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## R. A. I. C. Meeting and Exhibition

The war to a great extent disorganized the annual display of architectural drawing at the Canadian National Exhibition, and it is not likely that this year will witness anything of a representative character showing the work of architects. However, it is proposed to hold a public exhibition of architectural drawings in connection with the next assembly of the R.A.I.C. which will meet conjointly with the Ontario Association of Architects some time in October, probably the last three days of the first week in that month. The exhibition will be held for a period of two weeks either at the Toronto Art Museum or in the Public Library providing satisfactory arrangements can be made. It is also the intention to devote a day during the meeting to public lectures on architecture. Final details of the programme are now being worked out, and a more definite announcement will shortly be issued both as to the

lectures to be given and the subjects to be discussed at the convention. The Institute is certainly to be congratulated in extending the scope of its usefulness. An exhibit such as is contemplated should prove an inestimable feature in connection with the assembly, while public lectures on architecture are not only to be desired, but are something which should be of more regular and frequent occurrence. If such was the case, a better and more sympathetic understanding would exist on the part of the public as regards the profession and what constitutes good design.

## Peace Greetings from R. I. B. A.

The celebration of Peace was made the occasion of an exchange of greetings and felicitations between the architects of Canada and Great Britain. A message received by Mr. F. S. Baker, Honorary Secretary for Canada of the Royal Institute of British Architects, read as follows:

"Kindly communicate warmest greetings Canadian Architects, from R.I.B.A. Congratulations, victorious peace.

"J. W. SIMPSON, President."

To this President Wickson of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada immediately cabled an equally appropriate reply.

The architectural fraternity has indeed distinguished itself in many ways, but in no respect has it done greater service than in the splendid support which it gave to the Empire in the trying period which has just closed. Therefore the messages were of special significance and give a striking instance of the warm feeling of confraternity which exists between the professional members of both countries.

## Park Land and Housing

An application for an order to restrain the Toronto Housing Commissioners from building on the Webb property in West Toronto has been made before Mr. Justice Kelly at Osgoode Hall. The complaint cites a resolution of the City Council, dated July 4th, favoring the transferring of the property from the Housing Commission to the Parks Department for park purposes, and the expropriation of said lands if necessary.

In view of the imperative need of houses, it seems somewhat unfortunate to have this important work interfered with or delayed. On the other hand, it is doubtful as to whether property available for park purposes should be acquired for housing if other properties can be secured. The whole thing seems to point to the need of some central body such as a town plan-