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Paint Promptly for Looks and Durability

"Save the Surface and You Save All" is No Idle Motto. Paint Promptly Good Advice.

Recently there has been advice given in newspapers and magazines, both in the advertising and other columns, to "paint promptly." It is mighty good advice. It means adding to the appearance of the property as well as adding to its durability. A coat of paint helps more than is generally realized. In the end the cost of the painting is money saved at a profit. A little consideration will prove this to be an absolute fact. When doing any new construction work, it is always advisable to paint, or

otherwise finish, all exposed surfaces as promptly as possible after the material has been installed and in proper condition for finishing. Otherwise, the material may become wet during a storm, thereby necessitating delay until the material is again dry. Rainwater or even moisture condensation makes it possible for dust and other foreign particles carried through the air to stick on the surfaces of the material. Unless this dirt is removed at an additional cost of time and labour before painting or finishing it, it may stain, discolour or mar the smoothness of the finish. A few materials, such as galvanized iron, hold paint best after weathering a short time.

Sudbury Star: The town of Elsas has cut its tax rate from 100 mills to 50. What appears to be a break for the ratepayers, until it is noted that the assessment has been doubled.

Architect Calls This Friendly Little House

Plans Suggest a Home Small Enough to Fit the Purse and Spacious Enough to Have the Touch of Hospitality.



Architects have been engaged recently in designing houses that would have individuality and charm, room enough to make a real home, and still not so large and expensive as to meet only the needs of the wealthy. In this town of homes, Timmins, the need for such house plans is apparent. Here-with is pictured a house of this type. It has been christened the "Hollyhock House." The unusual name is fully justified by the house itself. To most people it will hold special charm. For this reason it is chosen this week by The Advance for this home page. In presenting this "Hollyhock House" The Advance would repeat what was said on this page last week—that the pictures and descriptions given here are meant as suggestions rather than to be followed implicitly. With the suggestion in one of these articles, or a group of suggestions from different descriptions, The Advance reader may gather a list of just what he wants in the home that he contemplates building. It is a good idea to discuss plans and preparations with architects and builders before deciding on any particular plan. A talk with the architects or builders will avoid many mistakes and some unnecessary expense and will also help to secure exactly the class of home desired.

With this preface, here is Hollyhock House—a charming type of residence,—described in some detail:—

Hugging the ground closely, in the manner of its ancestors, it presents a charming picture with its walls of gleaming shingles, green slatted shutters and roof of weathered gray. It settles down comfortably and snugly in its setting of green lawn and shrubs—the hollyhocks and "old-fashioned" flowering shrubs and herbs adding to its ease and naturalness. Its economy of construction is apparent in the study given the floor

plan. The rooms are large and well lighted and ventilated with a minimum of waste space.

One end of the living room may be used for dining requirements if desired, but the small breakfast room which has been provided should meet the ordinary needs of the smaller family. Future expansion has been kept in mind, for as the purse prospers, a dining room and a porch may be added as a separate wing, the present breakfast room becoming the new pantry.

Ample closet space has been created throughout. Likewise great attention has been paid to an ease of circulation from one room to another to minimize labour. The basement is fully excavated and contains adequate space for heater room, laundry and storage facilities.

Quality has not been sacrificed in the interests of economy. The working drawings call for the best of materials and the following of established construction practices.

In decorating the interior use paper on the ceiling and sidewalls of all rooms but the kitchen and bathroom. In these rooms use either tile, oilcloth or linoleum; any of them offer interesting possibilities and are entirely practical from the standpoint of cleanliness and cost.

Be sure to give this little home the landscape setting it deserves. Follow the suggestions the architect has shown on the drawing reproduced here; that is, as to size and general location of the foundation planting. Money spent at this point, will be repaid many times over in increased value.

Because of the comparative size of this home the cost should be correspondingly low. It is impossible to estimate the cost in this vicinity without the complete working drawings; for it is here that all the important construction and architectural details show.

Unemployed Refused to take Work at Englehart

The following is from the last issue of the New Liskeard Speaker, the Englehart correspondent sending it in:—"Early Tuesday morning when coming down town we met a regular procession of unemployed who stated they were on their way to Ottawa. One local lumberman offered to put 20 of them to work where they could earn from \$50 to \$70 a month. The answer was "No, we are going on to Ottawa with the rest. We will not desert our friends now." All of these strikers (as they call themselves) speak broken English and if they are Canadians they must be naturalized as they surely are not Canadian born. We do not begrudge these men a living but they must not expect much more sympathy than we give our own Canadian-born young men who are unable to find work. While in town they called a mass meeting in the park but only about five or six of the young men around town attended and they were there out of curiosity."

Sudbury Protests Against the Transient Peddlers

Instructing the Sudbury city police to check fruit truckers, reported flocking into Sudbury at the rate of from six to eight trucks a day, Sudbury Police Commission last week looked for

some means to curb transient traders and fruit peddlers from Southern Ontario. The transients are reported underselling established wholesale fruit houses there.

"This particular locality, with its prosperity, is a happy hunting ground for these fellows," J. A. Campbell, local wholesaler, declared. "They bring their own gasoline, purchased in Southern Ontario and strapped in cans to their trucks, and don't even take a room for the night, sleeping in their trucks."

Campbell charged that Sudbury dealers' business had been cut in half. He said transients purchased job lots on the Toronto market and drove to Sudbury overnight.

G. E. Buchanan, K.C., city solicitor, said if outside truckers had a hawkers' and peddlers' license and a provincial transient traders' license, the city could not prosecute.

INSULATING THE ATTIC OFTEN PROVES TO BE GOOD IDEA

The torture of sleepless or restless summer nights may be minimized by insulating the attic of a home. Such improvement retards the heat of the sun and prevents its rays from penetrating and collecting under the roof. Insulation keeps a home noticeably cooler in the summer. During the winter it retards heat loss and the infiltration of cold.

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Tips About Painting the Summer Cottage

They Apply Also to Painting Jobs Around the Home. Hints on How to do it.

An article on painting the summer cottage has been published in several newspapers recently. The article is a very timely one. The summer cottage will be greatly improved not only in appearance but in actual service as well by a coat of paint, inside and out. In addition it may be noted that the hints for painting the summer cottage will apply to painting generally around the home for the better appearance and greater durability of the house. With this preface in mind, read on:—

Given a can of ready-mixed paint and a brush, most anyone can paint a summer cottage, but by knowing a few little kinks about painting the job may be done easier and with far better results.

Be sure that the surface you propose to cover is thoroughly dry and free from grease; if you don't, the paint will scale after it is dry. Stir the paint, until it is thoroughly mixed and then stir some more. If the wood has never been painted before then the paint out just a little for the first coat, using turpentine. This first coat is the filler coat and should be well brushed in.

If there are knots in the wood, dab some orange shellac on them before you start the painting. The shellac will dry in about half an hour; then start putting on the paint.

Smooth Lap
Start at the left side of the surface and make your strokes from left to right, as far as you can easily reach, working from top to bottom for a space of about three feet. Now you are ready to cover the unpainted areas at the right. The point at which the two painted sections will meet is called the lap.

Don't start where you left off and continue to paint from left to right.

If you do this the lap will show. Start about three feet to the right from where you left off on the first lap and paint towards the left. In other words, after the first lap, reverse your motion and paint into the lap from the right of it. In putting on subsequent coats, follow the same practice, except that the paint should be flowed on—not rubbed in. These directions apply especially to light-colored paint, although they should be followed in the work on any flat surface.

Size of Brush
If you use a flat brush, do not select one more than four inches wide, and at the finish of the work, clean it thoroughly in gasoline; it will then be in good shape for the next job.

Do not "dab" on the paint; brush it on with long, even strokes. The above instructions apply to flat surfaces and the use of oil paints.

In using varnish, paints or lacquers, the procedure will be different; for varnish, the filling coat should be orange shellac and for lacquers use the regular lacquer undercoats which are made specially for them. These are gloss paints and are for coverage only and should be flowed on. They must not be rubbed except just enough to prevent running; usually if you brush across the grain and then brush once more following the grain, that is sufficient.

Dominion Assistance to Those Building Homes

Those considering the building of a home of their own would be interested in the article in last Thursday's Advance in regard to the recent Dominion Parliament legislation in connection with housing plans. The following editorial from The Toronto Mail and Empire one day last week may also be of interest:—

"The Bennett Government's Housing Act passed at the recent session of Parliament is attracting widespread interest throughout the Dominion. Briefly, it is the intention that a homebuilder may obtain a loan up to 80 per cent. of the cost for a long term and at a low rate of interest. The Government will not deal directly with applications. An official of the Department of Finance will have charge of Government loans, but the applications will be turned over to loaning companies throughout Canada. A list of approved loaning companies to whom the borrowers may apply is now being drawn up. Several conferences have been held with representatives of these companies and a form of contract is being arranged.

"The Act contemplates buildings of various kinds but used solely for dwelling purposes, and it provides that construction must be of a high standard. Loan companies may offer up to 80 per cent. of the appraised value or estimated cost, whichever is the less. Twenty per cent. will be advanced from the \$10,000,000 fund provided by the Housing Act. In this way it is expected that building operations to the value of \$50,000,000 will be set in motion. The details of the machinery of the Act are being prepared by the Minister of Finance, Hon. Edgar Rhodes, and the Deputy Minister, Dr. W. C. Clark."

PERMANENT BOOK SHELVES OFTEN ADD ATTRACTION

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PAINTING DOWNSPOUTS

When painting downspouts on the house, select the same colour as the wall against which they are placed. This will keep them inconspicuous.

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If a drawer or window sticks, the trouble can be remedied by rubbing a little wax on the surface where the friction exists.

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LOCATION OF ELECTRIC WALL SWITCH IMPORTANT

The location of electric wall switches is a minor but important detail which often receives insufficient consideration in remodeling an existing structure or building a new home.

The location of the switch with reference to the habit of reaching for it in a dark room involves three important factors, namely, its distance from the trim, height from the floor, and the side of the door opening on which it is placed.

New Duplex Now Under Construction in Town

Contract for the wiring of a duplex at the corner of Birch street and Kimberly avenue was let this week to Herrington-Scarlett. Owner of the new building is A. P. Dooley, 7 Elm street south.

Number of Houses Under Construction at Present

J. P. Roy, contractor, put the finishing touches this week on a residence on Patricia boulevard, owned by John Ostroski. Another Roy contract that is now nearing completion is that of a house at 79 First avenue, under construction for Leo Roy.

Three Fundamentals in Improving Conditions

In planning home improvements it is wise to remember three details—comfort, good looks and safety. Make a careful inspection of your home, inside and outside, and note down imperfections with these three considerations in mind.

Walk from room to room. Are walls defective? Are the kitchen and bathroom up to date? Is the house properly ventilated? These items come under modernization project classification that requires but little expenditure.

Toronto Mail and Empire:—We can congratulate Mr. Stevens on his originality in at least one respect. He does not promise to reform the Senate.

GENERAL MACHINE WORK

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WELL INSULATED STOVE A GOOD INVESTMENT

In selecting a kitchen range, some hidden construction details are the ones that will have the most value for the housewife. Easy cleaning qualities, oven control, accessibility and of course good looks, are obvious.

But what about insulation? Is the housewife going to parboil along with the contents of the oven? The amount and quality of the insulation makes an enormous difference in the comfort and efficiency of the stove.

All well constructed stoves use insulation or dead air space to retain the heat of the oven. Such insulation materials as cellular sheet asbestos, rock wool and mineral wool in varying amounts are used. Evens so treated keep all the heat generated within their own confines and do it so well that their action is almost like a fireless cooker. The convenience and saving in a good stove will surely repay the extra outlay.



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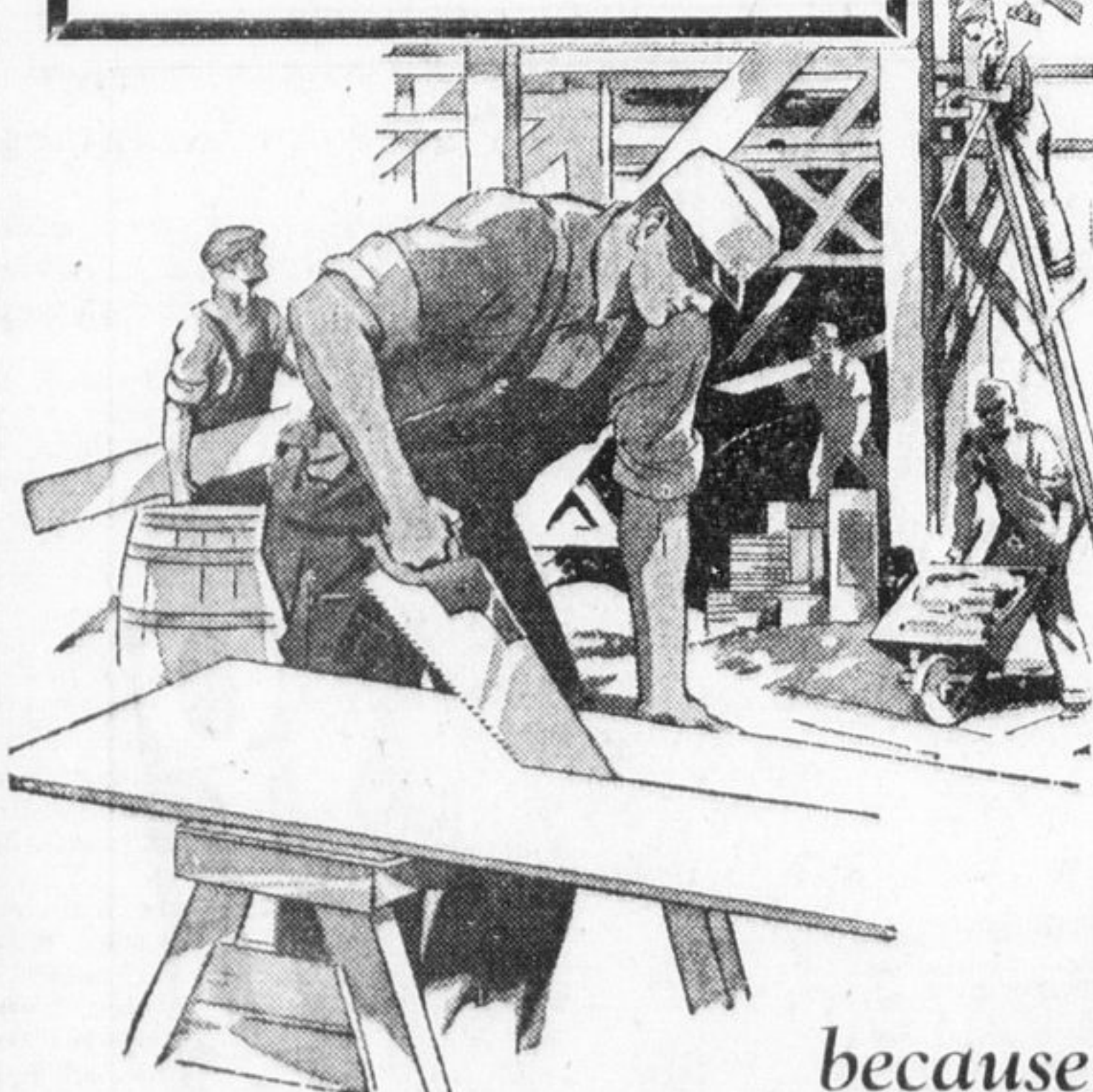
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