



PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

GIFTS FOR THE HOME ARE APPROPRIATE THIS YEAR
 Many Familiar Things are Scarce—Others Seem Too Frivolous—
 The Gifts to Choose are Those That Symbolize Meaning of Home
 to Those at Home and Abroad—Some Practical Suggestions

(By Elizabeth MacRea Boykin)
 We'll look homeward for our Christmas joys this year with emphasis on the simple earthly hearty pleasures. . . no tin angels, no aluminum saints, no ostrich feather trees. . . no white elephant gifts, no useless doodads. We will bring a deep sense of reverence to our Christmas celebration at this war season—and a full realization of the value of security, a re-count of the blessings of peace. With the vast uprootings of families just like yours and mine, the greatest of our home holidays acquires a deeper, more solemn meaning. In thinking of our homes this Christmas, almost instinctively we will think of gifts to add to their comfort and well-being during anxious times ahead.

Naturally there will be many "priority" problems—things that are either hard-to-get or no longer available this year. Such hardy gift list standbys as electrical gadgets, linen napkins and towels, downy luxuries, copper and aluminum ware, pure silk and wool elegancies are missing from the shop shelves entirely or else they're pretty rare and will not be replaced until peace comes. You are bound to run into a number of snags when you go shopping with a made-up-your-mind list—and, if you are determined, you will have to do a lot more store-to-store hunting to fill that list. But then, you can look back to those days when you hid yourself from store to store just for the fun of it—and that remembrance should certainly hush any grudging you may be tempted to do!



Since the use of big evergreen Christmas trees is discouraged in this year of war, here are suggestions for making small trees extra festive. At the left, a little white tree is trimmed with big red poinsettias on red ribbon hung from the top.

Gift for the home—either your own (remember the Helen Hekinson lady who gave her husband new living room draperies for Christmas?) or friends!—must be chosen this year with an eye toward practicality, usefulness, function. Those who have looked on Christmas gifts as frivolous non-essentials, things that gladden the heart and eye and that "you'd never buy for yourself," must shift gears, blue-pencil lists and descend to the solid earth, weighing the need and usefulness of each selection.

Good furniture stands ace high on any home gift list, especially furniture which will add to home morale during trying days. The lady who has been forced to take over the complete management of the home front will be grateful for a solid practical desk for her homework or an efficient home file (a locked, strong-box type is good). Perhaps even the ante-bellum flubberty-gibbet has been so tempered by the war as to welcome an assortment of efficient desk supplies (paper, blotters, clips, or a small stapler, ink, filing spool, etc.) For someone who possesses a desk, you might look for a really good, body-coddling chair for same, remembering that a strong straight back on the right type of desk chair will lessen fatigue when long hours must be spent watching the family financial wheels go round. The lady who is spending her evenings alone (with husband off to the wars) will welcome a comfortable chaise longue or puffy comfortable bedroom chair for her own retreat. A giant ottoman, a soft-as-down wool throw and warm slippers will complete the picture of a lady-left-alone who must learn to like it.

"Big presents," snared by the entire family in the home, will be popular this year. Especially when members of the family in the armed forces must get along with a shoe-box full of gadgets, it will be nice to tell them, in your Christmas letters, that a new, comfort-making gift has been added to the

home scene to await their return. A ping-pong table for the playroom, a piano to replace the worn and tinny upright, fluorescent lighting for the cellar work-shop, a fine leather chair for the library are ideas that will be tops on many a family list. A radio-recording console (many still in stock) is a super-duper home gift—with, of course recordings (album selections to meet each individual taste).

If you are puzzled by the question of what-to-give, you might take a mind's eye trip through your own or your friend's homes, looking for things missing that would add to the comfort and beauty of the scene. In the living room, especially this year, you may find fire-side equipment heading your list—coal scuttles and small shovels will be welcomed in many homes where the coal grade has made its warmth felt for the first time this fuel-rationed year. Your list may also include a star-burst mirror, a fine picture, a giant ottoman, a fireside chair, an outside coffee table.

The dining room (or dining bay) offers many hints—linens, a china tea set, a one-or-two-cup coffee pot for frugal use of the rationed beverage, a set of fine tea plates, a lazy susan for informal family meals, caracole sets for buffet-consortious hostesses, a set of gaily painted wooden buckets for cookies, nuts, candy and the like, a three-tiered tea table, a set of composition

place mats to save the precious time of volunteer worker (or factory hand). Bathroom accessories include, of course, fine soaps, fine linens (not forgetting giant bath towels for the male of the species), a tray for the tub to hold face-fixing gadgets, scales, thick fluffy bath rug, and (if you can find one) a small electric heater for frigid early-morning ablutions.

This mental inventory very often brings to mind gift suggestions that might otherwise be missed. Give from the heart, of course, but this year, give with the head too!

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Twenty Years Ago

From the Porcupine Advance Files

Twenty years ago S. D. Eplett, of the firm of S. D. Eplett and Sons, of New Liskeard, addressed the town council relative to his proposal to establish an ice cream factory and dairy in Timmings. In New Liskeard the firm had been given a ten-year franchise and exemption from all taxes but school taxes, and with free water service. He pointed out the value to the health of the community from pasteurized milk and up-to-date and sanitary dairies. His address made an excellent impression on the council, as being fair and well-presented, but the council was not then in favour of making it compulsory to pasteurize all milk sold in town. While welcoming the idea of a new industry for the town, the council expressed itself as not inclined to bonuses or exemptions. The council, however, considered that in view of the need for an ample supply of pure milk in town, some form of assistance might be warranted, and the town solicitor was asked to look into the question. Another matter before the council was the question of relief for the town of Haileybury and district. It was found that Timmings had already contributed more than the share suggested by the relief committee and in addition was caring for a number of families from the fireswept area, these families having come to Timmings. Still further, the council expressed the belief that if further help were needed Timmings would do its part. It was typical of the spirit of the North that Timmings and other towns of the North had done more than what was considered their share, and had given their contributions before they were solicited.

There were 150 men engaged twenty years ago in the vicinity of Timmings in the work of removing the bush fire menace. There were three gangs of men working south of the town and another on the north. Fred Hamilton was in charge of the work and the results were very satisfactory.

Twenty years ago the township of Timmings completed arrangements with the town of Timmings for water service for Gillies Lake, Rochester and Bartlemans townships.

Extended underground work was

being carried out twenty years ago at the Newray property, now operated by the Conlaurum.

There was a large attendance at the social evening held at the Timmings First Baptist Church in connection with the formal opening of their new church building at the corner of Second avenue and Birch street on Nov. 22nd, 1922. The gathering took the form of a social evening for all to renew friendships and to meet new friends. Rev. C. H. Schutt, superintendent of Home Missions, Rev. G. N. Simmonds, of New Liskeard, and Rev. Mr. Marks, of Cochrane, were also among the special guests, as was also Rev. R. S. Cushing, rector of the Anglican church of Timmings, and Rev. J. D. Parks, of the Presbyterian church here. These gentlemen all made brief but happy addresses of goodwill and friendship. The singing of the male choir was another special feature of the evening's pleasure. Refreshments were served during the evening. Rev. M. R. Hall, the new pastor, proved popular and the highest honours were roused for progress and development at the First Baptist church. Special services were continued for a week or more each evening in the new church, the speakers for the services including Rev. Mr. Simmonds and Rev. M. R. Hall.

One of the features of twenty years ago in Timmings was the opening of the Prince of Wales Cafe and Hotel, next to the New Empire theatre. The building was a fine-appearing brick and tile structure, modernly equipped. It was owned by W. Wing associates. The opening of the cafe and hotel was made the occasion for a night of hospitality and pleasure, the hotel management inviting large numbers of the citizens to visit the place and enjoy its hospitality. Brown's orchestra furnished the music for the evening. The mayor and members of the council and other prominent men of town were the guests of the evening.

The Advance twenty years ago noted that the annual Dome Football Club dance in the Oddfellow's hall on Nov. 24th was a great success and all attending had a very happy time. Brown's orchestra furnished the music.

A shipment of 3600 white foxes was made from Cochrane twenty years ago by Mr. Gauthier, factor for Revellion Freres, Cochrane. The foxes were from Ungava and were shipped to England. The animals were caught by the Esquimaux, chiefly by the use of a wire snare. The shipment was insured for \$100,000.00.

The resignation of W. L. Warrell, as town clerk of Cochrane, was announced twenty years ago. Mr. Warrell had been appointed Clerk of the District Court for the new judicial district of Cochrane.

The Advance twenty years ago noted the progress being made in the re-building of the town of Haileybury after the disastrous bush fire.

"Revised train service on the T. & N. O." was a heading in The Advance twenty years ago. The improved service was along the line of the resuming for the winter months of what was termed "the summer service."

John Vanier was re-elected mayor of Iroquois Falls by acclamation at the nominations held on Nov. 27th, 1922.

The Advance reported a remarkably fine musical programme at the regular meeting of the Caledonian Society of Timmings, twenty years ago. The artists included Mrs. H. McCulloch, Mrs. I. Robertson, J. Geils, W. Ramsay, P. Larmer, Mrs. J. K. Moore, H. McCulloch. A brief address by M. B. Scott was another feature of the evening. There was also dancing, refreshments, etc.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance twenty years ago were the following:—"Nap Servalis, formerly of the King George, South Porcupine, and later of the Matabanick, Haileybury, has purchased the Grimsby Inn at Grimsby Ont. Mr. and Mrs. H. Mulhern, formerly at the Hotel Goldfields, Timmings, will have charge of the Grimsby Inn for Mr. Servalis." Dr. J. B. Aiken is moving his dental office into more spacious quarters in the new J. R. Gordon block. Dr. Aiken will move about the first of December. "His many friends in the town and district will regret to learn of the illness of J. E. Salmon, who has been a long-time resident of the camp, and all will sincerely wish him an early and complete return to health."

made welcome. The Legion has an uphill fight with the powers-that-be in regard to the treatment of those now being discharged and also for dependants of these men. The cost-of-living bonus to dependants is a strong point in this matter. The Legion feels that with a larger body behind these efforts they will be able to carry their protests into action for the betterment of all concerned. Any of the members will gladly assist those who may wish to take advantage of the present membership drive and help us beat all branches in the North.

Closing date for qualification of those nominated was set for next Saturday evening, Dec. 5th, at 8:00 p.m. Election will take place on Monday, Dec. 21st. Ballots will be mailed to all in good standing and should be returned before this date.

The entertainment committee has planned a New Years' Eve party for members of the branch and members of the Auxiliary. Only one hundred can be accommodated at this event and tickets can be secured from the steward or members of the committee.

General topics of branch interest were discussed and the National Anthem closed the meeting.

Timmings and Kirkland in Friendly Combat for Members

Other Items of Interest at Regular Meeting of Timmings Legion.

There was only a very small attendance at the monthly general meeting of the Timmings Branch of the Canadian Legion held in the Legion Hall on Monday night. President A. Neame occupied the chair. Much business was carried through, however, and all committees are still working hard.

After the usual Legion honours the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted as also was the monthly financial statement which showed a neat turnover from Poppy Day. One application was received and passed upon. The following committees reported: Pensioners, Sick Visiting, Cigarette Fund, Scout Committee, and Entertainment. All reports proved of interest to the members.

One very interesting item was the acceptance of the Branch challenge to the Kirkland Lake branch to secure more members during the month of December. This is in connection with the membership drive now under way throughout the province. It is the wish of the Legion that all former members will again come back into the ranks of the Legion and also that those discharged from the present forces will be

Knitting Meeting of Presbyterian Church

The knitting circle of the Presbyterian Church, met at the home of Mrs. Trevelthan, 6 Laurier avenue, on Friday evening.

The evening was spent in knitting for the Red Shield.

Invitation was given by Mrs. G. Aitken to members of the Circle to hold

their Christmas party this year at the manse on Dec. 11th.

At the close of the meeting, the hostess served an appetizing lunch.

Among those present were Mrs. J. Jago, Mrs. P. Cram, Mrs. G. Aitken, Mrs. Somers, Mrs. R. Wales, Mrs. Connelly, Mrs. J. Ralph, Mrs. W. Caves, Mrs. C. Pennie, Mrs. Raybould, Mrs. H. Troyer, and the hostess (Mrs. Trevelthan).

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ANNUAL STATEMENT

31st October, 1942

RESOURCES

Cash in its Vaults and Money on Deposit with Bank of Canada	\$112,710,235.61
Notes of and Cheques on Other Banks	45,053,234.05
<i>Payable in cash on presentation.</i>	
Money on Deposit with Other Banks	38,814,805.11
<i>Available on demand or at short notice.</i>	
Government and Other Bonds and Debentures	683,835,390.58
<i>Not exceeding market value. The greater portion consists of Dominion Government and high-grade Provincial and Municipal securities which mature at early dates.</i>	
Stocks	311,309.43
<i>Industrial and other stocks. Not exceeding market value.</i>	
Call Loans	16,210,253.81
In Canada	\$ 1,920,538.28
Elsewhere	14,289,715.53
<i>Payable on demand and secured by bonds, stocks and other negotiable collateral of greater value than the loans.</i>	
TOTAL OF QUICKLY AVAILABLE RESOURCES (equal to 81.65% of all Liabilities to the Public)	\$896,935,228.59
Loans to Provincial and Municipal Governments including School Districts	23,569,694.65
Commercial and Other Loans	221,354,236.76
In Canada	\$205,232,367.17
Elsewhere	16,121,869.59
<i>To manufacturers, farmers, merchants and others, on conditions consistent with sound banking.</i>	
Bank Premises	13,900,000.00
<i>Two properties only are carried in the names of holding companies; the stock and bonds of these companies are entirely owned by the Bank and appear on its books at \$1,000 in each case. All other of the Bank's premises, the value of which largely exceeds \$13,900,000.00 are included under this heading.</i>	
Real Estate, and Mortgages on Real Estate Sold by the Bank	808,330.38
<i>Acquired in the course of the Bank's business and in process of being realized upon.</i>	
Customers' Liability under Acceptances and Letters of Credit	16,184,995.02
<i>Represents liabilities of customers on account of Letters of Credit issued and Drafts accepted by the Bank for their account.</i>	
Other Assets not included in the Foregoing (but including refundable portion of Dominion Government taxes)	2,566,745.60
Making Total Resources of	\$1,175,319,231.00

LIABILITIES

Due to the Public	
Deposits	\$1,064,645,439.71
In Canada	\$930,996,417.53
Elsewhere	133,649,022.18
<i>Payable on demand or after notice.</i>	
Notes of the Bank in Circulation	15,354,907.00
<i>Payable on demand.</i>	
Acceptances and Letters of Credit Outstanding	16,184,995.02
<i>Financial responsibilities undertaken on behalf of customers (see off-setting amount in "Resources").</i>	
Other Liabilities	2,340,875.07
<i>Items not included under the foregoing headings.</i>	
Total Liabilities to the Public	\$1,098,526,216.80
<i>To meet which the Bank has resources as indicated above amounting to</i>	
	\$1,175,319,231.00
<i>Leaving an excess of Resources over Liabilities, which represents the Shareholders' interest over which Liabilities to the Public take precedence.</i>	
Capital	\$36,000,000.00
Reserve Fund, Profit & Loss Account and Reserves for Dividends	40,793,014.20
	\$ 76,793,014.20

PROFIT and LOSS ACCOUNT

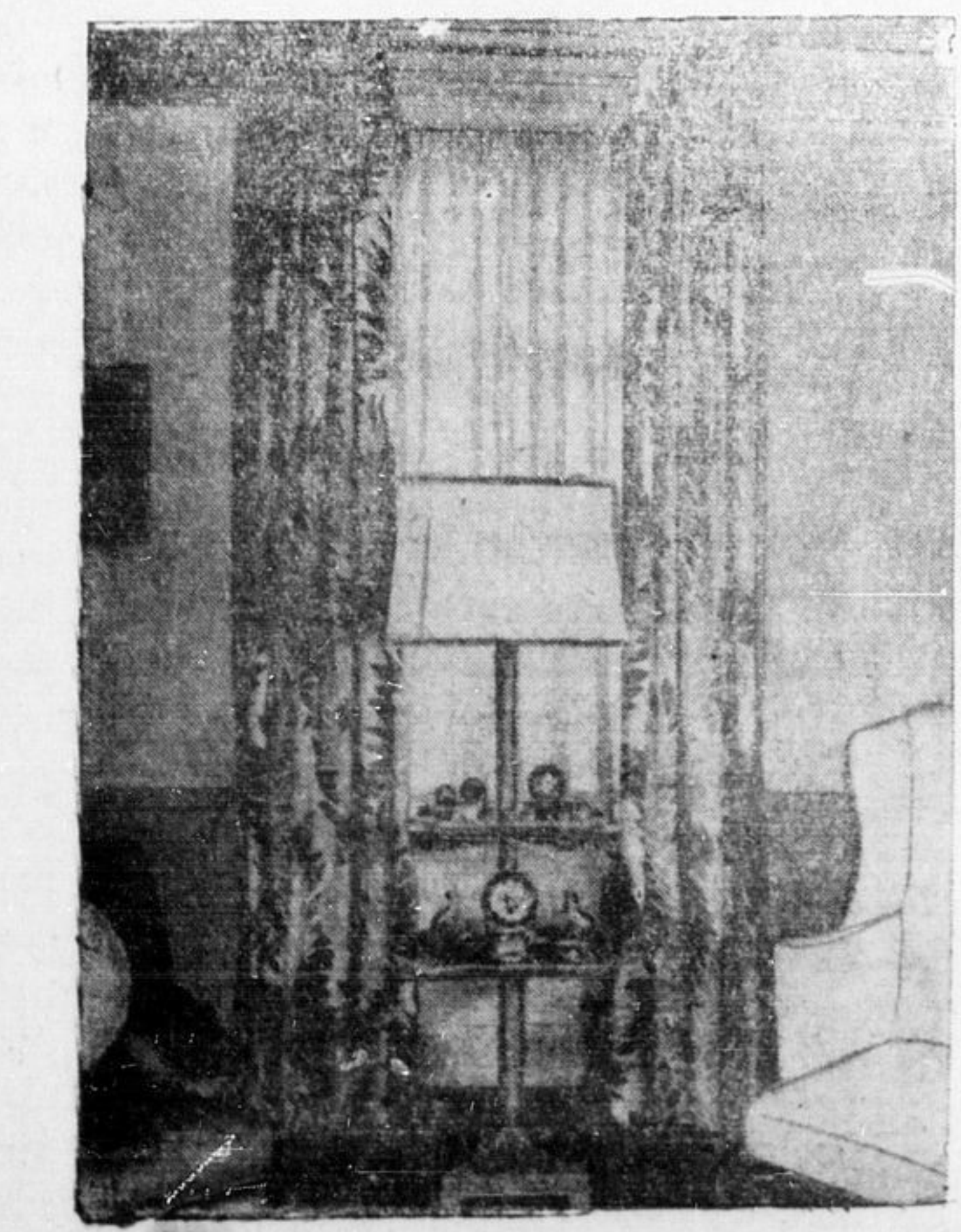
Profits for the year ended 31st October, 1942, after making appropriations to Contingent Reserve Fund, out of which Fund full provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts has been made, and after deducting Dominion Government Taxes amounting to \$2,539,874.12 (of which \$72,360.97 is refundable under the provisions of The Excess Profits Tax Act)

Dividends paid or payable to Shareholders	\$2,700,000.00
Appropriation for Bank Premises	500,000.00
	3,200,000.00
	\$ 83,018.19
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 31st October, 1941	\$1,153,668.75
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	\$1,236,686.94

HUNTLY R. DRUMMOND, President G. W. SPINNEY, General Manager

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A table based floor lamp is both decorative and useful. Here the shelves are used to display a collection of miniature porcelain.