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G. ARLOF DILLS, Editor.

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### A Justified Investment

In an event such as last week's fire the advantages of adequate fire protection and fire insurance are readily discerned. The annual expenditure on fire protection may at other times seem heavy, but in an sion and the work of government and opposition instance similar to Wednesday of last week it is forces has been pitted against each other. One wonpaltry. The Fire Brigade seemed in no way handi- ders semetimes why it is so, unless it is the age-old capped through the lack of facilities with which to delight that most people have in witnessing a contest had gone by since Jesus' baptlem, and cope with a situation which might easily have re- between individuals or groups as in games and sports. He had not yet organized any Church sulted in wiping out a big section of the business In government debates, however, the government part of the town. With the burned building sur- always wins, so the uselessness of the contest is more rounded by several frame structures and on one side apparent than in a horse race, where the odds are with not more than six feet separating it from an- heavy for the favorite. In the opening speech of other frame building, the blaze was confined to the Hon. R. B. Benett it is hard to recall that just a few one building which was doomed before the fire was short months ago he advocated what today he criticdiscovered. Taken into consideration that the tem- izes, and that a reciprocity agreement with the United perature was well below zero and a strong gale was States was part of the Conservative platform in the blowing the charred pieces of wood for three blocks election last October. The program outlined in the Indeed the Coming One by the mighty right over the centre of the town, the efficiency of Speech from the Throne touches on most of the vital the Brigade and apparatus is readily seen. Pressure points that it would seem necessary to inaugurate was all that could be desired. There was no dimin- better conditions and yet it will undoubtedly be ishing of the water available in spite of the 90,000 blocked at every step. gallons used on the fire, and in the three lines of hose Re-organization of the Bank of Canada; a change laid there was not an interruption from breakage. to allow the Government to have greater authority in Diseases and plagues are cured the eyes Fortunate, one might say. Yes, but also a fortunate the operation of the C.N.R.; inquiry in radio broadcircumstance of being ready for such an emergency. casting; inquiry respecting monopolistic control of fires and the advantage has been demonstrated and laws; relief camps; unemployment and relief questhe expenditure justified.

## Towns and Villages

The publication of the Municipal Statistics and a perusal of it prompts a second editorial on towns and villages. It might be termed the second in a series, we suppose-only it isn't a series. These statistics show that there are in the Province sixtytwo municipalities designated as towns, the smallest of which (Ojibway) has an assessed population of 61. It also shows that five centres designated as villages have a population of over two thousand and the largest of these (Forest Hill) has an assessed population of 7,808. These, of course, are all based on the prophets. They are very silent. records of 1934. Among the villages, Acton comes sixth in point of population. The five above have all over the two thousand population, and in that point, if they chose, could become towns. It would seem that most of the centres below the two thousand figure had secured their classification thus on account of being County Towns.

Another interesting comparison in this Book of Statistics is the acreage of the towns and the population. Acton's population is given as 1,808, and acreage as 394, or roughly about a fifth of an acre per person. Whitby has 3,732 population, and an acreage of 3,950, or over an acre a person. Georgetown has 2,203 persons, and covers 1,031 acres, or Attorney-General Roebuck is still inquiring about half an acre per person. Petrolia has over an acre in its borders for every person. Ojibway, the smallest: town listed as such, has an assessed population of 61, and an acreage of 1,398 acres. In this town everybody, it would seem, has a twenty-acre farm. We might go on at some length and really make a series of articles, but we won't do that. But it would seem bluffed by the Textile Company who laid off workers, that the designation of town or village really does supposedly on account of the Japanese treaty. When not designate anything particular other than a an inquiry was announced for the industry the entchange of municipal formation of the Council.

#### In Better Form

That very interesting and informative book, published by the Ontario Department of Municipal Affairs, and giving the municipal statistics of the Province, has been issued in new and better form this year. A copy received with the compliments of Hon. David L. Croll, has been perused with a great deal of interest. Instead of having to secure figures. regarding the one municipality in several places, it is now arranged for getting almost at a glance. Another improvement is the listing of municipalities by size rather than alphabetically and makes for an easier comparison of the various municipalities which cerning Jeaus, 18-23. go to make up the Province. The only fault that could really be found with the book is the fact that the figures relate to the year 1934 and are therefore not right up to the minute. The detail contained in such a book, of course necessitates a period of time to compile and accounts for this only fault. Always baptizer with the Holy Spirit and a clear a very valuable book to be in possession of, the 1934 Municipal Statistics, in its new form, is indeed a fund of statistics that is prized.

#### Ruler Over Small Things First

Arthur H. Williams was unscated as Reeve of East over three months when he was nominated last De- the human heart with its moments of cember. The constituency he represents is not in a very enviable financial position and the filling offices by men who cannot meet their own obligations would never have been fabricated in this is not a means to bring about improvement. The announcement that the C.C.F. will use every endeavor to re-elect Williams will not put that organization in man can do under such circumstances. any better light, either. Men who aspire to office in any municipality should at least have some stake or holding in the community they aim to direct. It need coming One, but he was clear that Jesus' not be property holding, but it would certainly make own testimony about Himself was to be for a better financial government in municipal affairs if all who aspire were required to show sufficient doubt that Jesus was the Messiah and financial responsibility to warrant them being careful in administration of affairs. Perhaps, after all property holding would be the safest plan. The re- right to the point: "Art thou the Coming election of Williams will not improve the standing of East York. Let him prove himself better qualified in from Moses to Malachi had foretold was small things before he aspires to administration over and glorious plans for His people) or look over great things. His one talent wasn't used to very good effect.

#### The Contests Are On

Dominion and Provincial Parliaments are in ses-

There has been steady improvement in fighting such importation and distribution of anthracite; customs recently raised (vs. 11-17), and quite tions; United States' treaty and the British North the signs predicted of the Messiah (Isa. America Act are all points to be dealt with. Surely 35: 5, 6: 42: 6, 7; 61: 1, 3). Jesus conamong these items on the program offered many of the vital questions of the day can be settled. would seem broad enough and the government has added a gentle word of warning and renumbers enough to do all these and other things that proof for John: "Blessed Is he whoseare surely calculated to ho for the good of the ling in me. This was a reference to Dominion. Definite results showing real improve- Old Testament predictions concerning ment are awaited by the electorate.

This seems to have been a poor year for weather

chosen for the coronation of King Edward VIII.

defiance of the department's anti-slot machine policy, the way before Ilim. John the Baptist

The new Dominion, Government refused to be

ployees went back to work.

#### THE SIJNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16th.

JESUS HELPS A DOUBTER Golden Text.-I believe; help thou mine unbelief .- Mark 9: 24. Letzon Text.-Lake 7: 19-28.

Time.-Midsummer, A. D.28. Place.

Expesition.-Y. John's Doubts Con-John was in prison in Macherus, the news of Jesus' mighty deeds penetrates even to his dungeon. John's disciples have access to him in his imprisonment, and they tell him the strange reports that fill the uir. John has had definite revelation that Jesus was the

positive faith-in-Him-as-the-Lamb of God and Son of God (John 1: 33; 33: 29-34). But John was not perfect. was human, and when his active spirit was shut up in prison, doubts began to come in, as they are so apt to do to a man of intense activity when he is obliged to sit still and wait (cf. I Kings 19: 3-4). Many find it difficult to reconcile John's present questionings with

former clear faith; but those who know moments of conflict and uncertainty, will find this story most natural. Indeed, it way, but it bears on its face the evidence of its genuineness. John, in his hour of uncertainty, did the wisest thing any he took his perplexities and his questionings to Jesus Himzelf. He was no clear for the time that Jesus was the accepted. Such a doubter will not long remain a doubter. If those who to-day Son of God would only go right to Him and ask. He would soon set to rest all their uncertainties. John's question was One (the one whom all the prophets

we for another?" Mow much better to put the question to the direct test than to sit in the darkness of doubt! The thought very likely had come to John: "If He is indeed the Coming One, why does 'He delay to manifest Himself as King, dethrone Herod, and set me free?" John had never forgotten the vision he had seen, the voice he had heard thub morning when Jesus came up out of the water and the Holy Spirit Itself bore witness to His Sonship. But a long time or marshalled any army. Reports had come to John in his dungeon that Jesus was spending precious time teaching in the villages, even in despised Samaria. This did not accord with the Jewish ideas of the Mossiah held by John the Baptist. He could not go to Jesus himself, but he sent two of his faithful disciples, with his question. At the very hour that the messengers arrived, Jesuswas giving demonstrations that He was works He was performing. For an answer to John. He simply points the messengers to what they see going on before their oyes and the testimonies they hear. Then follows the catalogue of Divine works accomplished before their eyes or testified to in their astonished . ears.

II. Jesus' Testimony to John the Bap-

gave to the multitude a glowing testi-

mony to John's worth and greatness. As

he had been shaken for a moment in his

taith, he might seem like a "reed shaken

with the wind." But Josus blds them

dismiss from their minds any such critic-

unstable character. Neither was he

man seeking his own glory and comfort "gorgeously apparelled and living deli-

entely." He was a prophet, a man dir-

ectly commissioned and inspired by God,

authoritatively declaring God's mind to

men (cf. Luke 1: 76; 20; 6r, but he was

the subject of Old Testament prophecy,

time had spoken (Mal. 3: 1; 4: 5, 6:

Isa. 40: 3; cf. Lake 1: 15-17, 76; John

1: 2, 3). He was the one chosen from

the whole human race to be the mes-

cenger before the Son of God, to prepare

(Rheumatism)

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of the blind are opened, evil spirits are east out-even the dead are raised. The son of the widow of Nain had been likely was among those about Jesus on that particular day. These things were stantly appealed to His miracles as proof that He was the Messiah and Son of It God (John 5: 36; 14: 11; 15: 24). He ever shall find none occasion of stumb-

the Messiah (Isa\_8: 14-15).

Jesus had sent to John a word of EDITORIAL NOTES cheer and a word of reproof, but when the messengers were out of hearing, it-

And even the chap who sighs for a good oldfashioned winter hasn't had a great deal of comment, a' thought. John was no wavering and

May, 1937, is said to be the month likely to be

even more than that. He was himself "A depression is when you are down in a hole without a ladder," says the Dallas News, "and a boom one of whom the great prophets of olden is when you are up in the air without wings."

filled the loftlest office ever filled by any It will take more than enquiry to put these machines off the market.

A negro mammy had a family of wellbehaved boys. One day her mistress "Sally, how do you raise your boys so

'Ah'll tell you, missus," answered

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beings or the lower animals.

#### THE RISING GENERATION .

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man. Jesus winds up this marvellous culogy by the assertion that among pure- anyone dure look on as final. For ly human beings there was none greater are all limited in varying degrees and than John the Baptist. And yet, the ways. We little know our own limita-Son of God was so much greater, that tions. Our duty is to work without turn-John was not worthy even to bear his ing our eyes to the right or to the feft had been hidden from the beginning of is not outside us but is within which John the Baptist could never have -Lord Haldane. explained. Greater in grace and knowledge he certainly could not be. But even the least in the Kingdom enjoys knowledge and privileges immeasurably Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator albeyond what any one before the in- ways have it at hand, because it proves auguration of the Kingdom ever know.

# ORANGE PEKOE BLEND

HOW TO LIVE

We ought never to disturb ourselves the public. Even for those who have Nor is there any truth attained which

shoes! (Matt. 3: 11; John 1: 27). And from the Ideals which alone can light then Jesus adds the astonishing state- up our paths. It is not any finality ment, that great as was John, the King- attained that can ever be ours; what is dom of Meaven which was to come was ours can be no more than the best to great that even the one who is "but quality of which we are capable, put Kingdom, is greater than he. We to-day of what we have set before ourselves. see and hear things which prophets of The effort towards it is one which we old desired to see and hear, but which daily find ourselves called upon to make were withheld from them (Luke 10: 23- anew. We have to think of how to 24). Things are revealed to us which live before we can learn how to die. God

the world (Eph. 3: 8; Col. 1: 25-27; 1 breasts, "an almighty ever-present Peter 1: 10-12). The weakest believing Diety." This is a principle we do well hearer of Paul would understand things, to make our own as early as we can in by the light of Jesus' Death on the Cross, life, and to keep always before our eyes.

of a long and busy life may yield the fortunate in the eyes of the deepest content, and provide the most

All the beauty of the world is not in sultry days of summer. Autumn is often richest in color, and winter has a beauty unknown to all the other seasons.

Life is like the seasons, and each seaon has its own particular charm. Hence to look forward with fear and distress to the coming winter-to imagine that old age can yield us nothing but pain and anguish, is to reveal a timid and unheroic spirit and to make even the brightest days dark with forebodings that probably will never come true.

Rest is sweet only to the tired. If wo were never tired we should never know the delight of relaxing our limbs and laying our heads on a pillow of down. After a hard day's work or a long tramp over hill and dale, who has not said as he has thrown himself into his easy chair, "This is good. This is delightful. This is blessedness deep and satisfy-

Rashness is the faithful but unhappy parent of misfortune.-Puller.



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