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*Children And Toilers Have A Right To Live
In Decent Homes Instead Of In
Disease Breeding Shacks.*

twenty THE central housing board should prepare a scheme or schemes suitable for the different districts in the province in accordance with local conditions and necessities. Any such scheme should be subject to the approval of the municipality directly concerned. The houses to be erected should be offered to working men and women on easy terms of payment. Industries should combine to erect workmen's houses, and, with proper safeguards, might be aided from the fund of the federal government. These workmen's houses would be dwellings that the workmen could purchase outright through monthly instalments in the course of ten or ~~twelve~~ years.

The great aim of this social reform policy should be to make the homes of our cities and towns, places which do not drive their inmates out each night to the danger of the streets, but places of real family life, and places where a girl or boy can receive their friends and which would be real homes, better than any substitute which can be afforded outside.

"Oh, but," some critics will say, "This proposed policy is a startling innovation. We never heard of it before." Nothing is more painful to the conventional mind than to be compelled to deal with a new idea. To even mention any proposition which disturbs their former notions, or upsets their theories irritates and alarms them.

The permanent tribunal could act as a referee in cases of ordinary disputes between landlord and tenant, and could render useful service as an adviser in legal matters, so that such disputes could be settled promptly and without litigation or expense to the parties concerned.

Everything reasonable should be done to encourage a working man whose wish is to put his savings in a house of his own. Wherever title-searching is necessary in connection with real estate transfers to the wage-earning class, the work should be