

TO PROVIDE MORE AND BETTER HOUSES IN ST. JOHN

Rotary Club, Board of Trade and Trades and Labor Council Discuss Situation and Decide to Take Action

The serious housing difficulties which are now facing St. John were considered last evening at a dinner at Bond's at which about fifty members of the board of trade and Rotary Club were present. The speakers all agreed that something must be done and done quickly to relieve the situation. As a result of the conference the Rotarians will appoint a committee to act with similar committees from the Board of Trade and Trades and Labor Council. They will ascertain approximately how many persons desire to build homes and what the city will furnish in the way of land and capital if necessary. The trades union officials will ascertain from each union how many of their members are in favor of building dwellings.

During the discussion the chair was occupied by President R. D. Paterson of the Rotary Club. The first speaker was Captain J. Thackeray of the reparation committee, Ottawa, who spoke very strongly in favor of Canada providing justly and generously for the returned soldiers. Captain Thackeray was heard at length at the Imperial Theatre Sunday night in an address to the Great War Veterans.

What Other Cities Did.

W. F. Burditt opened the discussion of the housing problem in an instructive and descriptive address, in which he was assisted by lantern slides giving views of the various types of cottages, tenements, etc. One of the benefits arising out of the war, said Mr. Burditt, is the necessity of making provision for workmen's houses. Where communities have erected such houses they have found that it pays as it enables the town to retain a better class of men.

The houses in Kenosha were built no nearer than twelve feet and as far apart as fifteen feet, giving abundance of sunlight and good air. The houses in that city cost from \$2,000 to \$4,000 and sold for \$100 down with minimum payments of \$18 a month.

The English System.

Mr. Burditt spoke of the housing system provided by Sir William Lever in England. In England there is a co-partnership system by which shares are sold instead of the houses. The workman acquires in shares the equivalent of the value of his home. This system reduces the rent and the workman does not have to look after the up-keep of the property. In other words he is as free as if he lived in a rented house.

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Mr. Burditt pointed to the necessity of enquiring what rents are being paid here and as to the number who would be willing to live in dwellings on the monthly payment plan and how many would desire to rent. It was necessary to have more information before definite plan could be made effective.

F. W. Horne gave an estimate of the cost of building. He said that it would cost at least fifty per cent more to build now than it did before the war. Ordinary laborers were getting wages 100 per cent greater, carpenters were receiving 50 cents an hour instead of 35c; plasterers 75 instead of 55; painters 50 cents instead of 35 and plumbers' wages had increased from \$3 a day to \$4.00. There had been an increase in the price of lumber of more than 100 per cent. The cheaper houses would cost now from \$2,700 to \$3,000, land included, the houses to be equipped with electric lights, furnace and modern plumbing. Mr. Horne said that bricks were not procurable in St. John, but had to be obtained from Moncton, Pictou and Fredericton. There was, however, a good supply of gravel suitable for concrete. There was not a large supply of skilled labor here. Fireproof concrete houses would cost \$2 or \$3 cents per cubic foot as against \$7 or \$8 cents a cubic foot for wooden structures. He said there would be a saving of 15 per cent on concrete houses through less depreciation and insurance and through little painting cost.

The next speaker, J. Fraser Gregory, remarked that although lumber had increased as had been stated the lumbermen's profits had not increased because of the higher stumpage and increased cost of labor and provisions. Once he had been able to sell square boards at \$4 a thousand. He had just sold some on a contract for \$20. St. John, he said, was very different from other cities. Before the war he canvassed his workmen and found that they preferred houses with flats to single ones.

He believed in workmen owning two-family flat dwellings, where the rent of one flat would pay the rest of the other flat. He believed this form of house would appeal to the workmen more than any other. When a man owns his own house it makes him staid and prevents him running about for employment and losing time and money.

For the war a two-family house cost \$2,000 or \$2,200. Today it would cost \$3,000 without land. The average rental to St. John for a flat of six rooms is \$15 a month. There is a necessity for more houses here and they have got to be provided by somebody. He did not think people would rush pell-mell to buy houses if a block were put up, but he thought the municipality should get busy and build twenty or thirty houses as an experiment, become a landlord and urge the purchase of the houses by the working people.

A. M. Belding spoke of the Ontario housing bill introduced in the legislature of that province by Sir William Hearst. Under the bill the municipal councils are required to appoint a commission to spend the money borrowed. Houses and lots are not to cost more than \$3,500 in any case, but as a rule the dwellings are to cost not over \$2,500 and the land \$500. The commission is given authority to advance money to private citizens.

In Nova Scotia, Mr. Belding said, a house bill provided that the maximum cost shall not exceed \$3,000, with \$20 monthly payments by the owners. Seventy-five houses had been built at Pictou, Tremblay, Quebec, at a cost of from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Mr. Burditt said Mr. Belding was in favor of erecting houses on the city property in Lancaster between the Mahogany road and Gypsy Settlement road.

C. H. Stevens, C. H. Stevens of the Trades and Labor Council, said that he was pleased at what he had heard. It reminded him of a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council. Some years ago, he said, labor was not noticed. Today it seemed to be the flower of the country. One way to go about the housing problem would be to ask the local unions how many of their members would purchase houses. He stated that rents of respectable flats had been increased to \$18 a month and in some cases to \$20. Another problem is the child question. Many landlords do not want to let their apartments to families having children. "Your country has been drained of your best manhood," said Mr. Stevens, "but if the landlords say you can't have children, then how in the name of God are you going to build up your country?" Mr. Stevens said that there were places in St. John not fit for human habitation and the landlords get a great benefit. He thought they should be prosecuted for the misdemeanors committed in such places as well as the tenants. He thought many workmen would build if they could buy land reasonably.

L. W. J. Linton also spoke. The secretary of the Rotarians was authorized to write to the commissioner of public safety requesting a public hearing on the electric by-laws now being prepared.

R. E. Armstrong moved that a committee be appointed by the Rotarians to see how many men would build houses and to see what city land was available. Mr. Horne seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. The board of trade has a committee on this subject and the Trades and Labor Council was asked to appoint a similar committee, all three to co-operate and increase their number if necessary.

The Year's Incorporations.

Ottawa, March 3.—During the last fiscal year, according to the annual report of the department of the secretary of state, 547 joint stock companies were incorporated in Canada, with a total capitalization of \$305,822,400. Increases in the capitalization of existing companies swelled the amount of new capitalization to \$408,419,500.

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Tells of War Work of K. of C.

The Knights of Columbus are doing an excellent work for the soldiers regardless of race or creed not only throughout Canada but overseas, and in the United States as well. The immense amount of machinery and equipment which the order has in operation were explained last evening by Colonel Clarence F. Smith, of Montreal, controller of the K. of C. work among Canadian soldiers, who came to the city yesterday to visit St. John headquarters. Colonel Smith left last night for Halifax, but he will return Thursday morning and spend the entire day in the city.

Colonel Smith was appointed controller on December 20 last. His work is purely voluntary and he serves without pay. Since 1914 he has been engaged in looking after the welfare of the soldiers of the Canadian Patriotic Fund and chairman of the advisory board of the national executive of the organization. For three years he was a member of the military hospital commission.

Colonel Smith said that the Knights of Columbus work are in Montreal. At the present time there are club houses for the soldiers in Montreal, Halifax, Hamilton, London (Ont.), Winnipeg, Brandon, Saskatoon, Vancouver, Medicine Hat, Calgary, Edmonton and Revelstoke. The order is now able to care for men at the different dispersing stations from Halifax to Victoria. In all instances the clubs are for returned soldiers and sailors, regardless of race or religion.

Colonel Smith said that since hospital ships with Canadian soldiers have been going to Portland the American knights meet the boats and give cigarettes and comforts to the men. The Canadian papers with the latest news are sent to Portland by the Canadian Knights.

In most of the club houses besides the usual club rooms there are beds and dining rooms. Men are provided at twenty-five cents each and beds at the same price. These are for soldiers who have no homes. Everything is free but the meals and beds.

In the Montreal club house, which was formerly an art gallery, there are the pool and billiard tables. General Pan visited the headquarters there last Sunday and on Thursday the governor-general will be a caller. The club houses will be maintained for fifteen or eighteen months and every assistance will be given the returning men to re-enter civil life. The order maintains employment committees who assist the men to obtain suitable employment.

There are two club houses in London and there are huts at the demobilization depots in England. The men are given the necessities, clothing, writing paper, cards and other things when they board the steamers and they are also attended to at St. John and Halifax when they arrive. Montreal and Quebec will be equipped with huts when those ports open.

Colonel Smith said that the work was necessary and that there had been no overlapping.

Third Division Coming

Ottawa, March 3.—Official advice of the sailing of the first Canadian fighting ship which formed part of the third division, has been received at the militia department. The steamship Adriatic, which will be a carrier, sailed from England on March 1, with a total of 1,511 all ranks on board.

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BAVARIAN ROYALISTS TAKE REFUGE IN AUSTRIA

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To Provide New Orphans' Home

Directors of Present Home Takes Lead in Steps Towards Greater Accommodation—Committee is Appointed

A special meeting of the board of directors of the St. John Protestant Orphans Home was held yesterday afternoon and representatives of the fraternal societies were present to discuss the proposed extension of the orphanage accommodation which is so urgently needed. It was decided at the meeting that a further step should be taken in the new and permanent home in the outskirts of the city and a committee was appointed to make arrangements for the immediate needs of the orphanage as a temporary measure.

T. H. Estabrooks, the president, was in the chair and those present were Mrs. W. Edmund Raymond, acting secretary in the absence of Mrs. J. S. MacLaren, Mrs. David McLeellan, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. H. N. Stetson, Mrs. Secord, Miss Sydney Smith, Miss Gunn, Miss Bayard, Mrs. Forbes, H. C. Rankine, Rev. Dr. Morrison, J. A. Likely and the following representatives of fraternal societies: special invitation, for the Sons of England, Mr. Ledford; the Salvation Army, Brigadier Moore; Knights of Pythias, F. E. Hamilton, E. Milton Smith and Mr. Willis; Grand Orange Lodge, F. Kerr, Mr. Hipwell and Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Estabrooks announced that a check for \$801 had been received from the Knights of Pythias as a practical demonstration of their support and loyalty to the cause of homeless children. He said that as the result of the recent account of the building committee of the Home as to the need for further accommodation, the Parks' Home and the old Holly residence in Douglas avenue had been inspected with a view to their utilization for housing orphans.

Mr. Estabrooks said that it would be too expensive to make the Parks' home accommodation adequate as a proposed annex to meet the immediate needs of the orphanage and in any case it would only provide for forty-five more children. He suggested that an extension should be built on the rear of the present building which could be done in a few months at a cost of \$50,000, giving room for possibly twenty to thirty children.

Mr. Estabrooks said that the Holly residence to be fitted as an annex would require little improvement beyond fire escapes and has ample provision for a playground.

Mr. Rankine was of the opinion that an annex for the immediate needs and a new building for the future should be aimed at and the meeting thoroughly endorsed this view. Judge Forbes spoke strongly in favor of a large playground and the possibility of animal playground for the children.

Mr. Kerr, for the Orange Lodge, promised help and support for any proposed welfare movement and suggested the Sheriff Sturdee house in Wright street as able to house forty orphans having one and half acres of playground.

Mr. Hipwell said that the New Brunswick, Leed's hotel building, a wing to the Blue Lodge Orphanage in Pictou, Ontario, so serious had it considered the need for an orphanage for New Brunswick children. He said that there was a great lack of parental discipline which had caused many children not orphans to be taken into the Home. As did all present at the meeting, he strongly advocated the "open door" for the orphanage.

Mr. Campbell, of the Grand Orange Lodge, said that the plans of the society must be guided by the convention to be held in the spring.

Mr. Hamilton, for the Knights of Pythias, said that the present moment was a most opportune one for interesting the public in the needs of the orphanage, and he was heartily in favor of the resolution which was finally passed that a committee be appointed to procure necessary quarters for immediate use and that a fund for a permanent building should be collected.

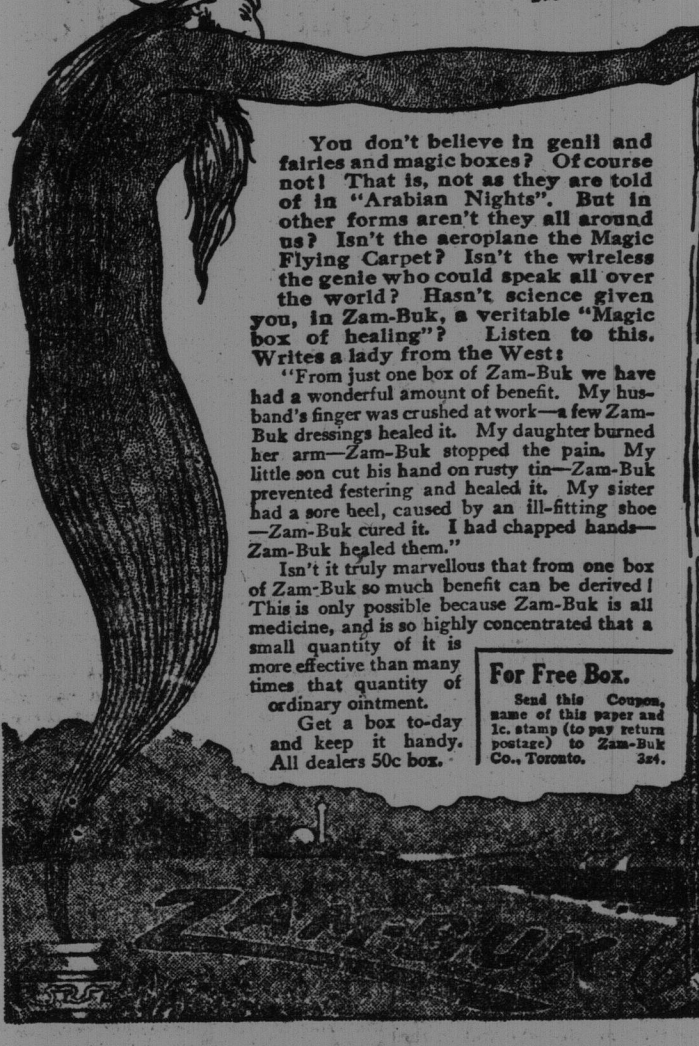
The committee appointed to consider the matter of the temporary building, Peters, F. Kerr, E. Milton Smith, Mesdames Murray, Secord and D. McLeellan, finance committee, Judge Forbes, J. A. Likely, C. H. Peters, Brigadier Moore, Mr. Hipwell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Ledford, and T. H. Estabrooks. The committee of six appointed to look into the matter of the immediate extension of the accommodation has as its convenor, H. C. Rankine.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Discussing the subject of public utilities in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly on Friday, W. L. Hall, leader of the opposition, said that the province with telephone and tram services and control that this applied very generally to cities and towns throughout the province with telephone or tram services. The situation was particularly acute in

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