurants and homes, these tur- how could a person do less than give nips have commanded a premium over him what he wanted? The poor old felthose of domestic origin. The domestic low spoke remarkably good English and turnips in the Eastern United States for there was another thing in his favorthe most part are sold on local farm, he asked if he might be allowed to wash markets or to factories or transported his hands before eating! by truck to nearby wholesale centres. Poor old man of the road! However, they do not exercise a decisive tragedy was in your life, I wonder? If influence on the market prospects for we really knew the life story of these

Canadian turnins, New York and Boston Prince Edward Island turning command the highest prices, states the Canadian that is wrong. It isn't that I believe all Trade Commissioner in New York. Dur- these transients like to tell me, but only ing the season, which extends from Sep- that I would rather help them and take tember to the following April or May, a chance on being stung, than feel I opening prices are usually moderate in might possibly be guilty of turning away October, rising to a peak in November as -cold and hungry-comeone who was the holiday season approaches, and as a really deserving. Anyway, I can always rule rise again after the first of the year, turn the tables on Partner, because a This season prices quoted on the New few weeks ago he sent a man to the York and the Boston markets for Prince, house for me to feed; a man who said he Edward Island turnips have averaged was looking for work and who, as he about 50 cents per bag of 50 pounds ox sat eating the meal I prepared for him, wharf. Under date October 31st, 1936, told me he had a balance of \$900 in the New York wholesale quotations listed bank-and he had his passbook to prove Prince Edward Island turning at 55 to 60 cents, and Ontario turnips at 50 to 60 cents per 50 pounds. Dealers antici bank balance of \$900, too. Now, if that pate that the market will be comparable; man had promised to bring me a nice to 1935-that is, peak prices will reach about 75 cents or more, and an average should be looking for one! season price of about 60 cents per 50pound bag should be realized.

is interesting. New York received 1,246 they said, "Now, whatever you wish for, cars-508 cars from Canada, 555 cars you shall have!" local: Boston received 785 cars, of which 650 came from Prince Edward Island and for-a strange choice, you will think. I 83 locally; Newark, N.J., 623 cars, all would wish for water. A never falling from Canada; Chicago, 375 cars, 152 spring for the well, and a creek that from Canada; Detroit, 92 cars, 82 from would never run dry. Partner is already Canada; Philadelphia, 65 cars, all from drawing water every other day for the Canada; Cleveland, 62' cars, 58 from cattle, and how I hate to see him start Canada: Cincinnati, 45 cars, 43 from out on such a cold, tiring job when the Canada; Pittsburgh, 43 cars, 41 from Canada: Washington, 13 cars, 8 from Canada; and Baltimore, 4 cars, all from Canada.

#### VIRIUE OF SIMPLICITY

Simplicity is a state of mind. It dwells in the main intention of our lives. A man is simple when his chief care is the wish to be what he ought to be, that is, honestly and naturally human. And this is deither so easy nor so impossible as one might think. At bottom it consists in putting our acts and aspirations in accordance with the law of our being, and consequently with the Eternal Intention which willed that we should be at all. Let a flower or a flower, a swallow a swallow, a rock a rock, and let a man be a man, and not a fox, a horse. a hare, hog or a bird of prey; this is the sum of the whole matter - Charles Way-

### Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Acton Free Press GWENDOLYNE P. CLARKE

Last Tuesday I was busy getting breakfast when, from the back door, Peter started barking furiously. - I thought there must be hunters crossing the field. But presently came a tap at the back door. I opened it and there stood an old man-how he ever got past Peter I don't know.

and warm myself?" I looked him over-he was not exactly prepossessing in appearance—but I had not the heart to turn him away so I bade him come in and get warm. sat by the fire und presently he said. "Lady I've got a bottle outside-could you spare a little hot tea to put in it?" "Why yes-but have you had any

breakfast?" Y usked. "No, lady, but I'm not very hungry

If I could just have a little tea." However, he sat down and ate a plate of porridge, several pieces of bread and honey, and three or four cups of tea. So he didn't do so bad for a man who wasn't hungry.

asked hlm

"Well, lady, I was out with a young way. Aint he dum? But come to think fellow, buying horses, but he was such I shot twict & kill the same as Blisters u-long-time\_Y-left-him-and-thought-Y would walk home. But I got lost and then I got cold and so'Y slept in a straw "Have you slept outside before?"

"I did once, lady, when I was a boy of a good home-and I've got money! Say, with that nice hot tea?"

I gave the old man his tea and some bread and cheese to take with him and then I helped him on with his clothes. First he wore a jacket over a thick sweater, then a fairly light weight overcoat, and on top of that a heavy overcoat. He wore a cap with ear-muffs COMMAND PREMIUMS and leather work boots, tied with string. He said he lived at the next town, and Because of their fine flavor and ap- that he was going to walk straight home.

human derelicts, we meet along Life's simple pleasure in the days when I was them the habit of accuracy. - Arthur In the two main consuming centres for way, should we be less or more sym-

> Partner thinks I am too gullible, but it, too. I guess some of the people he called on would be glad if they had a little present next time he came by, I

Or, supposing some of these transients were-not angels, but magicains, possess-An analysis of car unloadings in 193., ed of some secret power-and supposing

What do you suppose I would wish

#### SLATS DIARY

BY OLIVER N. WARREN ... Sunday: The preecher sed to all of us use are inflocents for the chirch & I ast Pa what are inflovents & he sed its what on some boddie.

That makes us even then sed Pa for so

cant save no money or nothing. Pa sed he noes. It are beens the mabor, is all thing we cant afford.

hard harted & crool He sed he sed to ourt libn bad.

He wan to be governor, presedent or sum far: the remaining 25 per cent, have Enney how he has got idears that I. farm property, and loans and obligations

big Ma cam in & sed it is time to go. & townships, is of no value. By that soon I was on my way. Saturday: Was out quale hunting with Blisters this a. m. We got up a flock & Blisters ken sighting & sighting & etc "Where did you sleep last night?" I but diddent shoot. Sed evry time he was reddy to shoot I a nother I got in the

#### THE FISH'S FAULT

Interfering Old Lady: "A blg man like you might be better occupied than in cruelly catching little fish!"

Angler: "Perhaps you're right. But if this fish had kept his mouth shut he had a farm worth \$7,000.00. wouldn't be here!"

I had got thus far when along came Daughter, "Mum, are you busy?" she

"Yes, terribly busy-why?" "I want you to come and play pingpong. You don't have to do that old writing!" ("That old writing"-you see with what respect my family treat my literary efforts). Anyway I allowed myself to be persuaded and spent half method probably too radical for thi hour chasing the little white ball across the table. And of course every time the ball dropped on the floor the cat chased provements, income and business only.

"Did your ever play ping-pong when the wisdom of the move. Is it possible you were young. Mother?" inquired that comething similar must be done

Did I-or rather did we-my brothers and sister. I mean. We used to play ping-pong night after night, and we always had a ping-pong tournament during more fun than young people have nowadays, I think. A magic lantern show was a thrill in those days-and if we wanted other amusement we had make it for ourselves-until the "cinema" opened up. Oh, the excitement of those

#### REBELS IN ERAMOSA IN 1837 (Continued from Page Three)

ed by constitutional governments. 99 years later sees another tragedy beyou think you have got entil you try it ing enacted in the Township. Many of these descendants are being dispossessed Monday: The Dr. sent Pa notis witch of their farms. The year 1936 saw nearsed the check Pa give Doc has cum back. ly 1,000 acres revert on default to the mortgagers. In most cases the morthas the pane I give it to the Dr. for gagee was the Crown, represented by The Agricultural Development Board, or The Tuesday: At supper Ma & Unkel Hen Commissioner for Agricultural Loans, was a wandering why is to are family 1937 will probably see an equal amount of land change ownership by default, and since The Parmers' Creditors' Arrangeways 3 bying sum thing or didig sam ment Act came into force two years ago, nearly 2,000 acres have been saved, at Wednesday; Blisters says his Ma is least temporarily, from a similar fate.

The ond is not in sight. Probably her he diddent feel good & wanted to half of the farmers are in good financial stay out of skool. Where is it you don't circumstances, pay their taxes on time, "Lady, I am very cold-can I come in feel well at the sed, & he replide & sed and can carry on under present circumin skool. & then he had to cum, 'Tho it stances indefinitely; one quarter find the going hard, they are a bit late with taxes Thursday. The teecher sed for us boys and interest, but by hard work und in the class this p. m. to tell why did we thrift, have managed to get along so thing Jake sed becos he wood have sum interest and taxes piling up, and the pode ic to dig bate then. The teecher sed end is inevitably disaster in some cases, Jake aint got no ambischen or nothing. Too great a value has been placed on Priday: Went over to call on Jane last are consequently in excess of producing evening & her Ma sed to me we turn of value.

the lightstat nine 30. That suits is me I expect to raise a storm when I say fine I replide & sed & at nine 25 Jane's that farm land in Eramosa or simillar mean that the average farm is worth no more than the improvements-buildings, wells, fences, etc., or, that it will not produce more than the value of the labor spent on it, plus interest and taxes on improvements.

The fictitious values placed on farms by owners are not there when it comes to meeting obligations, or when a sale is forced for cash on an open market.

The settler got his land for little or nothing. He and his descendants put on about \$5,000.00 worth of improvements on the average 100 acres, then added. about \$2,000.00 as profit and figured they

On this basis the properties have been purchased, or divided among families and loans have been made, with the result that owners are trying to meet obligations on values which only exist or paper or in the minds of interested parties, whereas the only watered stock on a farm should be live stock.

A similar situation arose in Britain shortly after the war. The conservative country endeavored to relieve the distress among farmers and farm workers by country. They derated all land, urban and rural alike, and levied taxes on im

Their continued progress vouches for

#### GREAT VALUE OF ACCURACY

curacy. And accuracy can be taught Direct lies told to the world are as dust in the balance when weighed against the falsehoods of inaccuracy. These are first awful flickering pictures! Young the fatal things, and they are all-perpeople have a long way to go to get a vading. I scarcely care what is taught thrill like we used to get out of our to the young if it will but impart in

#### SCOTT'S SCRAPBOOK by R. J. SCOTT H THE 16 " CENTURY GLOVES WERE MADE OF SUCH DELICATE EATHER THAT A PAIR COULD BE BUT INTO A WALHUT SHELL RECAUSE OF FATIGUE OF WORK DETERMINED BY WATY, IS THE ENERGY HEQUIRED TO HAISE 33,000 POUNDS ONE FOOT HIGH FER MINUTE - A HORSEPOWER W FRANCE IS SLIGHTLY LESS

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