

HOUSING IN ST. JOHN

Revival of Interest in Subject of Great Importance—Recommendations That Were Made as Result of Survey in Section of City

The discussion of the housing problem by the Associated Charities this week will revive the interest in the housing survey and report made jointly by the board of trade housing committee, headed by W. F. Burditt, and the board of health, through the hearty cooperation of Dr. G. G. Melvin, the medical health officer, who superintended, with Mr. Burditt, a housing survey of the area bounded by Union and Brussels street and Courtney Bay.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Garbage Collection. The facts stated in a paragraph under the heading "Yards and Garbage," point forcibly to the need of a municipal system of garbage collection and removal.

Model Houses. To those who have studied the housing problem more or less superficially, the first remedy for existing evils which suggests itself is to provide, either in model tenements or separate cottages, a better class of dwellings for working people in which every necessary requirement for life and health will be provided at a minimum cost.



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The medical health officer should have power to determine the number of occupants, sleeping, which any room may accommodate, and to enforce his mandate except on permit from medical health officer after ascertaining that suitable provision is made therefor.

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the construction of buildings, which embody the provisions of the building regulations, provides solely for the structural strength of buildings and protection against fire.

Under the first heading (A) relating to the construction of buildings, a housing law should provide: 1. For prevention of land overcrowding, by limiting the proportion of the lot that may be occupied by buildings.

adequate force of inspectors, and that the prosecution of offenders should be made in some cases mandatory upon rather than optional, with the officials who are responsible for the enforcement of the law.

to provide for the comfort and convenience of his tenants, has been discouraged by their failure to appreciate the value of property and their disregard of the owner's rights.

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