

and hope to be able to pay it off? If he will tell us that, and put it on the record, it will be a good thing for those who do not read the record, and also for those who do read it, and who need advice from a competent man.

Mr. HOWE: I presume the problem of acquiring a home has not changed greatly since the time my hon. friend and I were being married and were trying to acquire homes. We rented until we saved enough money to make payments on our homes. Then we made the payments, took out mortgages, and for the next few years we saved to pay off those mortgages.

I presume anyone who builds a home today is in much the same position. No great magic that I know of has been introduced into the situation.

If I may say another word to the hon. member for High Park, the figure of \$4.65 per square foot which I mentioned was for a fair sized bungalow in Vancouver. A bungalow in Vancouver has nothing in common with housing in High Park. The lending value of the type of house that would be built in High Park would be considerably higher than the figure I mentioned.

Mr. McMASTER: I notice that the time for payment has been increased from 20 to 30 years, and perhaps the minister could give me the amount per month per \$1,000 for the 20-year period and for the 30-year period.

Mr. HOWE: For the 20-year period it would be \$6.30 per \$1,000 per month and for the 30-year period it is \$5.09 per month.

Mr. POULIOT: Are home plans still available in the department?

Mr. HOWE: A new book of plans has been issued which, we believe, is bigger and better than the previous books. I shall be glad to supply my hon. friend with as many copies as he wishes, priced at \$1 per book.

Mr. POULIOT: I thank the minister, but I have another suggestion. I think every member of the committee is doing his best to help the minister and his department solve this grave and serious question of housing. Any man, whether he be a military man or a civilian, who desires to build a home wants to be informed about the conditions he must meet in order to take advantage of the legislation. At the present time this legislation is quite obscure to many people. I suggest that a short, concise and complete booklet should be issued to indicate to the man on the

street how he can take advantage of the provisions of this law and build a home for himself and his family.

Mr. HOWE: There is nothing like giving service to my hon. friend. I have here in book form exactly the information he wants and I shall be glad to send it to him. It is printed in English and French. This copy happens to be in English. Since the hon. member is perfectly bilingual, I am sure he will be able to use it.

Mr. ROSS (St. Paul's): I do not know whether the Minister of National Revenue heard me ask the minister of reconstruction what allowance in income tax would be made to a man who built a two-family house and lived in one part himself, but if not I should like him to tell me what such a man could deduct for taxes, carrying charges, depreciation and so on.

Mr. POULIOT: I thank the minister for the booklet he has sent me since it seems to be most interesting, although I have not had time to read it all. I should like to suggest that when a publication of the importance of this one is put out his officials should send it to us. I have received many publications and, while I do not keep them all, I have not returned one. I would be obliged if, in the future, they would send us things like this when they are off the press.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Howe thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 176, to amend the National Housing Act, 1944.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

PENITENTIARY ACT

PROVISION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER

Right Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Justice) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That a bill be presented to the house to amend the Penitentiary Act to make provision, *inter alia*, for the appointment of a commissioner and two deputy commissioners and for the payment of such salaries thereto as are approved by the governor in council; and that the Civil Service Superannuation Act shall apply to such commissioner and deputy commissioners.

Mr. J. R. MacNICOL (Davenport): A motion similar to this, dealing with penitentiaries, has been before the house for almost ten years and it is about time that some action was taken. I remember very well listening to the late Right Hon. Ernest Lapointe, one of the ablest men who ever sat in this house, a