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in Britain, to which people immigrated and where there was no adequate housing, to see what happens to the good feeling and good neighbourliness at all levels vis-à-vis people already living in those areas.

This further question concerns Central Mortgage and Housing. Family formation is going ahead by leaps and bounds these days. Not only are new families rapidly being formed but we are finding greater and greater mobility in Canada. Many young couples would not want to own homes even if they could afford them. They must have rental accommodation, because we are told that one family in four across Canada moves every year. We must have rental accommodation to take care of this situation.

Before I conclude my remarks I want to make a special plea to the minister and draw a special matter to his attention. In Vancouver's west end we are at long last apparently going to have a high-rise apartment block for elderly citizens. I do not know whether it will be available to the most needy among the elderly citizens. I hope it will be. But I believe a mistake, and a bad one, will be made in connection with this housing project unless something is done to prevent it.

In respect of any housing project for the elderly, of the type being built in Vancouver's west end, there should be not only self-contained apartments with kitchens but a main dining room with a kitchen attached, and there should be provision whereby elderly people can have meals taken up to their rooms in case of need. The last advice I received from Central Mortgage and Housing was that it does not propose to put these facilities in the new, high-rise apartment block being built in the west end of Vancouver. I would urge the minister to change his mind in this regard and see that these facilities are provided before the project is completed.

I would remind hon. members that the social welfare and housing people urged the minister and Central Mortgage and Housing to include recreational facilities in low rent housing projects in Vancouver, for example in Skeena Terrace and other low rental, subsidized housing projects. The minister did not do this. Now, after these projects have been lived in for a number of years, and after a great deal of trouble, inconvenience and agitation, at long last Central Mortgage and Housing and the city of Vancouver are trying very hard to find ways and means of including these facilities in the Skeena Terrace

development. The facilities should have been included when the development was being built. I am warning the minister that if he does not see that these modern facilities for the care of the aged are incorporated in the new apartment block being built in Vancouver's west end, he will have to do it in a piecemeal fashion later.

There is a good more I could say on this subject, Mr. Chairman. I hope we will have a better chance to discuss housing at a later time, rather than talking about this important matter in the dying hours of interim supply. However, I will have pity on the committee because I know everyone here is just about as tired as I am. I hope the Minister of National Revenue will draw these matters to the attention of the Minister of Labour.

Mr. Benson: Mr. Chairman, I would simply like to say that having listened with interest to the speeches made with respect to housing, I will be most pleased to bring the matters raised by hon. members to the attention of the minister under whose jurisdiction fall the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. I assure hon. members that I will do this as soon as I return from the Easter holiday.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): Mr. Chairman, I should like to say just a few words on his vote, as it concerns Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation in particular. As hon. members are well aware, I represent a constituency which is entirely rural. The question I wish to raise concerns small towns and in some cases small contractors. I emphasize as forcibly as I can that I believe Central Mortgage and Housing has fallen back into its old rut in this respect. In 1958 and 1959, when the Conservative party formed the government, we directed C.M.H.C. to move into the smaller centres of Canada in order to help the citizens in those areas as well as those in the larger areas of this country. C.M.H.C. has now fallen back into its old rut and is now concerned with helping the large contractor to build numerous homes, helter-skelter and everywhere in the larger cities. It is paying no particular attention to the smaller centres in Canada, and to our smaller contractors.

In the absence of the Minister of Labour I urge the Minister of National Revenue to bring this matter to his attention. I hope the minister will see that the small rural towns do not suffer because of the policies of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and some misguided rules and regulations that the district offices set up. I will cite a particular