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PUBLIC OWNERSHIP**AND THE GREAT HOUSING SCHEME--LETTER FROM HON. J. ANDERSON.**

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—It seems to me a pity that the City Council did not see their way to assist and support the effort made by the citizens in the great housing scheme of the Dominion Co-operative Building Association, Limited, who propose to have a membership of six thousand members and a capital of one million and forty thousand dollars in ten years (\$1,040,000.00) with a weekly subscription of Two Thousand dollars when property launched—and with the united support of all classes—we hope to build one hundred houses per year. I noticed from the press some time ago that the Council had received from the Government \$25,000 to make a beginning to solve the housing problem. In Tuesday's Telegram the Council are calling for tenders for the erection of Eight semi-detached or sixteen tenement houses to be built on Quidi Vidi Road. I wish the Council the very best of luck in their undertaking, it is an earnest endeavour and a start to solve the problem of house building for the workingman, but I very much fear they will come far short of solution when we know that there are at least 400 families living in houses that should be immediately burnt down. I think the amount of \$25,000 would have been better applied in trying to solve the problem of good public lavatories for the city. If Governments, or Municipal Councils have never earnestly taken an interest in the solution of a proper housing scheme then it is up to the citizens to see what they can do. The Dominion Co-operative Association, Limited, have no connection with the tinkering scheme of the Council, what we propose doing is to build one thousand houses in ten years, or an average of one hundred houses each year. We propose to have a membership of six thousand, divided into two shares, four thousand at twenty-five cents each per week, and two thousand at fifty cents for two shares per

week, for ten years without interest, which will give us a total of One million and forty thousand dollars. 2,000 members at 50 cts. per week \$ 1,000.00 2,000 members at 50 cts. per week \$ 1,000.00

\$ 2,000.00

82 weeks at \$2,000.00..... \$104,000.00

10 years at \$104,000..... \$1,040,000.00

This amount would build

500 double houses at a

cost of \$2,000 each..... \$1,000,000.00

The balance for ten years

management 40,000.00

\$1,040,000.00

A double house that cost \$2,000 we

propose to let at \$8.00 per month,

which includes Interest 3 p.c., Insurance

1 1/2 p.c., Repairs 1 1/2 p.c., Ground

Rent, Municipal Taxes and Management

of the Company made up as follows:—

Estimated cost of house (double)

\$2,000.

Interest, 3 p.c. \$ 60.00

Insurance, 1 1/2 p.c. 30.00

Repairs, 1 1/2 p.c. 30.00

Ground Rent 30.00

\$ 150.00

Taxes Owner and Tenant on

Rental, 12 1/2 p.c. 18.75

Management, 1 p.c. 20.00

\$ 188.75

Rent each house, \$8.00 year, \$8.00 per

month free from taxation of any kind.

A double house that cost \$2,500 we

propose to let at \$10.00 per month. Interest

on capital three per cent.

Estimated cost of house (double),

\$2,500.

Interest, 3 p.c. \$ 75.00

Insurance, 1 1/2 p.c. 37.50

Repairs, 1 1/2 p.c. 37.50

Ground Rent 30.00

\$ 180.00

Taxes, Owner and Tenant,

12 1/2 p.c. 22.50

Management, 1 p.c. 25.00

\$ 227.50

Rent each house, \$10.00 year, \$10.00

per month free from taxation of any

kind. Tenants to have the option of

purchase on easy terms.

In the effort that is being made by

our City Fathers to solve the housing

problem, are they in earnest or is it

a "Huge Cod" at a cost of \$25,000 to

cur it.

The Newfoundland Government has

given a loan of Twenty-five thousand

dollars (\$25,000) to solve the housing

problem in the Capital of the Dom-

inion.

Compare these figures for Work-

men's houses with those allocated for

the purpose by other countries:—

Dominion Government of Newfound-

land, Loan Municipal Council, \$25,000.

British Government, 3,000,000 houses

\$4,500,000.000.

United States Government, \$100,000,

000.

Dominion Government of Canada

will probably vote \$50,000,000.

The Ontario Government, \$2,000,000.

In St. John's to-day I am safe in

saying that we want over Two thousand

houses, for all classes of our people,

at reasonable rents, with all the

modern fittings of sanitation. Big

problems in the interest of the work-

ingmen are evidently not our forte.

Jonas C. Barter, Esq., Architect of

the Company, has several plans ready;

the greatest trouble he has found is

a suitable house to fit in at a rental

of \$6 and \$8 per month.

The question has often been asked,

in what way is the Government or the

Municipal Council going to assist the

Housing Scheme of the citizens.

The greatest problem of the city

confronting Governments of all coun-

tries "Is how to give workingmen

houses at a reasonable rental."

St. John's has never risen to the oc-

casional on any great problem or live

question such as:—

The Housing Problem.

Public Ownership.

Electric Lighting for the City.

Electric Street Cars.

The first difficulty thrown in the

way in a small city like St. John's, is

politics, or some paltry passing re-

marks that are meaningless, and only

emanate from a narrow, contracted

mind.

Free from politics and the Municipal

Council, the citizens of St. John's, if

they are united, could very quickly

solve the Housing Problem. The Pub-

lic Ownership of the Street Railway

System and the Electric Lighting of

the whole city.

These three great questions only in-

terest the citizens of St. John's, with

of course the financial assistance of

the Government, provided a satisfactory

and mutual arrangement can be

agreed upon.

The great Housing Scheme under

proper management must be a suc-

cess and a sound financial business

and paying proposition.

I understand the Messrs. Reid are

prepared to offer for sale their Elec-

tric Utilities either to a private com-

pany or to the City of St. John's, to

be managed and run in the interest of

the citizens; what the figures are I

don't know, but assuming a price was

agreed upon the street railway will

require considerable repair and exten-

sion. A five minutes service will be

demanded and workmen's cars run on

time to suit the workmen at a

minimum fare.

The town and suburbs will require

to be properly lighted. It seems to

me before we can offer an opinion, all

these matters of cost, etc., must be gone

into including purchase price and ex-

tra capital required. Interest on same

—estimated running expenses and de-

preciation, with some idea of the earn-

ing power, giving the city cheaper

light, cheaper fares, greater satisfac-

tion and a large credit balance. Who

should take the initiative?

In looking over The Monetary Times

of August 18th I notice that the United

States Congress has recently ap-

propriated One hundred million dol-

lars for the erection of workingmen's

houses. The British Government, in

addition to what it has already ac-

complished on an extensive scale, has

also determined to erect or finance

for the municipalities three hundred

thousand houses for the working

classes, although it has been estimated

that one million such houses will

more nearly meet the needs of the

British Isles. After the war the British

Government will have the financ-

ing of about three million houses for

the workmen.

The Ontario Government has now

followed with an appropriation of Two

million dollars for a similar purpose.

The Dominion Government after the

War will probably have to face the

housing problem in right down earn-

est with a loan of Fifty million dol-

lars to meet the demand for houses.

The citizens of St. John's can solve

the housing problem themselves, by

becoming paying members of the

Dominion Co-operative Building As-

sociation, Limited, the difference in

price between the Company and the

Council building houses, the one is

three per cent and the other six per

cent. What you can do with your own

money, will cost you \$120. The

Council if they are paying 6 per cent

for the loan will cost you \$240.

There are three live questions be-

fore the citizens at the present time:

The Housing Problem.

The Electric Street Railway.

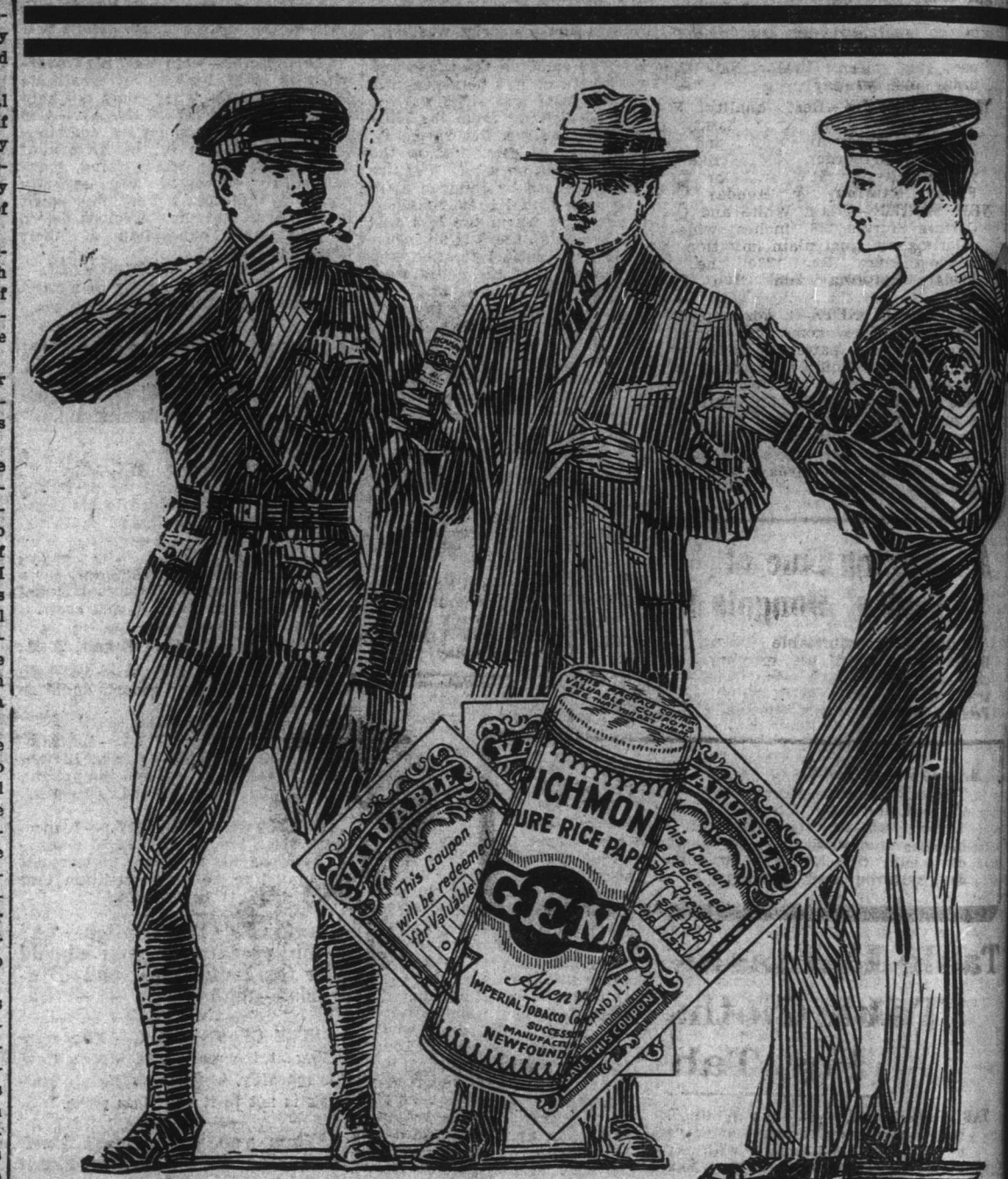
The Electric Lighting of the City.

What's your opinion.

Yours truly,

JOHN ANDERSON.

Aug. 30th, 1918.



Positively none Better
and three Cupons in every packet.

Why He Was Late to Dinner.

This striking incident is told by

"Dolphin" in the Daily Mail:

"It was 7 p.m. in the smoking-room

of the depot of the Nth Submarine

Flotilla.

"A signalman came in in dripping

oilskins, admitting a furious wish of

driving rain as he opened the door.

"Signal for you, sir," he interrupt-

ed the S.S.O. (senior submarine offi-

cer), who was cutting the doctor for

a drink. The officer addressed look-

ed at the pad, and for a moment there

was a pause in the clatter of talk,

while those nearby turned and glanc-

ed towards him expectantly.

"No luck," he said, in answer to

their unspoken question. Their faces

were serious now, for Q3 should have

been back from her patrol two days

ago, and the entry of the signalman

had brought the fact to the minds of

everyone present.

"Of course, it may be the weather,

it has been perfectly filthy all the

week, and she might easily have been

delayed a couple of days by it," some-

one said, and the officers round him

clutched at the straw. None, how-

ever, mentioned "wireless" though the thought

of it occurred to each, and they knew

that attempts to get an answer from

Q3 had been made every four hours

since she was overdue. When a man

does not know whether he may be the

next to be missing he does not dwell

too much on the possible fate of an

overdue boat.

"In a minute the general conversa-

tion was in full swing again, though

the S.S.O. only hunched the worried

look from his face with an obvious

effort to be cheerful.

"Again the door opened to admit the

signalman. Q3, entering harbour,

he reported, unconcernedly rais-

ing his voice slightly as the bearer of

good tidings often will.

"Thank you. Tell her to come

alongside—port quarter—and let the

officer of the day know," ordered S.S.

O, and none could have guessed from