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## MAY SET A NEW FASHION

In the last issue of The Advance reference was made to the fact that Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stephenson, of New Liskeard, had celebrated the sixty-third anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Stephenson is 92 years old and Mrs. Stephenson is 86. The marriage anniversary day was also the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Stephenson. Both Mr. Stephenson and Mrs. Stephenson enjoy a fair measure of health—indeed, an amazing amount of health and vigor for people who have seen so many years pass by. All this in itself would be remarkable enough. But it is only a small part of the story—an insignificant part, in proportion to the importance of the rest of it. Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson have done more than just live a great many years. They have lived well. They have done more than serve their day and generation. They have been an aid and an inspiration to three generations. Few people live as long as this good couple. Still fewer have lived as nobly and as usefully. It was some seventy years ago that Mr. Stephenson was the editor of The Banner at Aurora and served the people of that town and district with the ability and the integrity that have been the moving forces of his life through all the long years. The Bracebridge Gazette was his next venture and here he did notable pioneer work in the Muskoka district. In 1903, when he was nearing the sixty-year mark, Mr. Stephenson again acted the pioneer, settling on a farm near New Liskeard. With rare courage and determination he set about the arduous work of clearing the land and building a home for himself and his family. It was from that harsh experience no doubt that there developed the keen insight into the situation of the settler in the North and the active sympathy for the homesteaders in this country that has made The New Liskeard Speaker distinctive in its deep understanding of the real problems of the pioneers of the North Land. Mr. Stephenson was a writer with the faculty for presenting a case in an attractive and effective way, so it was not surprising that a man with his desire for service of the public and his appreciation of the power of a well-conducted newspaper should re-enter the publishing business in the interests of the community in which he lived. It was for this reason that The New Liskeard Speaker was established. For over thirty years that able newspaper, under the direction first of Mr. Stephenson, and then with the aid of his son and other members of the family, and more recently through the talent of the son, has been a gifted servant of the people of Temiskaming, keeping their interests foremost and working through good and ill report for the advantage and the progress of the people of the district. The New Liskeard Speaker has been a power in the land—a power for good.

It is doubtful if mere length of years is desirable for its own sake. But a long life full of service and good deeds, like that of E. F. Stephenson is something altogether worth while. It is a good thing to seek the secret of such a life. On the negative side it is easy to say that it is not work that kills, for Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson have been well known for their unflinching industry and effort. It is not a little hardship that destroys, for the Stephensons have pioneered in a new and difficult country. On the positive side it must be admitted that love of the outdoors, with all its wealth of health-giving, sustains body and mind through the years. It was an illuminating fact that when a representative of The Advance called on E. F. Stephenson last week it was to find him busy in his garden among his beautiful flowers. For years his garden has been famous in New Liskeard and has helped to make New Liskeard famous. Mr. Stephenson did much indeed to foster a love of flowers in this North. For years he kept a garden, and now that garden sustains him. It is pleasant and appropriate to keep the picture of this gallant gentleman of ninety-two in his garden. After a busy and eventful life, he rests in contentment—in his garden. It is a fitting last chapter to a long life of service and of enterprise.

## LIVES WORTH HONOURING

On his arrival at London, England, for the Coronation Hon. R. B. Bennett, leader of the Liberal-Conservative party in the Dominion was interviewed by newspapermen. He may have set a new fashion in answers to questions. "Do you intend to retire from the leadership of the Liberal-Conservative party?" he was asked. "The decorations here in London are simply wonderful," he replied. "They are more extensive than any I have ever seen." "But are you considering the idea of retiring from active political life, as reported?" the newspaperman persisted. "It only needs good weather to assure the complete success of the Coronation," was Mr. Bennett's reply. The newspaper reporters were very persistent but so was Hon. Mr. Bennett. There was no ques-

tion that they could ask him that he could not respond to by some reference to the Coronation.

It might add to the gaiety of nations if Hon. Mr. Bennett's plan were more generally followed. Asked what it thought of Premier Heppburn's attitude on the distribution of school taxes, a certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper could reply unctuously:—"It always was a puzzle to distinguish left from right. This was true in boyhood days when the right shoe often got onto the left foot. In these adult days the Left always seems to be right to us, while we're always hoping that the Right will get Left."

When Premier Heppburn is queried about the beverage rooms, or his attitude towards labour, he should find no difficulty in giving the frank reply: "For the first time in history Canadian troops are relieving the palace guards during the Coronation."

Lieut. Col. Geo. S. Drew need not answer any personal questions as to his political attitude for the future, further than to say: "The destruction of the giant Zeppelin and the loss of life resulting from this disaster have brought sorrow to many."

Oftentimes politicians and others do not wish to tell the truth when asked questions. Even if they told the truth they would likely be disbelieved. At the same time there are some politicians who do not care to deliberately lie. The Bennett system does away with this puzzling question as to whether or not a man should lie, tell the truth or let nature take its course. Under the Bennett scheme, politicians, publicans and sinners may all answer all questions frankly and truthfully by telling the facts about something else.

"How is it that The Advance gives so much space to inconsequential details in this article?" some one may ask. The reply is that it is not decided whether the Collingwood young lady was murdered before she died or at some other time, or otherwise.

There is one special advantage to the public in the Bennett plan in regard to answering questions: The public would always be assured of truthful answers to questions they did not ask. Even that seems to be a step forward from present conditions.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Speaking at a service club luncheon at Barrie recently Dr. J. Edgar Williams made the startling statement that from 15 to 20 per cent. of the children who are crippled to-day in Ontario owe their unfortunate condition to injuries sustained in motor accidents. It is doubtful if there could be a more impressive argument for careful driving than that single statement. What normal man would take the risk of crippling a child? Speed and carelessness will surely seem poor things, indeed, when the picture also includes a pre-view as it were, of more crippled children.

This is tree planting time in Timmins. The Hollinger is planting five hundred trees on the grounds of the Hollinger Park. The Timmins Horticultural Society intends to plant 200 or 300 trees on residential streets in the town of Timmins.

Motion picture actors and actresses are reported as voting to go on strike. How can they quit acting?

There is probability of an election in the province of Alberta. In case the election actually is declared in the near future, it is said that there will be no less than eight more or less important parties in the battle. These will include the Aberhart Social Credit party, the Insurgent Social Credit party, the Liberals, the Conservatives, C. C. F., United Farmers, Communists and the People's League.

As noted in The Advance in a recent issue, Timmins has 1,500 registered unemployed. This is an increase of 487 over the same period last year. Transients would do well to note this fact and not rush in here to add to the number without work or the probable chance of work.

If there was any business place in Timmins that was not decorated for Coronation Day it certainly would be isolated among all the happy places bedecked with flags and bunting and loyal designs of one kind or another. A few places attracted attention by seeming to lack decorations outside, but a glance at the windows or the interiors in these cases showed effective and impressive patriotic displays. All the absence of flags and bunting on the outside meant was not that the people lacked loyalty to the Empire but that they had little faith in the weather in this part of the Commonwealth of Nations.

The Halifax Herald suggests that stenographers are as good, or better, than school teachers, and that they should receive as good salaries. Of course some stenographers are as good or better than some teachers, and to this extent there may be something in the contention of the Halifax newspaper. It should not be forgotten, however, that the true function of the school teacher is of greater importance to the country than that of the stenographer. The stenographer is often a vital keynote in a business. On the ability and devotion of the teacher, however, depends the future of every business and the welfare and progress of the nation. The able stenographer is worth a good salary. The good school teacher is invaluable. The stenographer dealing with valuable business affairs should assuredly be paid a high salary. But the school teacher, moulding and directing what is supposed to be the most valued asset of this country—its children—should be given no lesser place either in salary or appreciation.



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## Why Not Build Yourself a Home

(Continued from Page Three) and in general enjoy ourselves in the great outdoors. Never in our experience of over a half century of active life have we enjoyed so thoroughly any undertaking as the establishment of our summer camp.

"Yet we all know that the work we do when we are in the mood for it is a pleasure and not a pain, and that we not only do better work when we feel like it, but also twice as much of it. One of the reasons, for instance, that dish-washing is anathema to women is because there is a superstition that it has to be done immediately after you finish your meal, when you are so replete with food you never want to see a greasy plate again. But if women would wait to do the breakfast dishes until after they had read the paper and had a lot of thrilling things to think about and take their minds off of their own troubles, they would just take it in their stride, without minding it at all."

"There are certain things, of course, that every housewife has to do, and she has to use her head as well as her hands in planning her work. Also undoubtedly certain things must be done at certain times, but I think she makes a great mistake if she makes herself into nothing but an automatic perpetual motion machine. The more differently she does her tasks, the less irksome they will be to her. The more variety she introduces into domestic life the less dull it will be. The housewife doesn't need to budget her time. She needs to spend it with imagination."

## Time and Labour-Saving Book Sent to You Free

Have you received your free copy of the book "QUAKER METHOD OF EASY BREAD BAKING"—the booklet that is saving thousands of Canadian women hours of time and endless work. With the Quaker Method, no longer is it necessary to set the sponge overnight or tire yourself with the job of kneading. And you make better, lighter, full-flavoured bread and rolls with no failures. If you have not already done so, write immediately to the Quaker Oats Company, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, for your FREE copy of the book explaining in detail this time and money saving, easy method of bread baking.

Blairmore Enterprise:—A magazine advertisement reads: "Money! What is it? (In either English or French) cloth bound." Well, the average person knows just what money is, but didn't know just what was wrong with it. Now they know—it's cloth bound.



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One of the handsomest and most impressive pieces of Coronation decoration in town this week was the beautiful arch erected on Fourth avenue alongside the Empire hotel. The arch stretches from one side of the street to the other and is finished in evergreen with flags and bunting and other loyal devices. This arch is a credit and an asset to the town on an occasion like the Coronation, and thanks are due to the Empire Hotel and

## Prayer for the King's Reign

Poet Laureate's Poem for the Coronation.

(By John Mansfield)  
O God, the ruler over earth and sea,  
Grant us Thy guidance in the reign to be;  
Grant that our King may make this  
A realm of brothers, working hand in hand  
To make the life of man a fairer thing:  
ancient land  
God grant this living glory to the King.

Grant, to our Queen, the strength that lifts and shares  
The daily burden that a Monarch bears;  
Grant to them both, Thy help to give  
The hopeless, hope, the workless, means to live;  
The light to see, and skill to make us see  
Where ways are bad, what better ways may be;  
And grace, to give to working minds and zest  
To reach excellent things beyond their best.

Grant to them peace, and Thy diviner peace,  
The joy of making human wars to cease;  
Make wise the councils of the men who sway  
The Britain here, the Britains far away;  
And grant us all, that every rightness willed  
In this beginning reign may be fulfilled.

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## Where the Name "Broom" Originated and So On

Why witches used brooms particularly for midnight flights is probably unknown but there is no question as to the use to which the Canadian housewife puts that important article. Present a woman with a shiny, new broom and watch the dust fly.

Brooms originally were just bunches of broom, a beautiful shrub which grows wild in the British Isles, particularly in Scotland. It has lovely yellow flowers. The slender twigs were bound together for coarse sweeping. Heather besoms were made for a similar purpose. The material used today chiefly broom corn, a species belonging to the same family as the corn we use for food or fodder. The production of this broom corn is rapidly becoming a thriving industry in Western Ontario. The 1936 crop in the Chatham district was estimated at about 1,000,000 pounds.

Although the raw material is being produced in Canada, large shipments come from the United States and some from Hungary and the Argentine. Before the bales are allowed into the country they must be sterilized for the destruction of any possible insects or pests concealed in the fibres. Until last year all imports were routed either to the port of New York or Boston for sterilizing with steam. Now there is an inspection station in Montreal for the treating of the imports. In this plant, series of experiments are being carried on to replace the steam sterilization process.

The manufacturers of brooms and brushes in Canada use about 5,000,000 pounds of raw broom corn and 800,000 pounds of broom fibre annually. Last year we imported over \$321,000 worth. This amount was \$47,000 less than the imports of the previous year.

This information comes from the Manufactures and External Trade Branches of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Department of Trade and Commerce.

## Why Not Hide Pipes Without Much Cost?

There are Ways of Doing This Sort of Thing in the Home with a Little Study.

If you have fumed at the pipes which were run down the side of your living room wall you will welcome this information: They may be hidden without the expense of tearing down walls and enclosing them.

One housewife built a set of useful shelves around them, enclosing the whole thing. The result generally resembled a grandfather's clock and provided an excellent place for cards, cigarettes, writing paper and other supplies that always seem to clutter up the house. The top shelf was left open and served as a base for a bright vase of flowers.

This is just one of the methods which may be used for hiding pipes or other unsightly but necessary appendages of the home. Money for built-in improvements as well as for many other modernization and repair projects, may be obtained through the Dominion Government Home Improvement Plan.

North British Agriculturist:—Scotland, which knows good value when it sees it, is buying more Canadian timber than at any time in its history. There has been a marked increase in the Scottish consumption of Eastern Canada spruce. It has in fact been the most important of eastern timbers into the Scottish market.



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## Only a Small Link Needed to Join Trans-Canada Road

(From North Bay Nugget)

Suspicion, expectation or determination said to be alive in the T. & N. O. region, particularly Liskeard district, that the Trans-Canada highway will be routed via Cochrane in preference to Sault Ste. Marie, listens like an effort to revive a question that appears to be unanswerable, insofar as the governments are concerned.

There is good reason to believe that the governments are headed into a general improvement programme that will ultimately mean giving the T. & N. O. region as much recognition in the Trans-Canada project as the Sault-Sudbury territory. Rebuilding of the Ferguson highway to Trans-Canada standard indicates that this route will be made as inviting as the Sault-North Bay stretch, and it will only require a comparatively short link from Coppel, southwest of Hearst, to the main route of the Trans-Canada at White River to include the T. & N. O. district in the transcontinental roadway.

With the rebuilding of the North Bay-Cochrane section of the Ferguson highway now well under way, it would be more advantageous for the people of the district to press relentlessly for the extension of the Hearst-Coppel road to White River. At the present time, the Trans-Canada highway is a "dead issue" east of White River, and there is no knowing when the government will decide to continue eastward beyond that point.

It is probable that resumption of work will be on a basis of making White River the junction with the transcontinental route of roads leading from Coppel and Sault Ste. Marie. It isn't only desirable to meet the wishes of the people of Cochrane and Temiskaming districts and those of Algoma and Sudbury districts, but a two-way plan starting at White River is necessary to meet requirements. Westbound and eastbound traffic over the ocean-to-

ocean route will require facilities for visiting the T. & N. O. territory and the Sudbury-Algoma region, both important in industrial activity, as necessity demands.

With rebuilding of the Ferguson highway now assured, it seems as though the T. & N. O. region needs only to urge the linking of Coppel with White River to be sure of realizing the great ambition of being brought into the Trans-Canada line-up.

## A STUCK-UP FELLOW

St. Mary's Journal-Argus:—An exchange tells of a man who sprinkled himself liberally with powder after a cooling bath last summer. The can happened to contain powder for keeping false plates securely in place and after a warm day at the office, the householder almost had to call the fire department to get pried out of his undershirt.

## She Dreaded Going Upstairs

Woman's Fear of Rheumatic Pains

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Cornell Widow:—If all the college boys who sleep in class were placed end to end they would be much more comfortable.

Globe and Mail:—Belgium has refused to withdraw from the League of Nations and accept a German guarantee of security. She seems to remember dimly that some time in the past she had such a guarantee and that at the critical moment it refused to work.