

Once there, they will spend the middle or even the remaining years of their life in a despairing or triumphant effort to get to Rockcliffe. It is not known in what haven the residents of Rockcliffe find ultimate refuge, although it is widely held that many of them continue their eastward movement and finish their declining years at Montebello. With their final destinies this study is not concerned.

After a great deal of intensive research, we have come to the conclusion that the only solution to the housing problem in Ottawa is to have had a great-grandfather, preferably by the name of Booth, who established himself in Ottawa in the middle of the 19th century, erected a stately mansion and made enough money out of the timber in the Gatineau Valley to hand on both his house and his fortune unimpaired to his descendants. Failing this solution, which admittedly will be impracticable for most newcomers to Ottawa, a wide variety of accommodation is available, much of it grim and all of it expensive.

In selecting a room, a flat or a house, the following points must be borne in mind, in decreasing order of importance:

- (a) *It must not be near a street-car line.* The Ottawa street-cars persist in running until 2 o'clock in the morning and resume again at 4 o'clock, in the vague hope of finding one more elusive fare. All Ottawa street-cars have square wheels - and, particularly in wintertime, the ends of the rails are separated by considerable distances over which the street-car appears to leap, rather in the manner of an extremely noisy whippet wearing cast-iron boots. If you wish, then, to sleep even occasionally, unless you happen to be blessed with deafness - do not live anywhere near a street-car line.
- (b) *Wherever you settle, it must be reasonably close to a laundry and dry cleaning place.* Laundry, even casual laundry, is not permitted in rooming houses; no provision is made for it in apartment houses and, if you have the good fortune to have a private house with a garden large enough for the stringing of clothes lines, you will soon abandon the practice of home laundering, thanks to the effective operations of the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways, which, with a

number of minor but extremely smoky industries, deposit many thousands of tons of soot upon the city during the course of a single Monday afternoon.

- (c) *Be particularly alert if you undertake to rent "furnished" accommodation.* It has long since been established in Ottawa that provided there is a large framed and faded photograph of Sir John A. MacDonald over the fireplace, a door mat, a one-bulb light, and a soap rack in the bath tub, the apartment may, both by law and tradition, be described as "furnished". You will not, however, have to worry about heat, since all accommodation in Ottawa at whatever price is heated to about 100 degrees Fahrenheit from mid-September to the beginning of June.

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HELLO, OUT THERE

A series of lunchtime screenings on Wednesdays of coloured slides has proved popular with SRO crowds in the small conference room of the East Block. The quality of the slides has been very good and the informal talks with the showings have helped to create a very vivid picture of each country. The full series will include slides of Lebanon, Pakistan, India, Mexico, Greece, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Japan, Brazil, New Zealand and Western Europe.

The EARO and Mardi Peden, convenor, report that those abroad may wish to be prepared on return for a scheduled one-day stand on the country where they have been stationed.