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Next Week is Fire Prevention Week

All Citizens Asked to Co-operate to Help Reduce Canada's Large Loss from Preventable Fires.

In Canada and the United States the week of October 8th to 12th is being observed as Fire Prevention Week. The Dominion Fire Prevention Association in co-operation with provincial fire marshals, local fire chiefs and others are co-operating with civic organizations in the furtherance of the aims of fire prevention.

About 350 people are burned to death and a much larger number are injured by fires in Canada every year. The recorded loss of property by fire in Canada during the 15 years, 1920 to 1934, exceeded \$610,000,000. In other words, at our present burning rate, approximately one human life is sacrificed and \$110,000 worth of property is destroyed every day in the year.

Fire is no respecter of persons. Every man has a responsibility towards his neighbours and that responsibility should cause every right-thinking person to pause and consider what he owes the community in which he lives. We owe it to ourselves but in a greater degree to our fellow-citizens to permit no condition to exist upon our premises that will invite a visitation of fire. A great majority of fires are so easy to prevent that it is certainly a moral crime to tolerate the things which bring them about.

Cities and towns, like individuals, reap what they sow. To permit the erection of fire traps, to fail to provide an abundant and reliable water supply and means of using it or to fail to apply the everyday rules of fire prevention, is to constantly face a menace of heavy fires and sweeping conflagrations.

Why tolerate a condition which not

only levies tribute upon life and property but in effect imposes an added cost to the conduct of every feature of business activity and increases the burden of the people in providing the necessities of life.

People cannot afford to go on and be indifferent to it all. Fire Prevention Week is a particular week set aside to call attention to the menace of fire. Are you doing your part?

Careless housekeeping in permitting the accumulation of inflammable litter and rubbish was responsible for 26,000 fires during the last three years in Canada.

The careless practice of dumping litter of all kinds in basements, or unused rooms, or around buildings, is not only a serious fire hazard but is unsanitary and disgracefully unsightly. It is a time honoured saying that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

Make an inspection of your home and your place of business. Use the limit of your perception and reasoning powers to discover and eliminate all possible causes of fire, just as you would in making an important business deal. It will pay you a handsome dividend in safety and saving.

Do not cast the reflection of carelessness upon yourself or your business by becoming careless in your housekeeping. Keep all of your premises clean. It will reflect credit upon you and make a better impression upon others, besides eliminating a serious fire hazard.

Defective chimneys and flues were the cause of 21,000 fires in Canada during the last three years.

It is unfortunate that architects, masons and people generally, are so careless in the construction and maintenance of chimneys and flues. The haphazard method of construction and indifferent use and care place them among the worst offenders. The chimneys and flues are the chief cause of fires in dwellings and consequently should be most carefully guarded.

Inspect and clean your chimneys and flues at least twice a year. Never start heavy winter firing without a thorough inspection and repairing of heating appliances and cleaning of chimneys.

The neglect of these results in the loss of many lives in the homes of our country. If you neglect yours you are exposing those helpless ones in your home to an unnecessary danger, and also contributing to the causes of our deplorable fire loss.

North Bay Nugget:—A school to teach women how to lay clothes has been established in London, England... which suggests that it would be in order to institute a flying course for homing pigeons.

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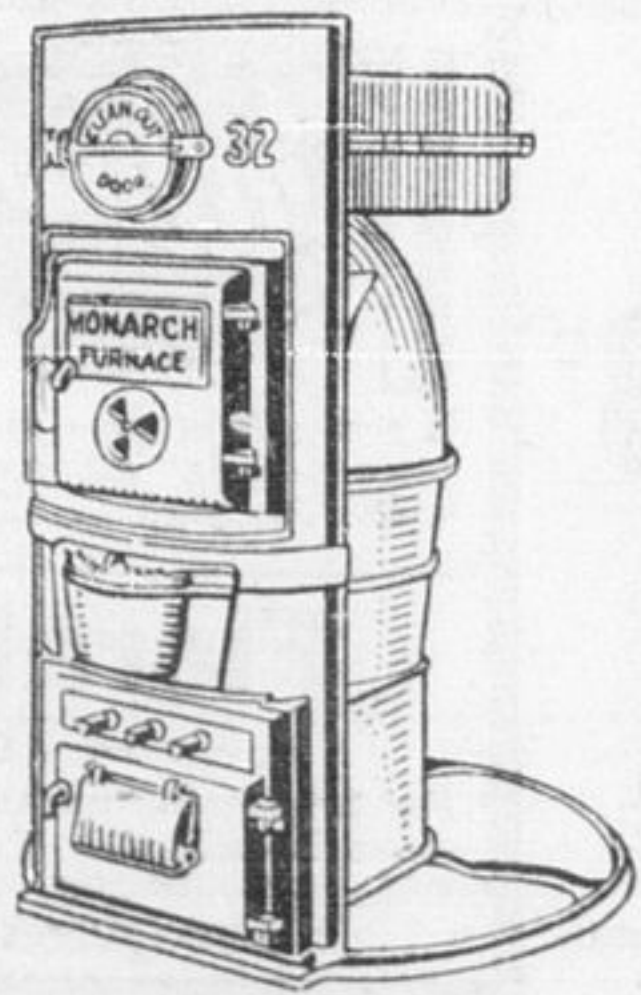
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The Canadian Legion in the Porcupine

By One Interested in their Welfare

Will We Get It This Time?

Just like dandelions, which come up every year, the perennial topic has also popped up again:—"The War Memorial." Of course all the many visitors here during the summer admired the flowers at the park, then stopped and wondered, and puzzled, what the concrete slab was meant to be. One American visitor said he was of the opinion that the stamp mill which stands on the lawn outside the Hollinger Office was at one time resting upon the block opposite the Empire hotel. He was told that the concrete block, with its beautiful wooden and newly-painted two by two's was the local war memorial. Like all Americans he said: "You'll have to show me!" and his friends escorted him to the meeting place of local veterans on Armistice Day, and after much rubbing upon the plate facing the hotel displayed to his eyes, the inscription which tells unbelievers that the object is really in memory of those who fell in 1914-18. For years it has been an eyesore, it is even worse now that the concrete is breaking away and cracking. Many suggestions have been made regarding the subject and at one time the Legion had some very elaborate designs and would have gone ahead with the erection of the memorial desired, if funds had allowed. Some people were of the opinion also that the Legion hall was to have been the memorial, and a suggestion put forward at the time of building the hall for a special front in keeping with the spirit of reverence also went unheeded. It seems now from information obtained that providing the price is not prohibitive, and the design suitable to ex-servicemen a new war memorial will be seen in Timmins in 1936. Several articles to be ready with a few dollars and so when the plans are received from those asked to submit them, all that will be necessary will be the collecting and "up it goes." Those who read this can get that dollar or so ready, for it sure looks like business this time.

"Ready Again"

For months past the papers of the world have fully covered the Italo-Ethiopian situation. There has been much said as to whether Canada should enter in the event of Great Britain declaring war in defence of its interests in far-off Ethiopia. Both political leaders have voiced varied opinions. One suggested a plebiscite and the other stated no definite stand would be made unless it was the people's wish (if you can un-

derstand that, you're good). If either of them had been present at the South African veterans banquet last Saturday they would have witnessed a scene which would probably have changed their minds. General Swift, of Kirkland Lake, had just finished making the statement that "although he was 69 years of age, if the British Empire needed him he was ready to go." The gathering to a man, stood on their feet and shouted "and we're ready too." None of them want war but if the call came they are ready to assist the Motherland to keep the old flag flying. At present all eyes are centred on Geneva, Switzerland, where the League of Nations are in session, trying to seek a solution to the dispute. Learned diplomats talk for hours on the vital question. All people are earnestly praying for a peaceful settlement and the stand of those who fought in the last is shown vividly by the closing paragraph of an editorial from this month's "Legionary": It is as follows: "That Great Britain has no intention of playing a lone hand in this brawl is now taken for granted. The time has gone when the Motherland can be expected to assume the role of world policeman beyond fulfilling the necessary duty of protecting British interests in the threatened zone. There is no enthusiasm for war in the United Kingdom, and so far as Canada is concerned even less enthusiasm for it in the Dominions. The last conflict demonstrated beyond a doubt that the conquering nations lost equally as much as the conquered, and that those who profited least were the common people themselves, and the soldiers who fought the war."

Club Jottings

Who was the clever "furniture placer" that made the downstairs hall resemble the horse lines at Bramshott?

Those new lounges certainly give one the invitation to come early and stay late. But don't go to sleep, my dear!

When will someone invent a portable medal carrier. Some of those old-timers must have a constitution of a lion. Nine large pieces of metal carried for 6 hours and the proud owner never budged an eyelid. Oh, well, we of the younger school have heard somewhere before "that we should have been in Africa."

Does the man who was nearly late for shift at a local mine, read this column? If so, I have found a remedy for a racing pulse. Call again!

—W. A. Devine, Box 1428

Asks for Sidewalks Before a Town Hall

Old-Timer Suggests Deferring Building New Municipal Building Until After Cement Walks Built.

The following letter has been received for publication. It is from a gentleman resident in Timmins for a great many years and who has given his full share of service and co-operation to the up-building of the town. On this account his opinions are worthy of particular consideration, but despite this The Advance believes a new town hall necessary for the convenience, the safety, the standing, the accommodation of the town. An editorial reference in this issue deals further with the question. The letter follows:—

Timmins, Ont., Oct. 1st, 1935
To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins:

Dear Sir:—I read with interest your editorial in a previous issue of The Porcupine Advance on the advisability of building a new town hall. As you pointed out, this could have been accomplished a few years ago, with substantial aid from the government.

No doubt this opportunity to procure a grant from the government is gone, and the town will have to bear the whole expense.

I do not wish to infer that our past councillors have been lax, in not building a town hall. Anyone who follows up municipal affairs closely knows that our town councillors of the past have endeavoured to provide the most pressing needs first, such as water, sewers, disposal plant, etc.

The present town hall is decidedly inadequate to meet the requirements of a town the size of Timmins.

Here is the fly in the ointment. Have the most pressing needs of this town been supplied? I venture to say they have not. I refer to the old wooden sidewalks, which are a continuous danger and menace to the public. The question arises, which is required the most—a town hall or safe sidewalks? A very small percentage of the public use the town hall while practically everyone uses the sidewalks. Do the ladies bless the wooden sidewalks, when shoe heels snap? And how!

I would like to suggest that if the matter of building a town hall is put before the electors at the next municipal election, that they should be given

the opportunity to decide which they require most, cement sidewalks or a town hall. Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Old-Timer

Rand Seeks to Lower Taxation of Mines

Committee Appointed to Consider the Efforts of the Heavy Burden on the Gold Industry.

In view of the suggestion that further taxation be imposed on the gold mining industry the attitude on the same matter in South Africa may well be worth thought and study. On the Rand to-day there is a growing belief that the burden of taxation on the mining industry has a tendency to retard the industry at the very time that it would be most likely to advance, and that as a consequence the taxation is secured at the expense of business in general and so is likely to prove poor policy.

For many months there has been a consistent and insistent demand for a reduction in taxation of the gold mines of South Africa, says the Northern Miner. As is well known, the government there imposed a very heavy impost upon the mines upon the rise in the price of gold. The South African government which has very few sources of revenue and which was desirous of subsidizing the agricultural industry during the period of depression, seized upon the higher gold price as an opportunity to scale upwards the tax collections from the mines. The gold producers were obliged to submit but the results, after two years, indicate that a great deal of employment has been prevented and an enormous amount of mineral development has been forestalled by the weight of the tax. Shareholders of gold mines naturally agitated and considerable pressure was brought to bear on the government, which has at last been brought to realize the reactionary nature of the taxation policy.

Two weeks ago a commission or committee was appointed by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Havengot, to inquire into the situation. The committee's terms of reference are as follows:

1. To invite from all persons interested evidence of the working, incidence and economic effects of the present taxation system.
2. Receive from any person desirous of offering it, any suggestion for modification, revision or replacement of the present taxes.

3. Analyse all the evidence and suggestions offered and report thereon to the Minister of Finance.

The members of the committee are: A. Corbett, Commissioner of Inland Revenue, Dr. H. Pirow, government mining engineer; Mr. Esnell, Assistant Commissioner of Inland Revenue; H. Dewar, chief accountant of the treasury; S. Hill, chief clerk in the income tax department.

The Minister of Mines has recently been active interviewing the Mine Workers' Union and the Chamber of Mines, presumably preparing the ground for the committee.

Mining comment from the Rand anticipates that a straight percentage of profits will be settled upon, with certain concessions for low grade mines. It is figured that such a change would be beneficial to the mines, as it would enable them to work closer to the average grade of ore reserves. As the situation now stands the Rand mines are actually mining three-quarters of a pennyweight below the average, because under the existing plan of taxation it is more profitable to work the lowest possible grade, even to the extent of putting a portion of unpayable ore through the mills than to endeavor to increase profits by raising grade of ore.

The average recovery of the Rand Mines is down to 4.17 pennyweights (about \$7.30), when the average grade of the ore reserves of the non-lease mines is 4.88 dwt. (about \$8.53).

That the government opinion has lately swung in favour of placating the Rand, though it wishes to avoid any direct taxation cuts which would antagonize the farmers, is evidenced by recent moves. All political parties, with the exception of the radicals, are now courting the Rand vote. Mr. Hofmeyr, the Minister of the Interior, addressing a gathering of Northern Transvaal farmers recently warned the farmers against continued government assistance, and stressed the danger of over-taxing the mines, which, he said, were adequately taxed at present.

"In taxing the mines," he said, "you are not taxing a dead object, but taxing the people. Shareholders of mining concerns are spread far and wide throughout the country; you cannot go on taxing them indefinitely, for everyone suffers by restricting mining development."

Commenting recently on the committee and its probable activities, the Johannesburg "Star" points out that there is a conflict of interests between the farmers and the mines and their shareholders. "No one denies the urgent need that existed for saving the farmers from collapse," the paper says, "but at the same time, mining taxation, if continued on such a scale indefinitely, will defeat its own ends. The mining industry deserves well of the government, for it would be difficult to estimate the value of the contribution already made to the national welfare."

Mr. Duncan, Minister of Mines, in a recent speech at Johannesburg, stated that while the back country was critically suggesting that the government did not take enough from the mines, "we know capital will not come here unless there is confidence and hope of getting a better return for the money than by ordinary investments. The government is determined to keep the gold mining industry in a flourishing condition. We don't look on mining merely as a source of revenue and we are determined to do nothing to discourage capital coming into the country," the minister stated.

General Meeting and Social of the Cornish Social Club

Notice is given in this issue of a general meeting of the Cornish Social Club to be held in the Hollinger hall on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 8 p.m. All members are asked to attend for the important business before the meeting.

After the general meeting there will be a social evening—one of those pleasant events for which the Cornish Social Club is famous. Members are asked to bring refreshments, and, of course, Cornish pasties will be considered as the finest form of refreshments to be supplied. Members who bring pasties will add to their popularity as a matter of course.

Brandon Sun:—Under the share-the-wealth plan we're after the chap with the two-pants suit.

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By ELSIE PIERCE
FAMOUS BEAUTY EXPERT



Our tailored traveler is using one of the new pullman kits that contains a goodly supply of all the beauty aids one needs on a journey. Opened, it can be hung on hook or door knob when in use.

FRESH AND DAINTY AT THE END OF THE JOURNEY

More notes for travelers. There's nothing more unexpected and refreshing as the sight of a traveler at the end of the journey still looking lovely as a daisy and perfectly groomed. Because people expect you to arrive looking much more like a crushed package than a dainty bit of femininity, they are all the more apt to admire and envy you. There's a knack to it, believe me.

Preparation Important

To begin with, it is important to prepare yourself, your skin and your hair for the trip. Arrange your hair in the usual way, putting a bit of brilliantine on it after you have set and combed it. This will give the hair more gloss and help to keep it groomed. And fasten the dips and curls here and there with some pins. Special note to the traveler; a whole sermon can be devoted to the new hairpins on the market. Have you seen them? Invisible, but what a far cry from the fragile invisible hairpins of yesteryear. The new pins are substantial, have rounded points that won't scratch the scalp or pull the hair and they come in an assortment of colours to match every shade of hair. These pins will help amazingly to cut down the number of times you have to recomb your hair.

For your skin, give it a thorough cleansing—a deep pore cleansing with soap and water and liquefying cleansing cream. Then pat briskly with skin tonic to close the pores. Be sure to use a finishing preparation. It will make your make-up last twice as long and look twice as well. I have found a finishing lotion particularly splendid for this purpose, and reversing the usual order I like to blend it over my cream rouge. Then I pat powder slowly and

carefully over it. Finally, just a touch of dry rouge to heighten the colour. A wee bit more powder and finishing lotion than ordinarily used are quite permissible for travelling, particularly powder to catch the cinders and keep them from grinding down into the pores.

By prepare yourself, I mean look the picture of perfect grooming. Be fashionably and sensibly dressed; but wear the most comfortable clothes and the type that will not readily show soil or cinder dust.

A very good trick if you're travelling by train or motor for an entire day is to wear a lightweight dress and have another in your bag to slip into a half hour or so before arriving at your destination.

Be sure to have a few cleansing tissues handy to remove the powder and cinders once or twice during the day, and have a nail-white pencil with you for your nails.

Of course, if you're traveling by boat you'll have all the comforts of home and can practically follow your usual routine.

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Fort William Times-Journal:—Sissie Sailors in the British navy are to be allowed to wear spectacles. This, it is hoped, will allow them to see to drink their milk properly.

Pembroke Standard-Observer:—A curfew is not needed in Beachburg, where the nocturnal visits of a big bear and two cubs are said to be very effective in keeping the folks indoors after dark.

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