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Letters to NewsRecord

THE HOUSING QUESTION
To The Editor:—There is evidently no question at the present time, presented to the City for solution of the housing problem.

In discussing this subject it is desirable, in order to arrive at substantial conclusions, to abandon all preconceived or selfish notions and as nearly as possible look the problem squarely in the face.

In the first place, present conditions are entirely new and unprecedented. Never before in the history of this Country, have the opportunities for the establishment of a good permanent export trade, in manufactured goods (many of which are made here) been so available as the chances offered today. What I desire to point out is, that old rules, regulations and experiences, which were applicable and valuable in old and normal times under today's complexion of trade and commerce are quite inappropriate and consequently worthless.

One thing sure and plain is, that the opportunities for the establishment of export trade by the intelligent and energetic firms will not last forever, while the slothful, half asleep aggregation enjoy repose, such as it is, conscious that they are showing a wonderful regard for economy by obstructing enterprise.

The right thing for the city to do, is to make one grand, strenuous, united and harmonious effort, to capture as much as possible of the export trade as at present available. The action taken at the present juncture by this city may determine whether we remain comparatively a small, numerically insignificant place, or whether we become a vast manufacturing metropolis with its tens of thousands of happy and industrious operatives permanent inhabitants of one of the best governed cities in the world.

The housing proposition is not entirely a new thing, nor is it confined to the Dominion of Canada alone for in December 1918, the Australian Government passed what is known as the War Service Homes' Act, and they estimate that inside of ten years, fully 75,000 homes, at an expenditure of possibly \$50,000,000, pounds will have been built under the provisions of this Act. Five per cent interest is the limit charged, for the money advanced by the government for building purposes.

While there are numerous other issues, intrinsically essential, to the establishing of an export trade with foreign nations, yet the housing problem is so intimately connected with the manufacturing industries, (and when I say manufacturing industries, I mean the making of goods and wares from raw and other materials) that it cannot reasonably be discarded without receiving due investigation.

The Act bestowing upon municipalities the power of appointing housing commissioners, is commendable because, while it enumerates what are called certain advantages, yet no municipality is in the least committed to accept these advantages through its commission, unless conditions are such as to guarantee the benefit.

By the subject any more in regard to the subject, it is an indisputable announcement, that the success or failure of the Housing Act, depends almost entirely upon the ability and efficiency of the Commission who will be responsible for its operation. At the present time, there are materials in connection with house construction, that are difficult to get and consequently are abnormally dear; then mechanics required for this purpose in the various trades are exceedingly hard to obtain. So taking everything into consideration, the construction of houses to any extent this season, would seem to be a vainly conceived scheme.

Nevertheless the policy contains the fundamental elements of substantial progress. There is nothing contributes towards a clean, orderly well-kept city, more than to have the residents, owners of the premises in which they live. If you want a well-kept lawn adorned with trees, shrubs and flowers, let the resident be the owner; and if you want a good, useful substantial citizen, interested in the progress and welfare of the city, let him be the owner of real estate and the chances are that you have the ideal required.

Coming back to the subject the real basic question is, are houses required in this city? They certainly are. There is scarcely a manufacturer or in the city but labors under a greater or less disadvantage, because he cannot get the help required, on account of the want of places in which people might live. The housing proposition if successfully operated, would provide for this serious want, which cannot but hamper and gnaw at the very vitals of progress. Our public men are certainly justified in trying to discover some relief from such conditions. I will at some future date, endeavor to say a few words regarding the relationship existing between resident operatives and employers and the necessity for the existence of confidence in each other and in the city in which we live.

F. F. McKay.

OTTAWA, June 15.—With morning sittings scheduled for Tuesday, Parliament is nearing the end, and both sides now talk of prorogation by July 1.

The division on the budget is practically fixed for Thursday, and the nearer it comes the more the threatened breach in the Government ranks is disappearing. Not more than a dozen at the outside will break and they won't all be on one motion. The Government will have a big majority in defeating MacMaster's opportunist amendments, but some of the Westerners will vote against the main motion to adopt the budget.

The effect anticipated from Mr. Crerar's speech was so effectively dissipated by Messrs. Calder and Rowell that there has been a sudden taking to cover of certain elements who threatened to bolt. In the past analysis those who do so will be the handful of grain growers, Dr. Clark,

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TODAY'S EVENTS

the free trader and a few who are Liberals first and Unionists afterwards.

One hundred and forty-fourth anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill.

Two hundredth anniversary of the death of Josephson, one of the greatest names in literary history.

Rt. Rev. Paul J. Rhode, Catholic Bishop of Green Bay, Wis., today celebrates the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

Class day, the most conspicuous social event of the commencement season at Harvard University, will be observed today.

The commencement exercises at Ohio State University today will be featured with an address by Bishop William F. McDowell.

The divorce suit filed against her husband by Mme. Gill-Curel the celebrated prima donna of the Chicago Opera Company, is scheduled to come to trial today in New York.

The Government's appeal from the order of Judge Mayer restraining Federal officials from interfering with

the manufacture of 2 3-4 per cent beer is to be given a court hearing in New York City today.

The National Council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics one of the largest of American fraternal societies, is to assemble in Milwaukee today for its annual convention.

Racing—Summer meeting of Metropolitan Jockey Club, at Jamaica L.I.

Summer meeting of Kentucky Jockey Club, at Latonia, Ky.

Shooting—Pennsylvania State trapshooting tournament opens at Butler Pa.

Iowa State trapshooting tournament opens at Mason City Ia.

Boxing—George Chip vs. Bud Clancy, 8 rounds at St. Louis.

ST. JACOBS

Mrs. Jonas Brubecker and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brubecker and son Petoskey, Mich. are spending a few weeks with relatives.

Mr. M. Kaerchner spent Saturday in Kitchener.

Pte. Wilfred Walker returned on Tuesday after being overseas for over two years, his many friends wel-

come him home.

Miss Edna Heug left on Thursday for Lake George, where she will spend some time.

The Edmonton Brewing Co. were fined \$50 for having beer of greater alcoholic strength than allowed by the act, at Calgary.

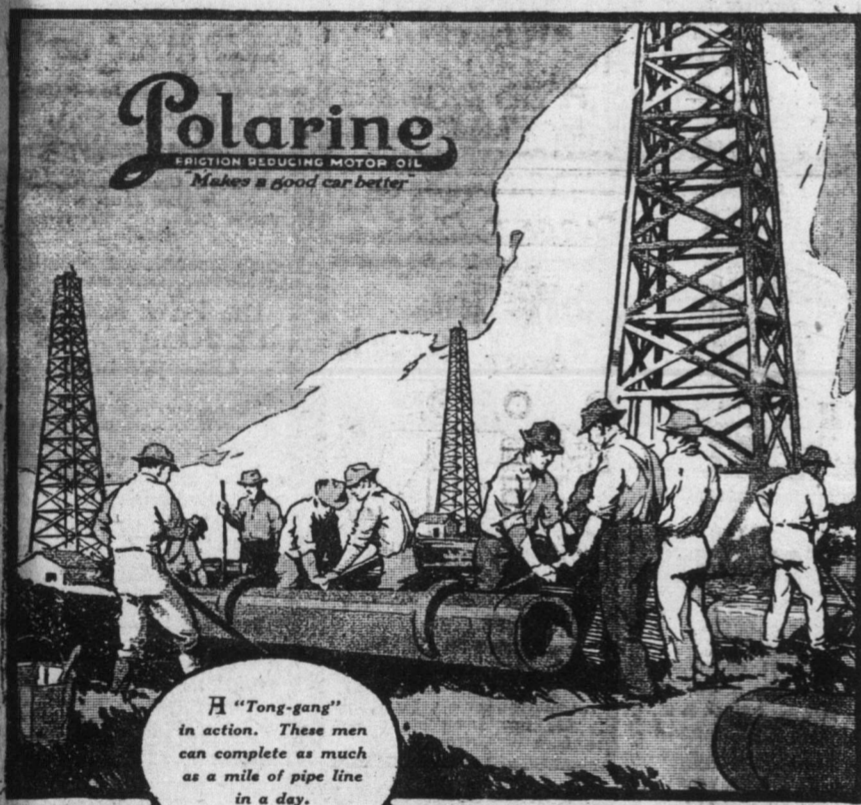
People of St. Catharines were disappointed because the captured German sub, anchored too far from shore for them to see it.

While preparing for a visit to Scotland, Mrs. Alan Nicol, wife of the captain of the Ontario No. 2, died very suddenly at Cobourg.

Albert E. Sheppard, of Sydney, charged with bigamy. It is alleged that he was married twice, once in Toronto, and the second time in London.

John Bolton, a Niagara-on-the-Lake fisherman, ran out of gasoline, and having no cars, drifted or two days on the lake.

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