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Toronto Real Estate and Houses to Rent

"What do you think of the house situation in Toronto?" asked 'The World' he can get them, in houses to rent.
"Conditions are very healthy, in fact, they are abnormally healthy," he answered, and that expresses the situation. In Toronto now it is safe to say that there are not more than five hundred houses vacant in the city. One real estate man claimed two hundred was nearer the number, and of these houses only a few are for rent.

The housing problem, for the man who must rent a house, is now more acute than it has been for twenty years. The builders are busy, but they are not keeping up with the demand for houses. They are not far behind the demand, but they are far enough behind to cause anxiety to those who are looking forward to next spring and who know that during the winter house building will fall off, but that the demand will not.

The builders are not putting up houses to rent. No one seems to be buying houses in Toronto for investment purposes. The World got the opinions of a dozen real estate men and builders, and although those opinions differed slightly, they were all agreed upon the fact that ninety per cent. of the houses erected are sold, sold to people who at once occupy them themselves, and who have the money to make the small payment down that is asked. The man who would rent a house, and there are thousands of men in this city who must rent their homes, seems to be entirely overlooked.

"Without exaggeration, we have a hundred people in here every day looking for houses to rent, and we haven't got more than two or three houses to offer them." This is what one of the smaller of the real estate men said. Every real estate man has about the same thing to say.

ALL KINDS SCARCE.

The houses most in demand are the \$20 a month kind. The general trend of demand is from \$15 a month to \$30, but every class of house, right up to the big mansions wanted by the rich, are scarce. And the average owner refuses to rent on a long lease—he wants the prospective tenant held down to a lease of six months or less.

And now, what is the reason for this scarcity of houses? It is just this—lack of vacant land.

There is practically no vacant land within the city, despite what any city hall official may say. What little land is left unbuild upon is so high priced that a builder cannot erect a house upon it and sell that house at a profit. That's what the builders say, and investigation proves that assertion to be just about correct. The reason why vacant land is so high priced hardly need be told. It is simply because there is more demand than there is supply.

It is fast getting impossible to buy land on which to erect working-men's homes, the kind of houses that rent around \$15, unless the builder goes out away beyond the city limits, and about twenty minutes from a car line. The average builder who operates around Toronto cannot afford to go very far out, and yet he cannot build on near-in land at the present rates. Consequently he entails his operations and consequently the people who want houses suffer. Tenement houses in close proximity to downtown would help remedy the situation, but it is one that requires bigger treatment than the erection of a few apartment or tenement flats offers.

MUST OPEN UP LAND.

More vacant land must be taken in and opened up at once by street car services and by railway suburban services. Toronto lags away behind every other city on the continent in this regard, and yet those who are responsible for the present uncomfortable position cannot be made to see it. The lack of houses, either for sale or to rent, is going to be a big question before the winter is over unless something is done to relieve the situation.

If Toronto is to expand industrially homes have got to be found for the workmen who will fill the factories that American money intends to build here. The extension of Canadian industries will mean more families here. We have to find houses for them. Why don't some of our big financial concerns, who have grown rich because Toronto is a great many manufacturing centres invest some of their money in building rows of six-roomed houses to rent to the artisans who are playing such a great part in making this city rich?

If Ashbridge's Marsh is some day to be a throbbing place of industry, where are the men who will work there going to be housed?

IMPERIAL TROOPS STILL HOLD TRENCHES

Fighting at Hankow Lasted All Day — Revolutionaries Fell Back to Wu-Chang—Victory is Important for Its Moral Effect.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—A special despatch from Hankow to-night says that the imperialists still hold the trenches, but they have lost several hundred men, killed and wounded. The fighting lasted all day. The revolutionaries after repeated but unavailing bayonet charges, fell back to Wu-chang. Trainloads of wounded were brought into Hankow.

Victory Exaggerated.

PEKIN, Oct. 18.—The Chinese Government claims to have won a great victory at Hankow, and it announces that the government troops hold the station, where troop trains are arriving rapidly. Although this appears to be an exaggeration of facts—the fight still continuing—the feeling prevails here that the government has really achieved an important moral victory.

The belief has been held in Peking that if the first encounter between the revolutionaries and the loyal troops proved decisive, the supremacy would be settled there and then. Only a few unimportant towns outside of Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang have taken part in the rising. Nanjing, Changshu, Canton and other cities of known revolutionary tendencies, have not responded to the call of the insurgents, so far as can be learned. They are seemingly awaiting the result of the first encounter. Had the rebels overwhelmingly won the battle to-day, it was expected that the provinces below the Yangtze would be theirs.

With other important cities in rebellion, the government would have been unable to concentrate its strength against the three Hupoh provinces. The rebel leaders have shown the characteristic national weakness in not following up their early victories. During the past four days many miles of railway could have been taken under control by any really modern army. No news was received to-day from Szechuen province; even consular reports are lacking.

Acceptance of the office of viceroy of Hupoh makes Yuan Shi Kai's appointment a military one, his duty being to fight for possession of the provincial throne, and make it secure by restoring order in the two large provinces of Hupoh and Hunan. It is reliably stated that Yuan Shi Kai demanded permission to raise his own division of 10,000 troops, and also to cash a personal grant of 3,000,000 taels, (\$2,000,000). To this humiliation the regent agreed.

Many officials, previously dissatisfied with the progress of reform, are rallying to the support of the government, as they now believe that the chances for securing reforms are greater by aiding the dynasty than by supporting the present rebellion.

Acceptance in the presence of the regent emergency, which confronts the government.

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CARRYING IT THRU.



MR. BULL: Got your 'ands full, 'aven't you, David?

HON. FRANK COCHRANE GETS NIPISSING SEAT

No Decision Yet As to Constituency for the New Minister of Finance.

OTTAWA, Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Geo. Gordon vacates the Nipissing seat and Hon. Frank Cochrane succeeds him. Mr. Gordon drops out because his seat, he believes, Nipissing, is a Northern Ontario riding which is represented in the cabinet, if possible. As in the case of Alexander Macgart of Winnipeg and Dr. Daniel G. McJohn, he will be given some nominal appointment, so that there need be no wait for the appointment of a speaker to whom to resign.

The seat for the minister of finance has not yet been selected, although there are not less than three in sight. East Middlesex is one, Halton another and there is talk to-day of a possible opening in the strong Conservative riding of South Simcoe.

Haughton Lennox, it is stated, may go to the high court bench in Ontario. There are no say-off arrangements in regard to the ministerial by-elections, and unless the Conservative temper changes, there will be none. An effort is being made by the Liberals to get an arrangement whereby Hon. George P. Graham can get an acclamation in South Renfrew or some other riding. The Conservatives cannot see it at present. Their disposition is to let Mr. Graham fight for his seat.

A Long Wait, But Worth It.

At the close of "The Pink Lady" performance at the Princess last night, when the genial doorman, John Nolan, went to close the outside doors, he found an crowd of people in line to purchase seats for the Maude Adams engagement. This sale does not open till 9 o'clock this morning, but, as one man put it, "It's a long wait, but it's worth it."

RICHARD GREER IS NEW COUNTY CROWN ATTORNEY

Successor to James Baird, K.C., is 33 Years Old To-day—Known in Politics.

R. H. Greer, K.C., has been appointed crown attorney for the County of York, in succession to the late James Baird, K.C. Sir James Whitney made the official announcement yesterday afternoon.

"Dick" Greer was born in Toronto on Oct. 15, 1878, so that to-day is his 33rd birthday. His appointment, therefore, comes in the nature of a birthday present, though quite unintentionally, of course. Educated in the public and high schools of this city, Mr. Greer went to the university and graduated with the class of '98, receiving the B.A. degree with honors. He then went to the law school at Osgoode Hall, receiving scholarships in his first and second years, and gaining honors all the way thru and graduated in 1901.

On being called to the bar, Mr. Greer became a partner in the law firm of Smith, Hae & Greer, with which he has been practicing ever since.

During his college days the new county crown attorney was very active in athletics and played baseball on the Varsity team. Mr. Greer has always taken a keen interest in politics and is now concluding his second year as president of Ward One Conservative Association. Previous to that he was vice-president of the same association.

It is freely admitted by everybody that "Dick" Greer did more than any other man to heal the breaks and smooth over the disputes of the East Toronto Conservatives. Mr. Greer's appointment as crown attorney of the County of York is a very popular one, and a bright career is anticipated for him in his new office. He resides at 15 Bain-avenue.

SLAYER OF 14 PERSONS STILL SEEKS VICTIMS

Ex-Convict's Vengeance For His Imprisonment—Battle Expected When He is Found by Posse.

ELLSWORTH, Kansas, Oct. 18.—That Charles Marzyek, ex-convict, sought by the county authorities in connection with the murder of the five members of the William Showman family here Saturday night, had been in Colorado Springs, where the six members of the Wayne and Burnham families were slain, and was acquainted in Monmouth, Ill., where three persons were murdered recently, was the startling statement made to the authorities to-day by Mrs. Minnie Vopat, Marzyek's divorced wife. All these fourteen victims were killed with an ax.

Samuel Showman, brother of William Showman, head of the murdered family, to-day started at the head of a posse to search the county. Marzyek is believed to be hidden in the neighborhood. If he is found a battle is expected.

Marzyek not long ago served a term for stealing grain from James Vopat. Last night Vopat, who is the husband of Marzyek's former wife, saw the ex-convict in a field near his house. Vopat and his family, terror-stricken, locked their house and fled to the home of a Slav fellow-countryman, five miles distant.

All the members of the Slav community who had any connection with the conviction of Marzyek went armed to-day, for he is reported to have sworn vengeance on those responsible for his imprisonment.

Ira Lloyd, the attorney who defended Marzyek in the wheat stealing case, said to-day:

Will Complete His Vengeance.
"I believe Marzyek will remain in the neighborhood until he completes his vengeance. After his sentence he told me that when he was released he would come back and kill the people who were responsible for his conviction, and also their children. I will put them all in hell," he said.

Evidence furnished by Mr. and Mrs. William Showman is said to have been largely responsible for Marzyek's conviction.

Nine persons remain here who fear his vengeance. These persons, all of the Slav's own race, are:

James Vopat, Mrs. Minnie Vopat, who obtained a divorce from Marzyek immediately after his sentence, and married Vopat nine months later; their two children, one ten months old and the other three years; John Katke, father of the murdered Mrs. Showman, who testified against Marzyek; Mrs. John Katke and the three Katke children, Emilie, aged 17; Annie, aged 15, and Mary, aged 20.

As to a possible connection between the Ellsworth and other tragedies, Mrs. Vopat said her former husband was convicted of forgery in Colorado Springs a few months ago. She said it was not improbable that he had been in Monmouth lately. The same insane cruelty on the part of the slayer is evident in the Burnham and Wayne tragedies at Colorado Springs, the murders of William E. Dawson, his wife and daughter in Monmouth, and the killing of the Showmans.

CITY MUST ANNEX NORTH TORONTO SPEEDILY

Radial Railway Tangle Gives Fresh Impetus to Movement, and Majority in Council is Assured—W. K. McNaught Strongly Advocates Action by City.

It is more than probable that the annexation of North Toronto will be accomplished within a short time. The attitude of Chairman Letich of the Ontario Railway Board and his calm acceptance of the possibility of turning Yonge-street into a railway freight line, along with the evident desire of several corporations to seize franchises before the city extends its boundaries, has made it clear that Toronto council cannot afford to go to sleep on the matter.

The Evening Telegram requires legal advice to convince itself that the city will be in a better position to protect the franchises on its borders than the smaller municipality would. The Telegram has only to consult the legal opinions expressed before the Ontario Railway Board last spring when the board determined to adjourn the consideration of all the points involved until the city had an opportunity to annex the town. Contrary to the expectations of everybody, the city council did not take advantage of the railway board's delay, and the failure to do so is largely the cause of the present situation.

Controller Church and Ald. McCausland have agreed to have the proposal reconsidered, and it is understood that Ald. Sweeney, Ald. McCarthy and others will support them.

For City's Protection.

W. K. McNaught, M.L.A., has addressed a letter to Controller Church on the subject, which we append:

"I am taking the liberty of writing to you regarding the annexation of North Toronto. As you are aware I have advocated this measure for a considerable time past, and as time goes on I am more and more convinced of its desirability. It seems to me imperative for the city's own protection that the Town of North Toronto and an area on each side of it should, if possible, be annexed to the city as speedily as possible in order that we may hold off the encroachments of railway, electric and other corporations to establish rights therein which will inevitably have to be dealt with by the city later on and at a very much greater cost than can be done now. The best way to deal with these encroachments is by the exercise of prevention, which in my opinion is more effective and very much cheaper than any attempt to cure the evils after they have once secured a foothold, and entrenched themselves by claiming and legal enactments which are bound to give them great advantages in litigation with the city.

"It would take it as a favor, therefore, if you would have this matter reopened in the board of control and the city council, as I think it would be very kind in the public interest to have it dealt with as speedily as possible and without further delay."

Council in Favor.

The World saw Controller Church, who made the following statement:

"Like all big questions, the first time they are presented to council, the matter was struck out and referred back to the council to consider it."

"I voted for a reference back for further information because I was not fully satisfied on the franchise features. All along, a majority of the council favored it, and I am not going to prevent the matter being again carefully considered because of a technicality. Mr. W. K. McNaught, M.L.A., and other well known defenders of public rights, have convinced me that several franchises will be affected by franchise grabbing corporations, and for that reason I am going to move, seconded by Ald. McCausland, that the matter be reconsidered."

"The recent court decision about the electric light matter and the action of the council is a very important one."

UNUSUAL HAT SITUATION.

A startling condition of the hat trade the whole world over is the absolute supreme popularity of the made-in-England hat. It is a fact that the enormous plants where these goods are made in England have declined further orders. Strange too that the largest demand has come from the United States, where the duty on British goods is almost prohibitive. The Dineen Company, who alone in Canada represent such big makers as Henry Heath of London and are distributing agents for nearly all the other big manufacturers, have a superb stock of these splendid hats on sale. The English, rough felt Alpine is also very popular. Dineen is showing some very good lines in these just arrived.

THE LOS ANGELES DYNAMITING TRIAL



The Two Macnamaras and Scott, the Latter in the Centre of the Picture.

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