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HOUSING SCHEME IN SERIOUS WAY AT LONDON, ONT.

Has Many Houses Which
Cannot Be Sold

Very Unbusinesslike—Heavy
Losses Being Faced in Con-
nection With Paternalistic
Efforts—People Say Prices
Are Too High.

(Cor. Financial Post.)
London, Ont.,—Citizens of London will
be lucky, extremely lucky, if they do
not lose at least \$100,000 in connection
with the work carried out under the
housing scheme. There are those who
predict that the loss will reach \$150,000.
At a meeting of No. 1 committee of the
city council some rather startling facts

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were disclosed in connection with the
unbusinesslike methods that have been
followed. The city went ahead under the
provisions of the Housing Act and erect-
ed a number of dwellings. Some of them
have been disposed of. But from the
taxpayer's standpoint the interesting fact
remains that the city has no less than
87 dwellings, for which no offers have
been received. Forty-two of them are
located in Pine Lawn, an eastern suburb.
While it is stated that the houses are
cheaply constructed, considered from the
standpoint of quality, many of the people
who looked them over simply threw
up their hands at the prices asked and
walked away. These houses have been
standing for months awaiting occupants,
and everyone knows how rapidly uncon-

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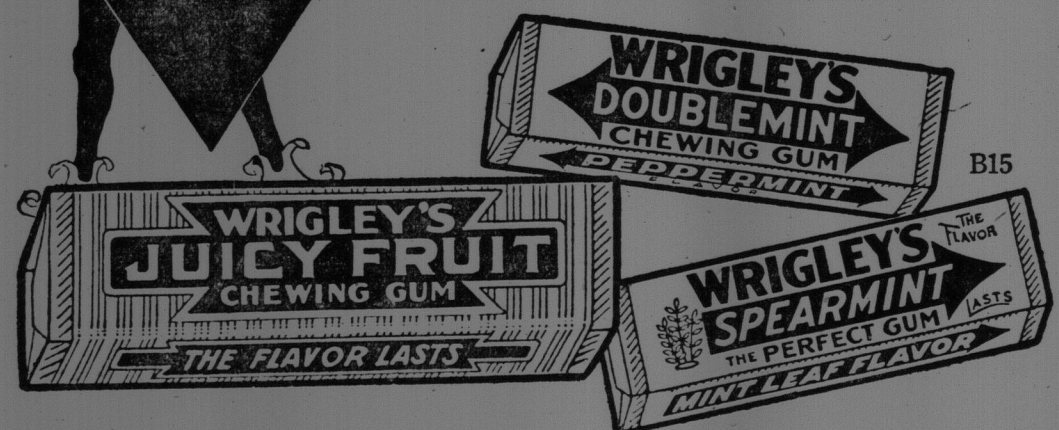


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there was some plain talking. Ald.
J. P. Watt, an outspoken Scotscman,
and for many years in business in Lon-
don, gave it as his opinion that the
housing scheme all over the country had
been "things of insanity from begin-
ning to end."

Better Burn Them.
Ald. Geo. Weniger suggested turning
the houses over to some reliable real
estate firm and trying to dispose of
them on a commission basis. This
brought from City Clerk Baker the re-
mark that it would be better to burn
them. The city clerk declared this to
be impracticable. He probably had in
mind a house that had been turned over
to a tenant and it was soon found that
the place had been damaged to the ex-
tent of \$300, for which there is no com-
pensation to the city.

Mayor Little emphatically declared
that there will be no more building of
commission houses until the present tan-
gle is straightened out. This rather dashed
the hopes of certain individuals, who had
been hoping to make money out of
building some more dwellings.

Have No System.
Just how unbusinesslike are the
methods followed was shown when the
Mayor stated that he had held up a
cheque for work on the Pine Lawn
houses. The cheque was a large one,
for \$40,000 in fact, and it was being
put through simply for expenses in con-
nection with the Pine Lawn houses.
The Mayor said he was not used to doing
business in such a slipshod way and de-
clared he would hold up the cheque un-
til he got an itemized statement of every-
thing.

It is a fair example of the way in
which things have been carried on. n
one thinks for a moment that anyone
in connection with the work is dishonest.
They simply lack ordinary knowledge
of business methods and as a result the
taxpayers are let in for heavy losses.

On Commission Now.
One good move the committee made
was to cut out the salary basis of the
agent who has been trying to sell the
houses. From now on, instead of work-
ing on a salary he will work on commis-
sion, and if there are no sales the city
will at least be that much ahead.

According to statements made to the
Financial Post the city has an even worse
white elephant on their hands in the
houses than is realized. Citizens who
have looked over some of the dwellings
declare they are not well built and that
at the prices they cost to construct will
be unsalable. In some instances peo-
ple who moved into Commission houses
moved out again because they had no gas
or electric light connection.

It was moved by Mrs. Hipwell and
seconded by Mrs. Seely that the county
convention place itself on record as being
in favor of a better class of moving pic-
tures being shown. The motion carried.
A letter was read from Rev. W. H.
Johnson, of Hampton, in reference to a
New Brunswick superintendent for de-
linquent girls and the secretary was in-
structed to reply.

A motion by Mrs. Hipwell, seconded
by Mrs. E. Flewelling, that the W. C.
U. be opposed to any increase in the
percentage of alcohol in beer and that a
telegram be sent to the provincial govern-
ment to this effect was carried unani-
mously. Mrs. Hanspacher was asked
to draw up a resolution in reference to
holding a referendum in regard to the
importation of liquor into the province.
Reports were received from St. John,
St. John North, Fairville and Carleton
unions, all showing that good work was
being done.

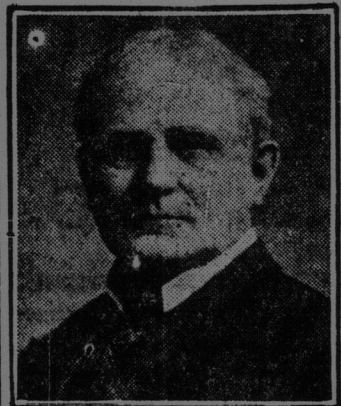
The convention was entertained at
supper by the ladies of North End union
and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

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HON. CHAMP CLARK, FAMOUS MISSOURI LEGISLATOR, DEAD

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Washington, March 2.—Hon. Champ
Clark died here today at 2:10 o'clock this
afternoon in his seventy-first year and



THE LATE CHAMP CLARK.

within two days of his retirement from
the house of representatives after a ser-
vice of twenty-six years.
Death was due to an attack of pleurisy
and a complication of diseases incident
to his advanced age. Up to ten days
ago, however, when he developed a
severe cold, Mr. Clark had shared actively
in the proceedings of the house as the
Democratic leader.

The late Champ Clark was best known
in Canada through his famous speech
advocating annexation of Canada by the
United States delivered during the dis-
cussion of the reciprocity proposals in
1911. He declared that nine-tenths of
the people of the United States favored
the annexation of Canada. His declara-
tion was largely instrumental in defeat-
ing the proposal sponsored by the
Laurier government in the Dominion
election of 1911.

In 1912 he led on twenty-seven ballots
for the Democratic nomination for pres-
ident. A sensational attack made upon
him by William Jennings Bryan from
the floor of the convention hall, charg-
ing him with being affiliated with lead-
ers representing "the interests" eventu-
ally led to the nomination of Mr. Wil-

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son. The failure of his candidacy never
ceased to be the disappointment of Mr.
Clark's life, and he never forgave Mr.
Bryan.

Fifteen years ago Mr. Clark met with
a terrible loss when his family perished
in a hotel fire in the west.

BISMARCK WILL FLY
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Will Be Renamed Majestic
and Will Accommodate
3,500 People.

New York, March 2.—The former
German liner Bismarck, the largest ship
in the world, recently purchased by the
White Star Line from the Reparations
Commission, is to be renamed the Ma-
jestic.

She will be the second notable Ma-
jestic to fly the British flag. The orig-
inal ship of the name—a queen of the
seas in her day—was launched in 1889
and broken up in 1914, her hull and
machinery going to the manufacture of
war munitions.

HEAVY ICE PACKS.
St. John's, Nfld., March 2.—Heavy ice
backs off the Newfoundland coast forced
the mail steamer Roseland back to this
port tonight after she had sailed for
Halifax and New York.

Coal oil cleans bath tubs and toilet
bowls in a jiffy.

SALE AND CONCERT.

A very successful sale and entertain-
ment was held by the Golden Rule class
of the Pleasant Point Sunday school re-
cently, at which the sum of \$87 was re-
alized. The class have a very worthy
object in view, which is to build a class-
room. The boys deserve great credit for
the good work they have done, also the
members of the Willing Workers' class.

Prizes were won as follows: Rustie
flower stand, made and donated by
Ernest Arbo, won by Norman Gale; a
mat, donated by Mrs. James Ryder,
won by W. E. Hamm; cup and saucer,
donated by Miss Nellie Urquhart, prize
for naming doll, won by Walter Craig.
A very interesting programme was
enjoyed, at which Carey Black, superin-
tendent of the school, acted as chairman.
It was as follows: Speech, Mr. Black;
chorus, "Stand Up for Jesus," by the
Golden Rule class; recitations, "The
Golden Rule," James Ewart; "The
Broken Yoke," Ed. Howard; solo, "I
Want to Buy a Little Bit of Love," by
Sylvia Hamm; recitations, "Down in
the Lehigh Valley," by Lena Urquhart;
"The Piece That Robert Spoke," by
Walter Poley; duet, Mrs. Ernest Arbo
and Harry Straight; recitations, "These
Queer Women," by Silas Spence; "His
Big Brother," by Mrs. Ernest Arbo; solo,
"Like a Ship Without a Sail," by Harry
Straight; recitations, "Smack in School,"
A Ryder; "My Mother," by K. Nares;
organ and violin duet, by Miss Marion
McLaughlin and Wendell Parris; recita-
tion, "The Slave's Dream," by James
Northrop; solo, "I'm in Heaven," by
Mother's Arms," by Ruby Spence; recita-
tion, "Trials of a Bachelor," by Fred
Burns; organ solo, by Mr. McCullom;
recitations, "My Dog," Cecil Henderson;
"These Remorseful Cakes," by James
Spence; "Measuring His Generosity," by
Leonard Stevens; dialogue, "A Family
Affair," by the Misses Nellie and Lena
Urquhart and Messrs. E. Howard, R.
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