

given in the improvement or the construction of homes or of any municipal or public building no municipal permit will be issued for the erection of any building of such nature or construction, external or internal, as will tend to bring about slum conditions, or for an addition to any building in which slum conditions have been established.

8. Your Committee urges that all possible steps be taken to make certain that men and women discharged from the Armed Forces, the Merchant Navy and auxiliaries to the Armed Forces be given every opportunity to establish themselves adequately in decent home surroundings, and recommends that action in this regard be taken through the National Housing Act or through legislative proposals emanating from the New Department of Reconstruction and the new Department of Veterans' Affairs.

9. In evidence presented to your Committee—and in publications which have come to its attention—emphasis is placed on the necessity of Government financial assistance in the providing of homes for people in the “low-income” group. Your Committee strongly recommends any immediate action that may be needed to make certain that all Canadian people have an opportunity to secure proper homes through ownership or tenancy, but firmly believe that in the matter of housing the objective of Government and Parliament should be the complete eradication of any industrial condition which creates a “low-income” group of people who work and render service to the community but whose remuneration for such work is so small as to make it impossible for them to have decent, healthy home conditions without government assistance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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