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#### Men's Irish Linen Collars 5c each, regular value 20c. Some slightly soiled,

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than today's prices.

conomy in buying the cheapest goods nor the high priced goods. We are depending on the olid values of the good standard lines made by Odd lines, broken assortments, 10c to 25c les reputable firms.

for fall goods.

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BECAUSE the man I buy from stands back of his goods and is

#### A Veteran's Thank You

Relieve Situation.

How to Overcome the Difficulties -Applications to Be Filed at

THE threshing gang is not an untried experiment in Ontario. In certain counties, Lambton for instance

Thresher Board Men.

Once.

THRESHING IN ONTARIO G. W. Smith, who recently re-rned from active service in ance and is now residing at wmarket, writes:-Would you kindly express Gangs Available This Year to Would you kindly express ough your paper my sincere nks to friends whom I shall he for a money present which ceeived today, July 2fid. I us the letter that accompanied present, expressing as it does h goodwill and such kind ap-ciation of my humble services A Proposed Plan of Organizationreciation of my humble services o my country, is the finest letter ever received. It is a letter hat from now on I shall treasure (Cont-ibuted by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.) ever received. It is a letter hat from now on I shall treasure is one of my dearest possessions, think my letters to you from 'landers will prove that I never ried to take advantage of my po-sition while out there to impose on the generosity of friends. At he same time I never discouraged riends from sending to the boys chatever their love prompted hem to send. I'm just an ordin-rry, common mortal myself, but 'm human, and this kindness rom Glencoe now I'm out of the ing, as it were, has hit me in a ender spot. I believe that this pirit of giving and of gratitude hat has come to the people will ever die. It had its birth before he war but was born anew in Selgium and France, and this pirit has shown itself in our ads' devotion to duty and their ove for one another in such a rand way that it would be un-elievable unless one had seen it nd had himself experienced the ame feeling of devotion and oodwill. There, have been moments, these gangs have been employed and have proven very successful. Neither the threshermen nor the farmer in these cases care to return to the old methods of changing help with neighbors where men for the threshing gangs can be secured. The Ontario Department of Agriculture and the Ontario Trades and Labor Branch are now co-operating to make arrangements to ensure an ample supply of labor for as many threshing gangs as are likely to be organized this fall, and suggest herein methods of organizing a gang and a plan of organization.

The Difficulties-Overcome Them. (1.) In the early part of harvest when many moves must be made and

when many moves must be made and when comparatively small amounts of grain are threshed, the thresher-man finds it difficult, often, to make a profit even under present methods. If he employs a gang his expenses will be much heavier, His charges therefore must be high enough so that later in the season he may reroodwill. There, have been moments, wonderful moments, out there at the front, when men-have been more like angels of mercy than wenging destroyers of German sultur. There have been times when strong works been times avenging destroyers' of German kultur. There have been times whan strong, rough, uncouth men have been so thoughtful, so kind and gentle as they ministered to a wounded or dying comrade that for the moment they have seemed almost divine. Out there it was God, man and his com-rade. Absence of a minister at a death scene-or a burial did not affect them. One got very, very close to God, and for some reas-on, which I do not know, so can-not tell, men did not seem afraid-nees and faith that God was a merciful God was very manifest. So much so that offen lads woun-ded to the death and knowing full well that in a short time they would meet God would smile and die undismayed and unafraid. that later in the season he may re-sain what is lost at this time. (2.) But at any time during the threshing season there may be con-siderable idleness during the fre-quent changes from farm to farm caused by the camparatively small amount of grain to be threshed on the average farm. By good organiz-ation this lost time may be limited to the minimum, however, by having the majority of the changes made at night. Thresher Board Menthat later in the season he may re-

(3.) If the farmer were obliged to board the gang a certain alement of unfairness could not be avoided. It would seem, therefore, that the thresher should be responsible for this. The most convenient way in Ontario, perhaps, would be for the thresher to make arrangements with each farmer to provide meals for the same.
(4.) It would seem necessary for each thresher to provide a sleeping van for his gang and the men to provide hankets, as is done in the Northwest. These vans are home-made and one can be constructed for the average Ontario gang for about \$100. (3.) If the farmer were obliged e undismayed and unafraid, ut there death is a constant impanion that men get used to, hey do not fear death but rather ok on it as a friend. And this arlessness, this spirit of devo-

on, sacrifice and gratitude, is nding its way into the hearts of en and people at home. So oking at the present and letter The and people at home. So looking at the present and letter which are before me as I write. I feel certain they have been sent to be me in a spirit of genuine appreciation: in neighborly love, and I am proud to accept them, not so much for their monetary and I am proud to accept them, not so much for their monetary and I am proud to accept them, not so much for their monetary and I am proud to accept them, not so much for their monetary and I am proud to accept them, not so much for their monetary and I am proud to accept them, not so much for their monetary and I am proud to accept them, not so much for their monetary and I am proud to accept them, not so much for their monetary and I am proud to accept them, not so much for their monetary and the ampletes in the British Empire, 8.30 when I am pleased to name as my friends. D. W. Gillies, Dan, Murro, Dunc, Gillies, D. M. Sutherland and John C. Gillies. Men, if Mr. Sutherland does me any friends and and reate rates. Prices on application. A fimited and advertising will be accepted at moderate rates. Prices on application. The Transcript. I hope you will book on it as a memento of my porrelation of your kindness. Thay add that you have given me of the most unexpected surprises of my very uneventful life. Werer was I so homored of men before. To know that this present, carries with it kind houghts for me and your best its value a thousandfold. and one can be constructed for the average Ontario gang for about \$100. if the thresher does his own building. Nothing ornate is required. A struc-ture 10 feet wide by 12 feet long, built on trucks, wind-proof and rain-proof and with two tiers of bunks on each side would afford ample

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on each side would anore ample sleeping accommodation for an Ontario gang.
(5.) As several men constitute a gang the weekly wage sheet would run fairly high. This would involve a considerable regular expenditure on the part of the thresher, which in turn would necessitate prompt payment by farmers. Where gangs are employed it is necessary for farmers to give cash or 30-day notes immediately the job is done.
(6.) Probably the most important factor of all is the rates which the thresher will charge. These must, of course, be much higher than those charged formerly. This would make the threshing bill a fairly large sum. Yet the farmer could still make a profit by the transaction. If, by employing a gang, he were enabled in the two weeks thus saved to prepare an additional 10 acres, say for wheat, he would have from 250 to 350 extra.
Size of the Gangs.

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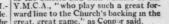




He hunched his shoulders slightly and slipped down a trifie in his chair. From the expression on his face I was afraid that he was going to offer an unfavor-able criticism. But his answer made it clear that that was not what disturbed him. "Such comments have no justification.

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"You know," I insinuated, in a spirit of half confession, "I that there are a lot of boys who would be inclined to look at a Y.M.C.A. at home as a sort of sissified institution, beneath the notice of young men of the world who like to affect a sort of manly widness. Does the Y.M.C.A get near to them?" "Yes. The helpfulness of the Y.M.-C.A. has won out, over every obstacle. In the beginning, the officers of the It will be cherished as one of the mos

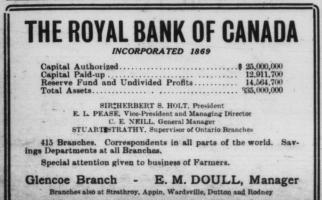


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