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RAILWAY NEEDED

Editor, Guide:—I would like to bring before your notice for consideration a matter which every farmer and resident of this outlying district is interested in. We note the parliament at Ottawa has given much thought to solve the problem of work for the unemployed. We are pleased to note that different schemes have been devised whereby this burden may be alleviated. We feel that a suggestion from The Guide, which is the mouthpiece and voice of the farmers, might draw the attention of parliament to a scheme whereby the unemployed, farmers and residents and the country in general would be benefited. We have a beautiful country lying to the northwest, comprised of beautiful agricultural and grazing lands, hills and vales, lakes and dells. A land that is worthy of consideration. A place that is thickly settled with up-to-date farmers and ranchers, where fishing and hunting ranks with the leading grounds of the Dominion. We have been promised a railroad several years ago, which led many homesteaders to take up land. But at the present date we find ourselves so far from railroad facilities that farming, dairying, truck gardening, etc., are too expensive a product for farmers to handle. We wonder if the government would not use their authority in assisting to have a railroad extended, even a distance of twenty-five or thirty miles, from some point near or at Shellbrook, and thus relieve the wants of the settlers and open up employment for the unemployed.

W. A. SNOW,

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FLAMING LIQUID WARFARE

Flaming liquid seems to have taken the place of poisonous gases in the German method of trench warfare. A French official report states that in the region of HINDERS, in the Argonne, the Germans, once more trying to get within reach of Verdun, occupied a French trench, which was recovered in part by a counter attack. The following day, after having made use of flaming liquid, the Germans launched a violent attack in the region of Marie Therese, and succeeded in gaining a foothold in one of the French trenches. The greater part of the ground lost was regained by an immediate counter attack.

Nature on the Prairie

Notes and Photos by S. J. Wigley, Edgerton, Alta.

CHOKE CHERRY (Pyrus Arbutifolia)

As the name implies, these berries are very astringent except when dead ripe. There is but a small quantity of "flesh" surrounding the "stone," but because of the ease with which they are gathered and their wonderful prolificness these berries are preserved by farmers when other kinds of bush fruits are scarce. The



CHOKE CHERRIES

blossoms are very beautiful and give out a rich almond perfume, an indication that prussic acid may be obtained by fermentation of the leaves and fruit. If cut and thrown into heaps this fermentation might take place and the leaves would then be dangerous to stock. Serious illness would also occur should the fermented juice of the fruit be used by human beings. The roots of this bush are exceedingly tough and offer a serious obstacle when breaking new ground.

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SASKATOON FRUIT

bush, service berry. It is a near relation to the apple, its fruit being really a miniature apple. Cultivated varieties are offered for sale by some seed merchants and the plant spreads rapidly from "suckers."

Two aeroplanes were in collision at Chartres. Both fell 200 feet. One aviator, a youth of twenty, was burned to death; the other was severely injured.

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