

that would otherwise be wasted it is understood that they can be produced cheaply, and at prices to compete successfully with other materials. The artistic person, our contemporary declares, will raise a cry of lament as he sees the oldest and the last building material to resist standardization gobbled up by the remorseless machine age and turned into standard units as alike as postage stamps. And to this it adds that it is poor architecture which relies for its effect on the irregularity of the mortar joints.

University Course On Housing

To meet the demand for information and instruction on housing, the University of Cincinnati, through its new Department of Industrial Medicine and Public Hygiene, in charge of Major Carey McCord, has worked out, in co-operation with the Cincinnati Better Housing League, a university course of twenty lectures, covering every important phase of the subject from the growth and history of the housing problem to the Garden City Movement, the Construction of Low-cost Houses for Wage Earners, and Housing from the Real Estate Man's Point of View.

Experts will be called in from various parts of the country to lecture on the phases of the subject in which they are pre-eminent. Among the subjects they are to discuss are: Housing Legislation, Housing of Factories, Co-operative Housing, etc. Advantage will be taken of the fact that Cincinnati has a number of business and professional men and city officials particularly qualified by experience and training to lecture on various topics to be included in the course. Among the topics these men will discuss are: City Planning and Housing, Low-priced Housing for Wage Earners, The Constitutional Aspect of Housing Legislation, The Real Estate Man and Housing, etc.

The course, as planned, including twenty lectures and assigned reading and field work, was inaugurated at the opening of the fall term in October.

To Tax Houses on Basis of Cubage

According to a recent press statement, Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant, of London, Ontario, will introduce a system of taxation whereby residential property will hereafter be assessed by the cubic foot. It is understood that the assessment will vary from four cents to twenty-five cents per cubic foot, according to the character and structural classification. The assessor, it is said, will use a tape line in

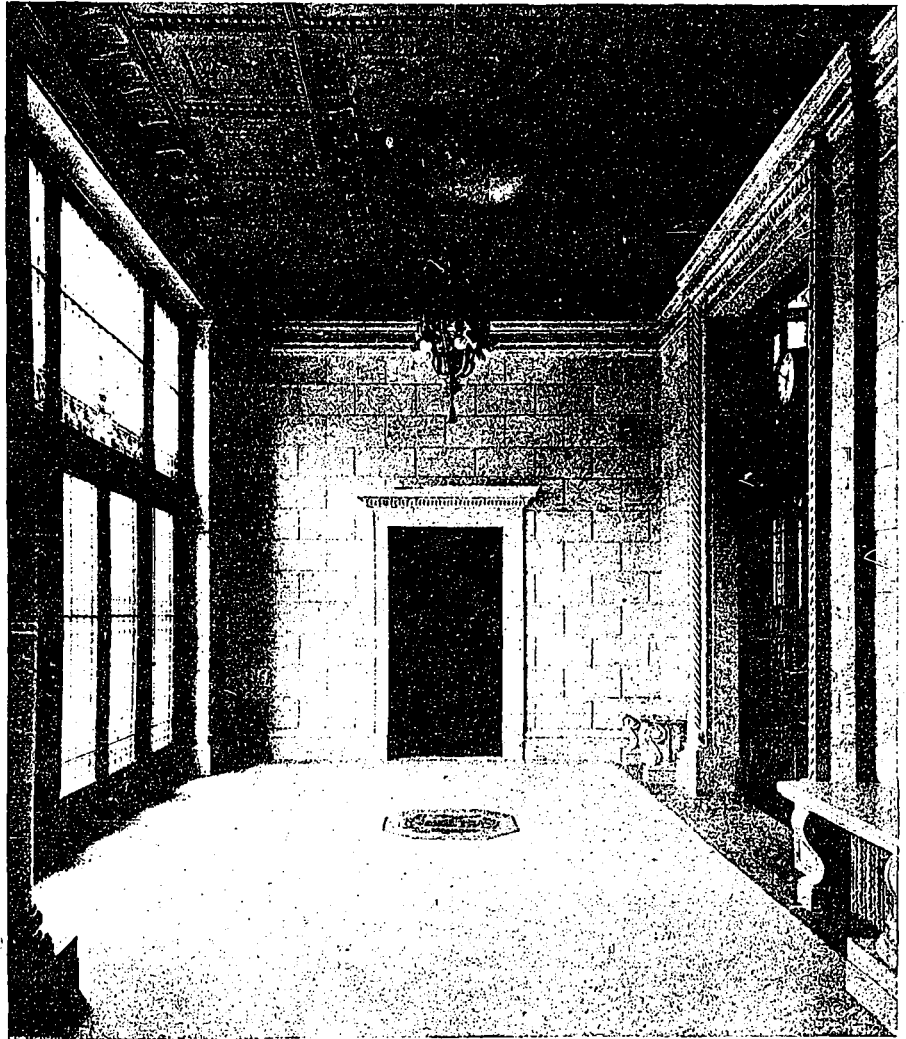


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VESTIBULE, LOOKING TOWARDS DOOR TO MANAGER'S OFFICE, BANK OF HAMILTON BUILDING, WINNIPEG

work out his computations as to cubical contents, measuring the height, depth and breadth of the property from the cellar floor to the ceiling of the top storey rooms.

The Windsor (Ont.) Board of Education has completed plans for what it is said will be the largest and best equipped school in Canada. It will be a reinforced concrete and steel structure and cost approximately \$400,000. A feature will be a "community centre," or auditorium which will seat close on to a thousand.