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## The Toronto Architects Clinic

The gratuitous offer of the Toronto Chapter of the Ontario Association of Architects to conduct an architectural clinic for the benefit of the small house builder, is indeed to be commended. There is in the heart of every community workmen and other individuals who desire to own and live in their own homes, but whose means will not permit them engaging the services of an architect. They invariably get out rough plans themselves and build the best they can, and it represents a class of work which never comes to an architect's office. It is for the purpose of assisting such individuals that the proposed clinic is being inaugurated. The intention as we understand it is to hold these clinics under proper neighborhood auspices, at which free architectural advice will be given to small investors submitting their own plans.

In doing this the architects will not only be rendering a real service to the owners of small homes, but to the community at large, in that it will result not only in better consideration being

given to the designing and planning of such dwellings, but will to a large extent prevent the erection of that class of structures which has too often proved detrimental to neighborhood development.

The proposal has reached the stage where it has been submitted to the Toronto branch of the Great War Veterans Association and has met with full acceptance from that body. The principle in a more direct way follows a similar movement in the United States where under the direction of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Institute of Architects a periodical is being published, containing advice to small house investors, together with sketches and plans of which blue prints can be obtained for a small sum. A similar publication might eventually be started here in Canada, but much will depend on the spread of the clinic idea to other cities, as well as the time and co-operation architects elsewhere might be willing to give in furthering a more general movement along these lines.

## THE ROYAL ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF CANADA.

Montreal, Que., October 7, 1920.

Editor, "Construction":

Dear Sir,—I beg to inform you that at the last session of the Thirteenth General Annual Assembly of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, held at Ottawa, on the 1st and 2nd October instant, a special vote of thanks was unanimously adopted to be sent to you for your generous co-operation in making such a success of the Assembly.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) ALCIDE CHAUSSE,

Hon. Secretary.

## Toronto Builders' Exchange Reorganized

Members of the Toronto Builders' Exchange held a recent meeting in the Board of Trade rooms in the Royal Bank Building to deal with the proposed reorganization of the Exchange, which had already been submitted to them in the shape of a new constitution drawn up by the board of directors and business manager Reynolds. With some changes in the constitution and by-laws the reorganization as proposed was endorsed by the meeting.

The name of the exchange was altered to "The Builders Exchange and Construction Industries of Toronto." This change was made to make it more inclusive in character so as to take in all supply firms and branches of the contracting business.

As a result of reorganizing it is felt that the Exchange will be able to adopt a more progressive policy. The object is to make it a more useful and influential organization, and to bring it up to the highest point of service to both its