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other. What is needed is not a change
of system as much as an improvement in
the present one, and that will come about
as fast as we can find men with principle
to conduct our business and by legislative
measures making it difficult for any man
or combination to secure an excess of
wealth at the expense of others.

H. C. WELLS.

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 un-
employed. 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, com-
prised of beautiful agricultural and
grazing lands, hills and vales, lakes and
dells. A land that is worthy of consid-
eration. 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 sev-
eral years ago, which led many home-
steaders 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 assist-
ing 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,

Mount Nebo, Sask.

Sec. G.G.A.

FLAMING LIQUID WARFARE

Flaming liquid seems to have taken
the place of poisonous gases in the Ger-
man 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 with-
in 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 fermenta-
tion 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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perfection in the West and northwards
to the Arctic zone. In Eastern Canada
it is a shy bearer and visitors from that
part of the country are astonished at the
size and prolificness of the fruit.

The botanical name is *amelanchier
canadensis*, but the bush has also several
common names such as June berry, shad



SASKATOON FRUIT

bush, service berry. It is a near relation
to the apple, its fruit being really a minia-
ture 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 avia-
tor, a youth of twenty, was burned to
death; the other was severely injured.

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