

"We thought we were smart when we went to the little red school house at No. 11, Ops, four score years ago, but shucks, the young people going to school today are a lot smarter but, of course, they have more opportunity today."

The remark was made by a "young lad of 94 years" — Mr. William Brady, Adelaide Street. The hour was late but Mr. Brady was liesurely reclining in his favorite chair waiting for the 11 o'clock news. "I like the Newscast and see what the politicians are doing, especially at Ottawa. At times I get 'fed up' but I guess for \$20,000 a year they are doing all right."

According to Mr. Brady he was a farmer's son when he lived on the Bobcaygeon road and walked to No. 11, Ops, where he learned reading, writing and 'rithmetic, taught to the tune of the hickery stick as vigorously applied by a teacher named Mrs. Stinson.

"Looking backward, it was a lot of fun going to school. I remember well the days the dunce in the class was punished by having to stand in the corner, the times we had to stay in school after four o'clock as punishment and I recall the cold winds of winter and how the old stove in the school almost burst at the seams as it was crammed full of long sticks of hardwood. I think we had more fun in the good old days."

Mr. Brady farmed for many years before seeking a change of scenery and climate and struck off for Sarnia where he laboured at an interesting job with the Imperial Oil Company. "It was interesting and I met many fine people and if I had listened more closely to some of my friends I might have been rolling in oil stocks — however I did not fare too badly."

Mentioning politics Mr. Brady said he likes the Tories and has been casting ballots for such members as Sam Hughes, G. H. Mark of Kinmount Dr. Mason of Fenelon Falls, Dr. Adam Vrooman of

Little Britain, John Carew of Lindsay, Tom Stinson of Lindsay, Clayt Hodgson of Halliburton, Glen Hodgson and Bill Scott of Kinmount. He added: "Sam Hughes was a great politician and of course a great military man and a fiery man on the political stump."

The subject of this short sketch has been a number of the Loyal Orange Lodge and is a member of Queen Street United Church. He is living with his wife and daughter on Adelaide Street and he has many friends and acquaintances and has a hearty greeting for them as he enjoys his daily walks down town.