

To establish a hard-and-fast age limit is, however, not practicable. Some men at forty-five are as good as others at thirty, in their full prime physically, and all the more valuable for the experience they have gained. To every rule there must be exceptions, but the fact remains that this is a young man's age, in which every young man has great opportunities.

Electricity for Heating

THE conversion of electrical energy into practical use for heating has not yet been accomplished to any great extent, although it has been partially successful in some Canadian cities in connection with the street car systems. It is altogether likely, however, that the secret of profitable electric heating will not long be wanting. Nearly everything else has been done with this marvellous energy, and scientists are now experimenting in the as yet unconquered field, with reasonable hopes of success. We need not be surprised at any time to hear of the awaited triumph, while that it will sooner or later be accomplished there is no doubt.

Heating by electricity will save so much that it may well be hailed with delight when it finally comes. The new power works at Shawngigan Falls, Montreal, are capable of producing power equal to that produced by six million tons of soft coal per year. Niagara will be still greater. Electric horse-power sells at from \$15 to \$25, and the householder who pays \$80 or \$100 per year for coal, would find his needs met by electric power costing about \$75, with a much greater degree of efficiency, cleanliness, and healthfulness. For all purposes of heating and cooking electricity would be as ideal a fuel as it is an ideal illuminant. Electricians seem confident that within a few years what looks now like a scientific dream will be an accomplished fact. If such proves the case, the electrical development of Niagara Falls power may be made to serve other purposes than driving machinery and trolley cars.

Forty Days Around the World

NOTHING shows more clearly the wonderful advance of to-day than the way in which distance is being annihilated. One may go as far now in one day as it once took several weeks to cover, and still the prospects are for greater speed. The mere feat of breaking the records will have but little practical benefit, but the progress that is being made in trans-continental and trans-oceanic travel means much for the future. Thus, a journey around the world will soon be possible in forty days, though not many years ago such a statement would have been held absurd. When the Siberian Railroad is completed, in a year's time, the following schedule can be followed without difficulty: Montreal to Vancouver, four days; across the Pacific to Yokohama, twelve days; to Nagasaki, two days; by the Siberian road to Vladivostok, Russia, two days; to Paris, thirteen days; to Montreal, eight days. A reduction of one day is expected in the Pacific trip, so that the whole can be accomplished in forty days. In this circuit of the globe, it is worth noting how large a portion is covered, both land and water, by Canadian lines.

A Need of Better Hotels

WHILE the people of Canada are saying much and doing much these days to invite visitors from other countries, they are sometimes forgetting to make provision for their accommodation. A visitor is apt in many cases to form his first impressions of a strange place from the hotel in which he is a temporary guest. Canada's hotels are not altogether what might be desired, either in attractiveness or service. It is a matter of real importance, and one that needs immediate attention, for our hotels are to a great extent an advertisement of our country, one way or the other.

In many of our provincial towns the accommodations at the hotels are exceed-