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## HOUSE BUILDING BY COMMISSION IN QUEEN CITY

Report on What Has Been  
Done in Ontario

Attractive Little Homes Built  
to Meet House Famine —  
People Buy Them Long  
Before They Are Complet-  
ed.

(Toronto Telegram, Feb. 14.)  
Which "scheme" is the more desirable  
for assisting home-builders? To make  
a loan to the man, and let him provide  
his own house after he has provided the  
lot, or, to build the house and sell it  
to him?

The Toronto Housing Commission  
operates under the latter scheme. What  
is being done under the other way, with  
funds obtained through the municipali-  
ty, from the Provincial Housing Com-  
mission, in New Toronto and in Port  
Credit, is shown in the pictures present-  
ed herewith.

The New Toronto commission has a  
row of houses completed on Eighth  
street, of a type very similar to those  
being built by the Toronto commissions,  
but the upper story is in hollow tile in-  
stead of stucco. The land was cheaper,  
and a mutual side drive is provided.  
The commission has also built some  
single houses in the row. The street is  
a very attractive looking one.

At Port Credit the provincial com-  
mission has made loans to several house-  
builders. There are in the country no  
restrictions as to building, so that the  
loan system is more easily worked  
there than in the city.

### Toronto's Results.

The Toronto Housing Commission has  
been engaged in its task since last May,  
and has to date erected and completed  
or almost so, 286 houses. The first  
erected was the row of 14 houses on  
Coxwell avenue, south of the Grand  
Trunk. The land was owned by the  
city and cost the commission something  
more than \$25 per foot. There have  
been completed and sold a group of six  
room houses in pairs.

They are attractive-looking little  
dwellings of the English cottage type.  
Each house is on a lot 25x127 1/2 feet.  
The exterior measures of the houses  
are 21x22 1/2 feet and there is a side en-  
trance. The interiors have been planned  
to give the maximum of space with-  
out waste. A living room, dining  
room and kitchen are on the ground  
floor and three good-sized bedrooms and  
a three-piece bathroom on the second  
floor. They have hot air furnaces, are  
wired for electricity and with gas con-  
nections. The houses are built on brick  
foundations, the first floor is of cement  
stucco, the upper floor Manitoba siding.  
Selling Terms.

They were all sold some time ago at  
\$2,540 on terms of 10 per cent. down  
and the balance at \$221 per month,  
with twenty years to pay it off.

The commission next began opera-  
tions on a tract of land bounded by  
Coxwell avenue and Hillingdon avenue,  
where 110 houses are rapidly nearing  
completion.

### In Runnymede District.

The commission secured what was  
known as the Webb estate, on Runny-  
mede road, east side, bounded on the  
north by Lincoln avenue, and on the  
east by Gilmour avenue. Here, on this  
wooded tract, the commission have had  
an opportunity to do a little in the way  
of landscape gardening. The main  
group of the eighty houses is built about  
the quadrangle, on which grow young  
oaks. The back lot of each dwelling will  
be fenced in by a low picket fence and  
the outlook of the rear of every house  
will be over a parklike area.

### Pictureque Homes.

There are two types of houses being  
built here. They are in pairs, but one  
type is more on the square plan with a  
cottage roof; the other is narrower and  
the rear portion has a flat roof. The  
pairs are staggered so as to contrast on  
the street line, and the whole grouping  
is very attractive, as are also the indi-  
vidual houses.

The measurements of the narrow house  
are: Land 20 x 100, building 16 x 36, six  
rooms and bath, with fireplace in front  
room, hot air furnace, three-piece bath,  
electric wiring and gas, and a small back  
kitchen with balcony above are features.

The measurements of the square plan  
house are: Lot 25 x 100, building 21 x  
25; the rooms are the same with the ex-  
ception that there is no back kitchen.  
The houses are on brick foundations, the  
first story is brick and the second stuc-  
co.

### Nearly All Sold.

The land cost slightly over \$25 a foot  
on the average. The price at which the  
houses are to be sold is not yet defini-  
tely fixed, because there is some grad-  
ing to be done. But the public have  
jumped at the opportunity to get them  
and practically all of the eighty are  
sold, and buyers are in several already.

The understanding is that they will cost  
the purchaser about \$4,000, perhaps a  
little less. The terms are 10 per cent.  
down and \$6.57 per \$1,000 per month.  
On a basis of \$4,000 this works out at  
\$29.65 per month, covering interest and  
principal, and twenty years is the time  
limit.

### Satisfied Purchasers.

That the houses are convenient, warm  
and easily heated is the verdict of ten-  
ants. That they are artistic homes is  
admitted. The block is as picturesque  
as the English villages that were built  
about the great war industries, and  
which are looked on as models. That  
they are reasonably priced is proved  
when one asks the prices of other houses  
in the neighborhood, which are priced  
one to two thousand dollars more.

With the land costing \$25 per foot,  
or \$255 for a lot, the cost of the house  
works out at \$3,275.

Another group of thirty-four houses  
is being built in a block of land further  
west at Sperry and Annette streets.  
They will be of similar type, and al-  
ready a number have been applied for.

The commission examines each appli-  
cant before making a sale, and the prefer-  
ence is given to returned soldiers and  
British subjects.

### Cost Has Jumped.

The commission, like other builders,  
has had to meet big jumps in the cost of  
materials and wages, so the later houses  
are cost somewhat more than was ex-  
pected, but they still claim that they are

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the factory, outdoors—exposed to sooty air—or on dirty  
railway trains. Every trace of dirt on a Challenge Collar  
disappears with the application of a damp cloth.

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a linen collar. They wear longer and  
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and professional men are wearing them  
today.

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Montreal Toronto  
Winnipeg Vancouver



offering a new house to the buyer at a  
thousand dollars less than he can get  
from speculative builders. They have  
to count in overhead charges as well as  
any other man, but the building is being  
done in quantity and the land bought in  
large lots.

Loan System Not Good.

The question has been asked, "Why  
does not the commission make a straight  
loan to a man who wants a home, and  
let him go ahead and build his own  
house?"

The commission answers that it is a  
trustee of the city's money and must  
take every safeguard to see that it is  
paid back. First requisite to this is to  
see that the houses built are readily  
saleable again. The commission has  
planned houses of an attractive kind,  
and by supervision of groups can make  
a street row presentable.

To work out the loan principle each  
applicant would first have to get his lot  
paid for. This would limit very much  
the number of people who would benefit  
by the scheme. Individual buyers could  
not purchase as cheaply small lots as  
the commission buying in quantity.

Supposing a large number of loans  
were made, each builder would prob-  
ably have his own choice of plan, and  
these would vary greatly. It would be  
up to the commission to see that the  
plans complied with the building by-

laws, and were of such character that  
they would be readily saleable. Then  
the supervision of all the various build-  
ings scattered about the city would re-  
quire a greatly increased staff, and over-  
head charges would be higher.

Few people, apparently, have the in-  
itiative or the time to undertake the  
building of a house. They fear the  
trouble involved. Again, the individual  
builder would find that he could not  
get his materials as cheaply as the com-  
mission does.

The commission has tried out the loan  
principle in a very few cases, and find  
it not satisfactory and expensive.  
"We'd get the blame for the bad re-  
sults structurally or architecturally, and  
also if the city's money was lost," de-  
clared one of the commission, "and we  
feel that we cannot undertake the work  
on the lines suggested. The plan of  
building ourselves is far and away the  
most satisfactory to the commission, the  
city and the home-seekers."

### FERRY AT HALIFAX OBSTRUCTED BY ICE

Of the effect of the forming of ice in  
the harbor, and the Halifax yesterday  
made her regular half hourly trips. The  
coldness of the winter has been a favor-  
able topic among passengers. Many older  
ones among those who go to the city  
daily have been busy comparing notes  
on the depth and quantity of the ice.  
Much can be said of the work of the  
captains and crew of the steamers un-  
der particularly difficult and trying cir-  
cumstances. While many commuters  
hesitated about taking the trip, the  
nervous ones on board the H. T. com-  
muted by the calmness and resource  
of the men, who never seemed to be  
troubled by the cold.

### HON. M. H. GOUGE FILLING

L. H. Martell, barrister of Windsor,  
states that Dr. Reid, M.P.P., who is  
the physician of the venerable president  
of the legislative council, the Hon. M. H.  
Goudge, holds little hope for the recov-  
ery of Mr. Goudge and feels that this  
week will see the earthly end of the  
man who fought the last Confederation  
fight in Nova Scotia.

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Floor space is limited for our Hat Department,  
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room for new spring hats—and the quickest way to  
do this is to sacrifice the price—so here's your big  
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cent. discount.

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\$ 8.00 Hats ..... Now \$6.40  
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CANADIAN MADE FELT HATS—A large  
quantity to select from in slate, steel, brown,  
green. Regular price, \$6.50.  
Sale Price Now \$4.67

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## HEBREW METHOD OF TIME MEASURE

Prof. Brockwell, of McGill,  
Says He Had Made Dis-  
covery.

(Montreal Star.)

An important historical discovery in-  
volving the ancient Hebrew method of  
measuring time, and thus forming a key  
to the whole field in ancient chronology  
in the Mediterranean world, has been  
made by Prof. Brodie Brockwell, of Mc-  
Gill University, according to his own  
statement before a meeting of the Local  
Council of Jewish Women.

Through all knowledge of the ancient  
Hebrew science and art of measuring  
time fell into oblivion in Europe over  
a thousand years ago, Professor Brodie  
Brockwell claims to have succeeded in  
unfolding and analyzing, almost to the  
last detail, all its inmost and most fun-  
damental principles. He claims that the  
system in use in early post-Christian  
times, reaching from Britain to India  
and China, thus, he claims to have  
discovered the key to the whole field of  
ancient chronology, as all the ancient  
used varieties of the same system, a  
system so absolutely their own that no  
one in modern times has been able to  
give the true historical time equivalence  
of a single ancient number or date prior  
to the time of Alexander the Great.

Professor Brodie Brockwell is con-  
vinced that, by his discovery, historians  
will shortly be able to work out the  
history of ancient civilization on a true  
time basis, determining with arithmeti-  
cal and historical precision the moment  
at which each successive culture mounted  
the stage of history.

His discovery of the ancient science  
and art of measuring time and all the  
ancient theories of astronomy connected  
with it will enable him to demonstrate,  
he says that neither the Babylonians  
nor the Egyptians antedated the He-  
brews.

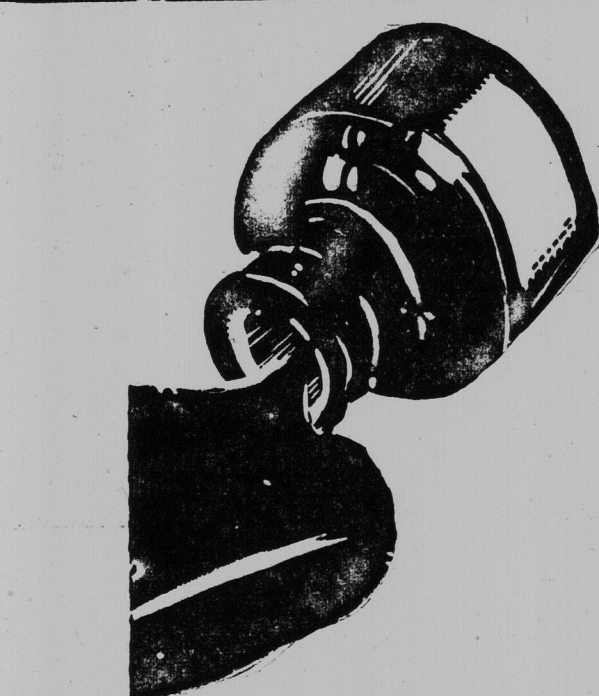
Professor Brodie Brockwell dealt with  
other fallacies of the past. The Egyptian  
persecution did not take place in the  
valley of the Nile, he said, but in that  
part of the Egyptian empire that lay to  
the west of the River Jordan.

He discussed the ethnological history  
of the Jewish race, explaining that at  
the dawn of their history they were a  
complex of the three most virile races  
of their time, and declaring that this  
inter-racial confederation explains why  
the Jews were the first people to formu-  
late the idea of universal citizenship, an idea  
which is so conspicuous all through He-  
brew civilization.

Historical opinion is tending more and  
more to the realization that Palestine  
was the real cradle and centre for the  
distribution of ancient Mediterranean  
civilization. Palestine was becoming the  
pivotal point in all purely scientific an-  
thropological research.

### EXTRA! EXTRA!

Fifty Dozen Waists—Voiles and Flannelettes—  
Regular price from \$1.75 to \$2.50, to go at this sale at  
98c. In order that as many as possible share in this extra  
snap, only two sold to a customer.



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Place These Days—The  
Reason.

Seldom has a dollar done more acrobatic  
work than at this Great Mid-Winter Sale.  
Never such response; but then the reason is  
simple, as the below list will show. But you  
must act at once if you want to save money, as  
time is fastly drawing to a close.  
So Come in Early and Save Good Canadian  
Money!

### IN LADIES' DEPARTMENT

Ladies' Coats and Skirts  
Ladies' Coats—Regular \$25.00 to \$30.00. Sale Price, \$18.50  
Misses' Coats—Regular \$13.50 to \$18.00. Sale Price, \$9.50 and \$13.98

Ladies' Tweed Skirts—Regular \$5.00. Sale Price, \$3.25  
Black Serge Skirts—Regular \$7.00. Sale Price, \$4.98  
Ladies' Skirts—Regular \$9.00. Sale Price, \$6.50

Ladies' Sweaters  
Ladies' Sweaters in Coat or Pull-over style. Prices from \$5.00  
to \$18.00. Sale Price, \$2.98 to \$12.50  
Child's Pull-over Sweaters—Regular \$2.25 to \$3.50

### Extra Good Hosiery Values

156 Dozen of Ladies' Heavy Cotton Hose in black and white  
only. Our Special, 25c. pair  
Ladies' Fine Lisle Hose in black, white, tan and grey.  
Sale Price, 39c. pair

Ladies' Heavy Cashmerette Hose in black and brown only.  
Sale Price, 49c. pair  
Children's Ribbed Stockings in black and tan. Regular 60c.  
pair. Sale Price, 39c. pair

Children's Heavy Ribbed Wool Overstockings.  
Sale Price, 59c. pair

Waists at Sale Prices  
Ladies' Waists—Regular \$1.50. Just 8 dozen left to clear  
for. Sale Price, \$0.98

Ladies' Voile Waists—Regular \$2.00. Sale Price, \$1.49  
Ladies' Middys—Regular \$2.00. Sale Price, \$1.49  
Ladies' Silk Waists in all shades. Regular \$4.25. Sale Price, \$2.98

Crepe-de-Chene and Georgette Waists to Clear, \$4.50, \$4.98

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snap, only two sold to a customer.

Ladies' Winter Vests, short or long sleeves. Sale Price, 59c.  
Ladies' Winter Combinations. Sale Price, 49c. and 98c.  
Ladies' Aprons. Sale Prices, 49c. and 98c.

Bargains in Blankets and Comfortables.  
Flannelette in white or striped. Regular 35c. to 40c. yard.  
Sale Price, 29c. yard

Ladies' Kimonos. Sale Price, \$1.25 to \$4.99  
Ladies' Corsets. Sale Price, \$1.25 to \$3.50  
Less 20 Per Cent. on All Kinds of Ladies' Whitewear.

Ladies' Underskirts, Nightgowns, Chemises and Corset Waists  
to be Sold at This Sale at 20 Per Cent Off Regular Price.

### WHAT THE MEN WILL FIND

A brief glance in the Men's Department will suffice to  
show how a dollar can be made more elastic. Many other  
things, of course, but these will serve as a hint:

Men's Tweed Pants—Regular \$3.50. Our Sale Special, \$2.75 pair  
(Best Value Yet)

Men's Heavy Working Shirts—Regular \$2.50. Sale Price, \$1.98  
(Best Value Yet)

Men's Wool Underwear—Regular \$2.00 garment. Sale Price, \$1.49

Men's "Penman's" Fleece Underwear, Sale Price, \$1.19 gar  
Men's Wool Socks. Sale Price, 29c. to 98c. pair

Men's Leather Mitts. Sale Price, 69c. to \$2.25  
Men's Slick Ties—Regular 75c. to \$1.00. To Clear at 49c.

Footwear for Men and Women  
Leather and Footwear is on the up-grade in price, as you  
know—hence these values will be greatly apparent:

Girls' Boots. Sale Price, \$1.98 up  
Children's Rubbers. Sale Price, 75c. pair up

Ladies' Rubbers. Sale Price, 69c. pair up  
Men's Boots in a variety  
of styles and all sizes sure to

the most exacting taste.  
Prices run from \$4.98 up  
Men's Rubbers. Sale Price, 98c. up  
Gaiters in all colors. \$1.98 and \$2.69  
Ladies' Bedroom Slippers. Sale Price, 49c. pair

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