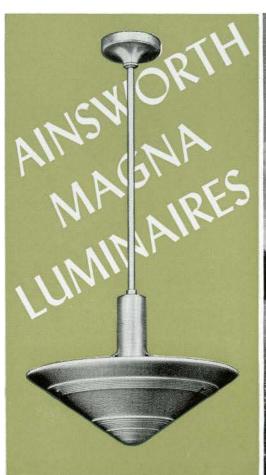
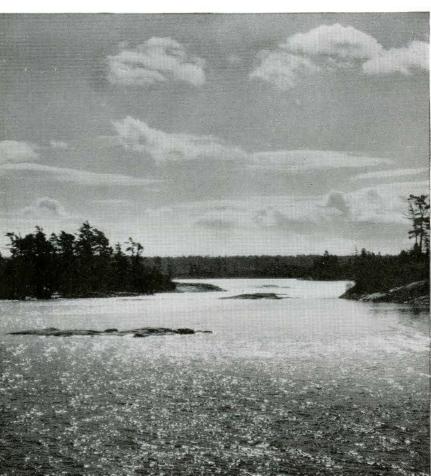
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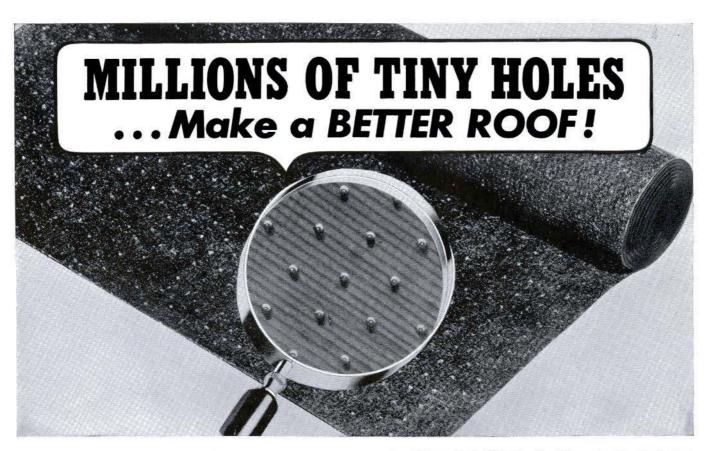
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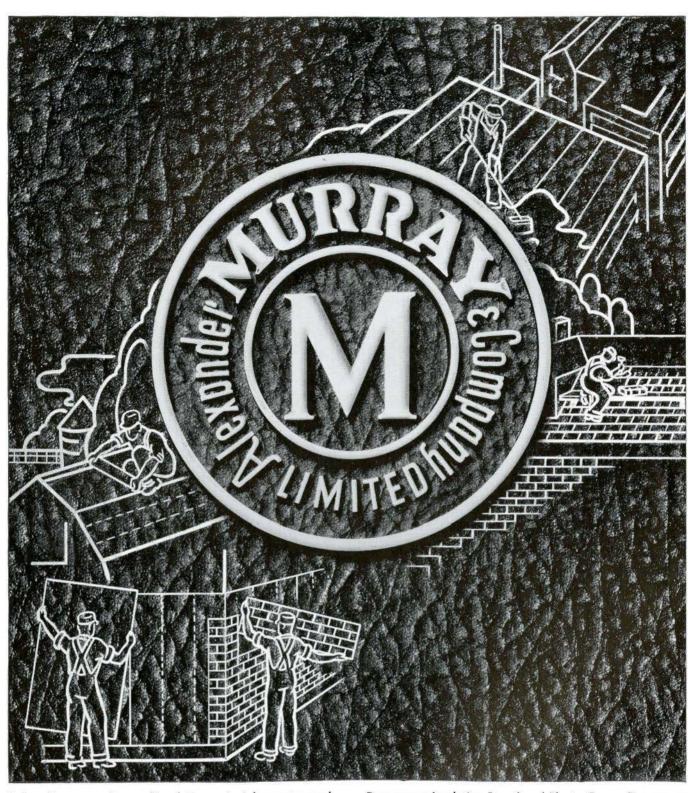
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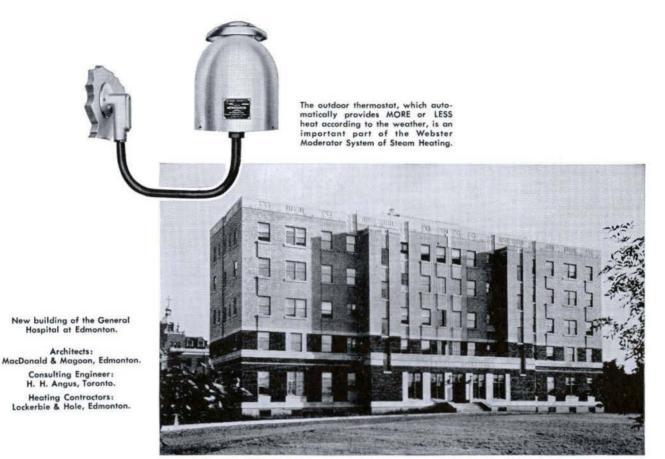
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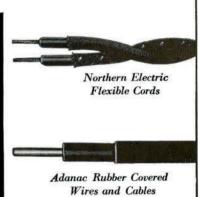






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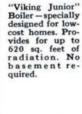


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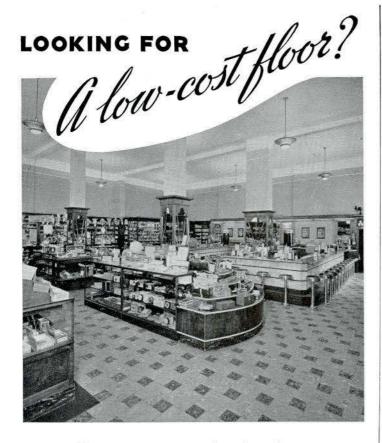
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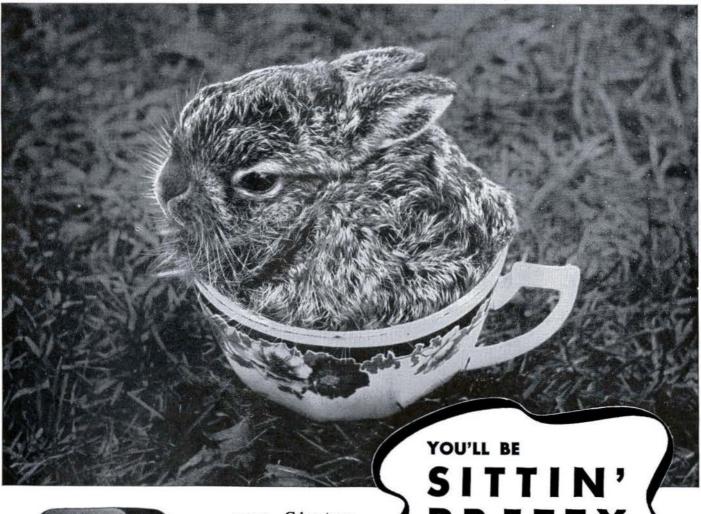
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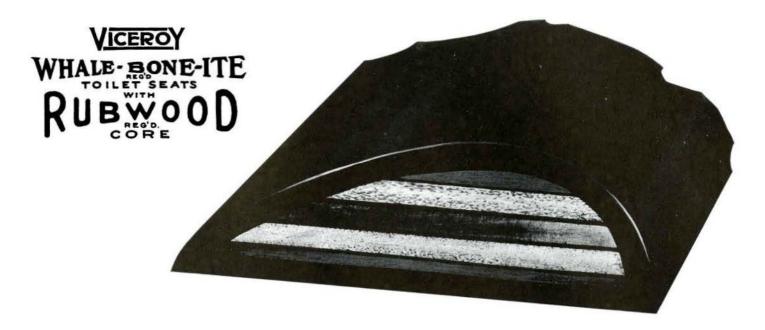
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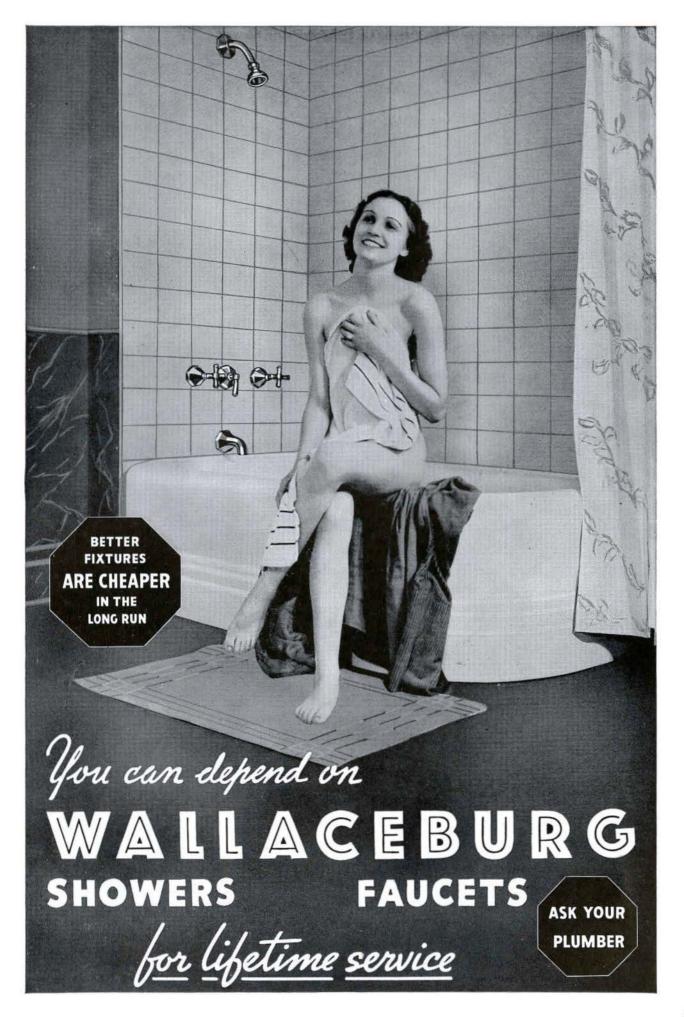
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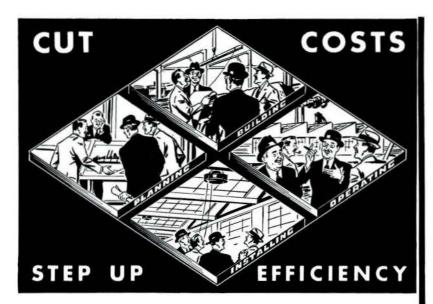
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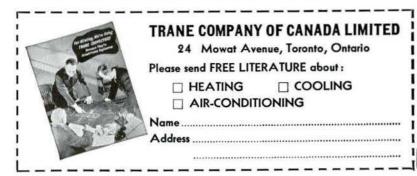
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WE REGRET that we were unable to send our promised Editorial to the Journal for July from St. Paul's Cathedral. We had not counted on spending thirty days at sea and when we did stand, note book in hand, beneath the dome of that sacred and solemn edifice, we realized that neither by air nor by sea, could an article reach Toronto in time for publication. So instead, we sent the President a cable explaining our hopeless state and our inability, in face of wars, geography and censorship, to get six hundred words to Toronto in twenty-four hours.

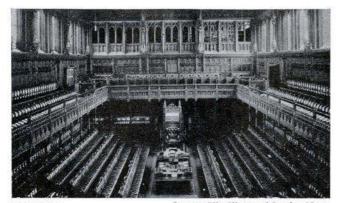
The Germans, like Cromwell, have treated the Church of England as a military objective. We have seen churches hit fair and square in half a dozen cities between Glasgow and London, and we have seen power plants and factories, next door, entirely missed. And yet St. Paul's stands in all its nobility, practically unscathed, with all around it in ruins. The immunity of the Cathedral is all the more remarkable when one remembers the narrowness of the surrounding streets, and the effectiveness of concussion and flying metal in a horizontal direction from bombs five hundred pounds and over. The only external damage that we saw was at the east end, where it was more noticeable than serious. The stone is pockmarked by metal and the holes are a gleaming white against the sooty background of Portland stone. A few sections of cornice have been broken and will have to be replaced, but the holes may be left as a reminder to posterity of the savagery of the enemy and the gallantry and bravery of the defenders. Everywhere round the building are great tanks of water with fire fighters standing by with their equipment. One of them, the son of a distinguished architect, told us that he will never forget the night of the big raid, the shattering noise of exploding bombs, the flames and billows of smoke and the pungent odours of gas and roasting pigeons. All those on duty worked like infuriated ants against the immensity of the Cathedral, while incendiary bombs dropped in hundreds, and buildings crashed in flaming ruins on all sides. If the British firefighting companies had Colours, St. Paul's would certainly be among their battle honours.

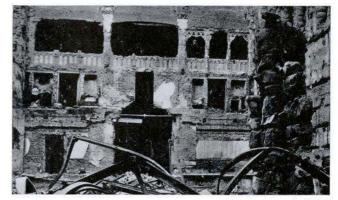
Inside, we felt we were seeing the building as Wren must have seen it on many an occasion. All the Gibbons panelling had been removed and there was a fine kind of plaster dust on the floors; and in the air, the mysterious blue shafts of light, which we remembered, were alive with a million particles of dancing dust. We were just one visitor among many. Fathers and mothers were there with their children, all with little suit cases and lunch parcels as though they had come from the country for a holiday "in town". All were gaping at the dome as though they were seeing it for the first time, and one group was being shown the sights by the verger. We caught an occasional phrase and found it hard to believe we were "at the front" in a real war. Two high explosive bombs hit St. Paul's. One fell in the North Transept and ruined a marble portico and the other fell in the choir. Of the latter the English Architectural Review says "The reredos, by Bodley and Garner, 1888, an elaborate but muddle-headed design which interferes with the clarity of Wren's architecture, was practically undamaged, nor did any part of the main structure suffer severely." We have always had a passion for memorials, especially in crypts, but the time did not seem suitable for such light-hearted pursuits. Otherwise we should have taken a last look at "Sir" Richard Whittington, Florence Nightingale, Sebba, King of the East Saxons, Sir John A. Macdonald, prime minister of Canada, Sir Anthony Van Dyke and, in front of the altar rails, Sir Arthur Sullivan. We went out into the bright light of a summer's day to see the firefighters again, the legless man making chalk drawings on the pavement, the flower sellers, the men selling toys that jump on a string and we felt that all was well.

We carried with us to England a letter of greeting to the Royal Institute of British Architects from the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. An urgent call to our ship in Scotland prevented us from delivering this in person (in the clothes we had slept in for three weeks) to Sir Ian MacAlister, but we posted it in London. We know, from a letter from Sir Ian, that our extraordinary behaviour was not misunderstood, and that the greetings of the Institute were appreciated. We have hopes of making a proper call next summer.

#### . . . AS A RESULT OF ENEMY ACTION

By ANTHONY ADAMSON





BEFORE

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AFTER

#### THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, WESTMINSTER

3. The Houses of Parliament, Westminster.

HE Houses of Parliament, or the New Palace at Westminster is the finest of the great buildings built since the climacteric of our present civilization's architecture in the 14th Century. Many will disagree with that statement but those who do will be hard pressed to agree on a rival. Most of the great churches built since the Gothic taste died blazing on the Cathedral at Milan are inferior in design or lack a unified composition, St. Paul's being among those excepted. None of the empty palaces of Europe's despots that dot that continent from the Escorial to the Peterhof including the Louvre, Chambord and Versailles, is or ever was as satisfactory in function or in mass as the Houses of Parliament. Only one of the now equally empty democratic palaces is comparable, the Parliament at Buda-Pest and it fails where it ceases to imitate Westminster. The commercial palaces of the New World, of which perhaps Radio City is the best exemplar, have beauty, have mass, have function, and are glorious tokens of man's technical ability, but the Queen Mary has equal beauty, greater mass, finer function, and propels itself besides. It comes hard to put a Victorian Gothic building before all the shining beauty of the Renaissance, but no buildings that strive for bookish perfection so assiduously as those of Palladio can be regarded as supreme achievements of the human spirit. Most pre-Palladian buildings are gems too small to set against the glare of our tiara.

It is not to be denied that within half a mile of the Houses of Parliament in Westminster are two or three buildings which are architecturally superior in their limited spheres. Henry VII's Chapel, the Banquetting House, Whitehall and perhaps the Horse Guards. Had Henry VII been able to rebuild Westminster Abbey after the style of King's College Cambridge to the size of St. Paul's it would have been a surpassing thing. But had Inigo Jones been allowed to build on London soil his monstrous palace there is great doubt if it would have been a thing of greater beauty than the Houses of Parliament despite the charm of his Whitehall fragment.

The "Old Palace" at Westminster was destroyed one October night in 1834 leaving but one building of a heterogeneous collection that had been there continuously since Canute.

Fortunately this building was Westminster Hall. St. Stephen's Chapel where the House of Commons had sat since 1547 was gutted. Had the old Palace been burnt ten years earlier the Mother of Parliaments would have been sitting today in some staid Grecian ranges by Cockerell, had it been burnt ten years later it would have been sitting in true mediaeval quaintness in a building by Pugin or Street. But it was not and the Royal Commissioners entrusted with the rebuilding decreed a competition for a palace in the "Tudor or Perpendicular Style" as it was an "English Style". The classicists had then run the whole gamut and some were now wandering among the Egyptians. Ninety-seven architects entered and the competition was won by Charles Barry.

The building that began under his guidance in 1840 was finished in 1867, two years after the dome of the Capitol at Washington. It is eight acres in area which makes it one of the largest buildings in Europe and has a facade three hundred yards long, several hundred feet longer than Versailles or the U.S. Capitol. It has 11 courts, 100 staircases, over 100 principal rooms, and two towers over 300 feet high. Its plan is superb and upon it is built a picturesque but orderly grouping directly expressive of it and incorporating prominently old Westminster Hall, the oak-roofed masterpiece of an earlier England. The two dissimilar towers are extremely happily placed both for their effect and function, the Victoria Tower over the great Royal Entrance arch and Big Ben's tower by the side of a great traffic artery. The regularity of the Thames facade with its great terrace, its six square towers and the lantern tower over the octagonal Central Hall is a purposeful and ingenious foil to the romantic placing of the great towers. The foundations of St. Stephen's Chapel were used for St. Stephen's Hall which runs at an angle from the West porch of Westminster Hall to the Central Octagon on the main axis of the building. The detail of the building is wide open to the charge of redundancy but not mediocrity. Examined minutely it is not exquisite and it is not coarse, there is just rather too much of it. There are 500 statues alone of the British great from Boadicea upwards.

The Houses of Parliament being the great shrine of Democracy will undoubtedly be further damaged in the course of the war. As they stand today, the hall of the House of Commons and the central lantern tower are completely destroyed, the Cloister Court is very badly damaged, one bomb has gone through the roof of Westminster Hall, the Big Ben tower is nicked and there is external damage near the base of the Victoria Tower. It took three years of intermittent bombardment to destroy the Cloth Hall at Ypres and it will take many many more nights of bombing to create havoc at Westminster, but obituary notice must be taken of the parts already lost.

The room of the House of Commons was only 70 feet long, 41 feet high and 45 feet wide and it had today nearly 200 too few seats for its members. The general view of its interior is known to us all. It was a domestic clubby room and its Gothic detail less lavish than the House of Lords and generally more business like. Much of the detail was designed by Pugin who at that time in his busy enthusiastic life was working for Barry and is quite good if we can forget the prejudices with which we were architecturally suckled. By day it was lit by twelve stained glass windows showing the armorial bearings of Parliamentary boroughs. By night it has been lately lit from illuminated glass panels in the ceiling. Barry gave it air conditioning with a system which included cooling by ice in the English summer but it never worked well and much pains had been expended since in bettering the ventilation. The room itself like the institution it housed could have been built only in England. While her very name then was almost enough to constrain aggression on this planet, the room in which supreme power was enacted was panelled quietly in oak on an essentially human scale and there was scarcely enough gilt to decorate a Reich-Marshall's uniform. Many have criticized this room and pointed to it as an example of typical English lack of imagination. Many have explained how superior is the semi-circular auditorium plan of other Parliaments. It is to be greatly doubted whether "lack of imagination" which are the weasel words for "balance" had anything to do with the unimportance of the House of Commons' room. Where it was right and proper to be pompous, Barry was pompous, the Royal Gallery only used for the Royal Progress to and from the House of Lords at the opening of Parliament and at Coronations is nearly twice as large as the House of Commons and the arch at the Royal entrance is half as high again as its roof. These differences were expressly made. As for the auditorium plan it went counter to at least 300 years' tradition and would have abolished the Woolsack. Nevertheless if a part of this great building had to be destroyed the House of Commons was the least architectural loss. It was undoubtedly too small, badly ventilated and had poor acoustics.

The Cloister Court was a bit of romantic frivolity filling in the unrectangular shape that lies between the South side of Westminster Hall and the East side of St. Stephen's Hall. It had two floors of large glazed tracery, arches lighting small committee rooms and on the North there jutted out into the court an apsidal ended conference room. The damage done to the exterior near the base of the Victoria Tower was caused probably by the same bomb that damaged Henry VII's Chapel and bent Richard I's sword for all the newspapers to photograph. It is inconsequential and the future will point to these scars of the past with pride. The loss of the lantern tower with presumably considerable damage to the central hall beneath it is great but it can be rebuilt. It is, however, Westminster Hall which if it is badly damaged will be a far greater loss than the complete destruction of the House of Commons.

Westminster Hall was begun by William II (Rufus) in 1097 and was probably finished with a double row of columns and a basilican plan. It was badly burned in 1291 and was half heartedly restored from time to time till poor Richard II took it in hand in 1398. He remodelled it, removing the columns and had erected the finest and largest wooden roof in existence. It is a beautifully carved hammer beam oak with a span of 68 feet. In its 550 years it had not been damaged except by beetles till this year, though it had been repaired on occasions. The Hall is crowded with historic associations and shares with Westminster Abbey the highest national respect of all Britons. All the greatest legal, national, royal and parliamentary functions took place in it up till the time of the Stuarts. Edward II was deposed in it. Edward III gave a great banquet in it for the two Kings of France and Scotland that he had captured in battle. Its first use after its remodelling was for the deposition of its remodeller. Charles I was condemned to death in it. Cromwell in purple and ermine, carrying a bible and sceptre, was made Lord Protector in it. Eight years later and for nearly thirty years afterwards his head decorated the roof of it on a spike till it blew down and was sold by a sentry. William Wallace, Saint Thomas More, the Earl of Essex and Guy Fawkes were condemned in it. Coronation festivals were held and the King's Champion challenged in it up till George IV. For hundreds of years it was a great law court. Under it is a chapel built by King Stephen. It was altogether an ideal target for German Kultur.

Sir Charles Barry's incorporation of this historic hall in his great building was masterly. He profoundly respected it. He also profoundly respected the Abbey and St. Margaret's Church and resisted what must have been the greatest temptation to an architect to put a fine facade on the Northern side. He had three million pounds to spend which was much more then than it is now and the chance to make his great building dominate the great buildings of historic England. Yet he made no attempt to do so. Nor did he with excellent wisdom attempt symmetry on the North. It has never been the architectural fashion to praise English architecture. The English do not do it themselves. But we have to admit that they are never led into vagaries. "Flamboyant Gothic", "Baroque" and lately the "International" concrete box have left English cities singularly undisturbed. There has only been one time when the bridle was not held tightly on English taste and that was during the Gothic Revival which originated in England, possibly the only style that did. There is little dangerous enthusiasm in the Houses of Parliament. Barry was a classicist and mistrusted the whole Gothic "bag of tricks", he probably left the detailing to Pugin and others and there are few buildings whose decoration can be summed up so concisely by that contemporary word "spinach". Yet the building is perfectly functional and has lasted a hundred years of change with the need of only slight modification, its massing is beautiful whatever we take that word to mean, its "spinach" a wondrous source of amazement and admiration, its reticence and dignity as a great unit in a city is supremely English, and when the present day has crowned it with the noble scars of history the sons of those who pay us for our stark and dated boxes will see in it a beauty beyond our visibility.

The "House of Commons" is not a house nor a group of mortals, it is a pliable vital force. Shakespeare has said about another living English thing and it is equally applicable to it:

"When wasteful war shall statues overturn,
And broils root out the work of masonry,
Nor Mars his sword nor war's quick fire shall burn
The living record of your memory.
'Gainst death and all oblivious enmity
Shall you pace forth; your praise shall still find room
Even in the eyes of all posterity
That wear this world out to the ending doom."

#### "CITY FOR LIVING"

An Exhibition on City and Regional Planning produced by The Architectural Research Group, Montreal

ITHIN the past few years, in various parts of the world, there have been a number of "planning exhibitions", promoted and produced by architects. The underlying idea in each has been threefold: education of the public; expansion of the scope of the architect's services, and publicity for his profession.

The vast majority of people have virtually no knowledge of how the conditions under which they live have developed; of how their own daily lives, their health and wealth, are affected by their surroundings, or of how this environment might be controlled in order to check its evil effects and gradually promote a better life. Without public education in these matters there can obviously be no public demand for the planning and control necessary. Even though there be trained technicians and enlightened authorities, no progress can be made until public opinion becomes stronger than the voices and the purses of the few whose private interests would be jeopardized by any activity toward the general good.

Why have some architects made it their business to teach the public these things? Firstly, because they have recognized the fact that the architect, just as the doctor, has important social responsibilities. He has the responsibility of giving form to the environment which moulds the life of each citizen. He has the technical training and ability to plan the physical surroundings of the people so that their lives may be healthier and happier. He has the knowledge to put an end to the warping, stifling chaos of cities and towns, and to the destructive blight which creeps out into the countryside. All this is as surely a part of the architect's responsibility as public health is of the doctor's.

Secondly, the architect has long realized that his position in the community, instead of gaining in importance with the growing problems which should be his to solve, has been sinking into insignificance. For years, he has complained bitterly against the trends and conditions which he claimed were responsible for his waning prestige, failing to recognize the new fields which these very developments were opening before him.

Many methods have been used in the attempt to interest the public in architecture—the limited architecture of embellishing individual buildings. But the public is notably interested in nothing that cannot readily be recognized as affecting the public. In this matter of living environment, of city and regional planning, is to be found the one logical meeting place for the interests of a bewildered public and of the devitalized profession of architecture. The public needs city and regional planning and, when it is taught why, will demand it; the architect is the organizer with the technical equipment to provide it.

This, broadly, is the reasoning that has resulted in the various town-planning exhibitions which have recently been reported in the architectural journals, and which has interested the Architectural Research Group, since it was formed, in producing such an exhibition in Montreal.

Shortly before last Christmas, the Group decided to attempt the project. Much discussion had taken place concerning the advisability of such a move at a time when the public is, or should be, primarily war-conscious. It was agreed, however, on the basis of "when at war prepare for peace," that this was actually the logical time for the effort, in order that people might be brought to think of the subject and that preliminary steps might be taken—organizations formed and plans prepared—so that, when peace comes, the necessary machinery will have been set up ready to operate without delay. If the mistakes and the lack of foresight which accompanied the development after the last war are to be avoided after this one; if post-war reconstruction is to be properly planned, and if the present chaos is to be corrected, there is no time to be lost and the preparatory work must be started now.

In this connection, the present preparations for post-war planning in England are noteworthy, and it is interesting to read in the London "Architects' Journal" of May 8th, that the "1940 Council" has launched an exhibition, under the name, "Living in Cities", the aim of which is "to persuade as many people as possible that planned reconstruction and development after the war is both desirable and possible." Also, in the May 1st issue of the same paper, the aims of a newly formed Planning Committee of the Manchester Society of Architects (reprinted elsewhere in this number of the Journal) set another stimulating example to the Canadian associations.

#### Preparation

The first step taken by A.R.G. towards a planning exhibition was to prepare a study in the form of a large book of photosketches, and a small-scale model, illustrating roughly the general subject matter and the approximate design of the exhibition. These were used to interest various individuals and organizations in the project. Early reactions were encouraging. When the P.Q.A.A. voted \$750.00 and the City Improvement League of Montreal followed with \$250.00 to round out the estimated material cost of the work, the way was clear and A.R.G. set to work.

Various authorities were consulted and gave valuable assistance in crystallizing the subject matter and in providing facts and figures relating to the different problems of which they had expert knowledge. Public-health doctors, educationalists, social scientists and welfare workers were represented in these discussions.

While the theme and content of the exhibition was taking shape, photographs, maps and diagrams were being selected, and the panels which were to carry them were being built. Most of the photographs were enlarged photostatically, though a few were actually "blown up" to as large as 40 in. by 60 in.

About six weeks before the exhibition was to open, a suitable workshop was found; materials and equipment were moved in, and the work of "production" began. At this stage the Group was assisted, from time to time, by a number of individuals who gave active expression to their interest by helping to paint the panels, and mount and colour photographs and maps. The work was done almost entirely in evenings and on week-ends. The final week-end before the Opening followed the sleepless tradition of architectural competitions.

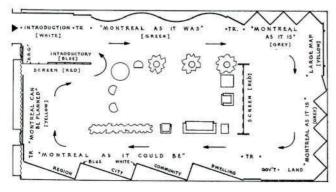
On Monday, May 12th, the completed panels were transported to the Galleries of the Montreal Art Association, and set up — the work being finished only an hour before the time set for the Opening. Against the Ionic facade of the Art Gallery was erected a bright red iron staircase, typical of thousands of tortuous exterior stairs peculiar to the residential districts of Montreal. This bore the sign which announced the exhibition, and served well in advertising it and in attracting people into the Gallery. That evening, with over three hundred guests present, the Mayor of Montreal opened the exhibition. Addresses were given by several prominent citizens, including an excellent one by President J. R. Smith of the P.Q.A.A.

"City for Living" was seen by about six thousand Montrealers during its three weeks' showing at the Art Gallery. Since then, it has spent a week in the Salle d'Honneur of the City Hall, where it was viewed by the City Council and by the new Town Planning Commission, which was appointed the day the exhibition was opened, as well as by other civic employees and more of the public. [It is gratifying to report that the City Council passed a motion thanking A.R.G. for its work.] At the time of writing, "City for Living" has been set up at the Province of Quebec Handicrafts' Fair where it will remain for two weeks, and where very large attendance is expected. From there it is hoped that it will travel to other parts of the city, and it has been suggested that it be sent to other cities and towns of the Province. This the Group is anxious should be done, and it would be glad to discuss arrangements with any group of architects who would be interested in using the exhibition in their community.

The exhibition has received good publicity, including several newspaper editorials, photographs, numerous miscellaneous items and letters in the press, and two radio talks on town-planning in general and the exhibition in particular. Altogether, A.R.G. is gratified and encouraged by the reception that has been accorded what it believes to be the first architecturally promoted planning exhibition in Canada, and it is hoped that steps may be taken to form a Montreal City and Regional Planning Association—consisting not only of architects and technicians, but of all individuals, organizations and professional groups whose interests relate to the subject in any way. Such an association should ensure continuity in the work of creating public interest, as well as provide a meeting place for discussion of the problems, and make it possible to produce a master plan for the area.

#### Description

The exhibition takes Montreal and its region as its object lesson. The photographs and maps, except in one section, are all of Montreal. Nevertheless, what is shown and the conclusions drawn could be applied equally to any other city in this country, or, for that matter, on this continent.



Plan of the Exhibition as set up in the Montreal Art Gallery.

After an introductory or title panel, the exhibition divides itself into four sections, each heralded by a single red panel bearing white lettering, and reading, respectively: "Montreal as it was", "Montreal as it is", "Montreal as it could be", and "Montreal can be planned".

The introduction panel carries a five foot photograph of a "happy family", as it came to be known during production. This happy family reappears later in the "Tomorrow" section. On this panel is also a selection of a number of photographs of existing Montreal conditions which will be seen later in the "Today" section. The exhibition title, "City for Living", appears at the top, and below a broad statement to the effect that healthy cities are essential to healthy citizens, whereas much of Montreal does not provide the requirements of healthy life.

The "Montreal as it was" section outlines the history of the city from the time that Jacques Cartier discovered the green island in the St. Lawrence up until today, ending by picturing the present sprawling greyness of a chaotic metropolis. This section is made up of curved green panels bearing prints of engraved maps and drawings of the city's growth, and colour sketches of famous events in its history. It concludes that though the city became a great commercial, industrial and transportation centre, with mighty buildings, yet it has not produced good living conditions for its citizens.

The next section, "Montreal as it is", consists of seventeen grey panels arranged in zig-zag formation. It shows various aspects of the city as it affects the people who have to live in it. It asks personalized questions and answers them photographically: the answer to the question, "Who are we?" analyzes the main trades and occupations of the citizens; to the question, "Where do we live?" shows housing conditions and how they affect living; to the questions, "Where do we work?—play?—learn? illustrates the surroundings provided for these pursuits. Other panels in this section outline the city's health conditions, the public services, the use of land, and functioning of the many governing bodies which control the metropolitan region. One very large panel shows by a map that there are too many such political units to allow a comprehensive regional plan, and that a central co-ordinating planning authority is necessary. Other maps show population densities, types of building development, land values and centres of employment. The question, "Is this the best we can do?" is emphasized by repetition throughout this section.

The third section, "Montreal as it could be", is composed of 12 ft. by 6 ft. blue panels alternating with 4 ft. by 6 ft. white panels at right angles. The smaller panels carry reproductions of the "happy family" of the introduction, and state that the family unit determines the dwelling unit, thence the community, thence the city, and thence the region. The large blue panels illustrate and suggest sound planning methods for each of these extensions of living space, in turn, with pictures of actual achievements in other parts of the world.

Finally, there are four yellow panels suggesting the methods by which a master plan will be made possible: through public understanding of the problems and demand for their solution; by conferences, lectures, exhibitions, planning centres, libraries. The end panel carries a framed mirror, and below it challenges, "Here is the person to do it!" (In passing it may be recorded that this "stunt" worked reasonably well; most men were caught and registered, though many women were seen adjusting their hats in the glass before walking out onto the street.)

It should be noted that one of the main technical difficulties in this exhibition was found to be in carrying the text in both French and English. This was achieved more

or less satisfactorily by keeping, wherever possible, the two languages in different coloured lettering. One or two other technicalities may be of interest to some readers. For the large lettering, at top and bottom of the panels, 3 in. and 2 in. cut-out cardboard letters were glued on, 1,000 of the former and 1,500 of the latter. Other lettering was applied by stencil. The photographs and maps were mounted with ordinary casein paste, which proved, on experiment, very much more satisfactory than rubber cement. The panels were painted, by spray gun, with flat oil paint. The panels themselves are 1/4 in. beaver board, almost entirely in stock sizes, nailed and glued to 2 in. by 1 in. stripping with diagonal bracing. Each panel was edged with 1/4 in. by 11/4 in. hardwood strip. Some panels rest directly on the floor, others are up two feet on 2 in. square legs, but the tops of all, except the 14 ft. map, are eight feet above the floor, the varying plan shapes serving to break the line. Owing to the difficulty of stowing such large panels and yet keeping them readily accessible in the studio, they were stood on edge on floor cleats and slid in and out between separating nails. Many of them warped threateningly until they were hinged together or bolted to legs, since when they have given no trouble. Apart from some half-dozen cut-out letters being knocked off (they are retrieved or replaced from a spare stock), there have been no mishaps whatever in the three moves the exhibit has undergone to date. The three rooms in which it has been shown so far have been quite different in shape and size, but it has been possible each time to arrange the panels well and to give a successful general appearance. The Art Gallery room is about 40 feet by 70 feet and the exhibit was arranged around the walls. In the City Hall it was set up as an island in a room about 100 feet by 35 feet.

A.R.G. considers itself most fortunate in the encouragement and support it received from organizations and individuals during the production of "City for Living". It hopes for further co-operation in circulating the exhibition wherever it may be of value. This exhibition, however, is but a first step, and must be followed up by continuous efforts toward public education in town and regional planning; toward broader architectural services, and wider recognition of the profession. The opportunity is now; and it may be the last. The work must be done—NOW.

-A. R. G.

#### TIMELY GREETINGS

THE following cablegram has just been received from Moscow by the President of the Royal Institute of British Architects:—

President, Royal Institute of British Architects, London: We send through you friendliest greetings to Architects of Britain. We have a common foe; a foe bringing in his wake bestial hatred of human liberty and culture, a foe striving to destroy everything created by human endeavour in our centuries' old history. All progressive forces of the world must rally against this foe. We architects have placed ourselves at disposal of our Government which leads the people to battle against the rapacious aggressor. We are filled with firm assurance of complete and final victory over the mortal enemy. In this historic hour we express our deep friendship for our British colleagues and for the people of Britain.

Victor Vesnin, President U.S.S.R. Academy of Architecture.

Alabyan, Vice-President U.S.S.R. Academy of Architecture, Secretary Union of Soviet Architects, Honorary Corresponding Member R.I.B.A.

Boris Yofan, Member U.S.S.R. Academy of Architecture.

Sergei Charnyshev, Member U.S.S.R. Academy of Architecture, Chief Architect of Moscow.

Alexei Shchusev, Member U.S.S.R. Academy of Architecture.

Arkin, Corresponding Member U.S.S.R. Academy of Architecture, Honorary Corresponding Member, R.I.B.A.

The following reply has been sent:-

Victor Vesnin, President U.S.S.R. Academy of Architecture, Dmitrovka 24B Moscow. Thank you for friendly greetings: we join with you in resolution never to cease fighting until victory over aggressor is assured. William Ansell, President Royal Institute of British Architects.

IAN MACALISTER, Secretary.

#### OBITUARY

#### J. G. HEDGES

Mr. Hedges was born and educated in Toronto. He started practising Architecture in 1912 and in 1925 took a position with the Toronto Harbour Commission. On the outbreak of war he went to the Department of National Defence and supervised construction work at Camp Borden, Dunnville, Fingal, Trenton and Clinton. While Mr. Hedges resided in Toronto, he died suddenly in Clinton on the 18th August, 1941, in his fifty-second year. Mr. Hedges was held in high esteem in his profession and was a Member of the Ontario Association of Architects and of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada.

#### J. M. COWAN

Mr. Cowan was born in Jarvis, Ontario, and educated in Toronto. He started the practise of Architecture in Toronto in 1907 and continued to practise until his death, in his sixty-first year, on the 2nd July, 1941. Mr. Cowan was for many years the Architect for the Separate School Board of Toronto, and enjoyed a wide practice throughout the Province in Roman Catholic Schools and Churches. He was a Member of the Ontario Association of Architects and of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada.



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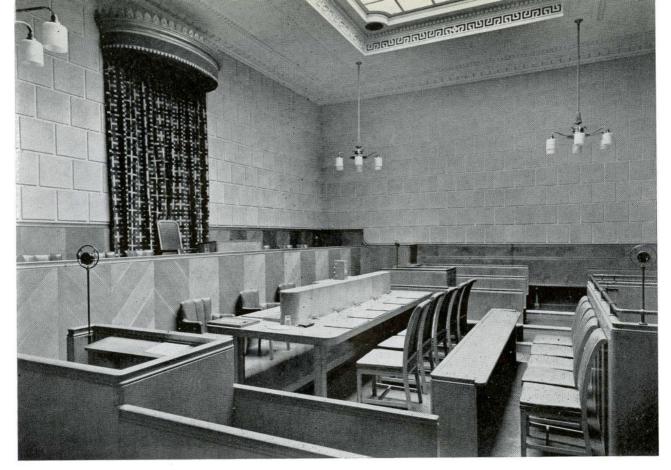
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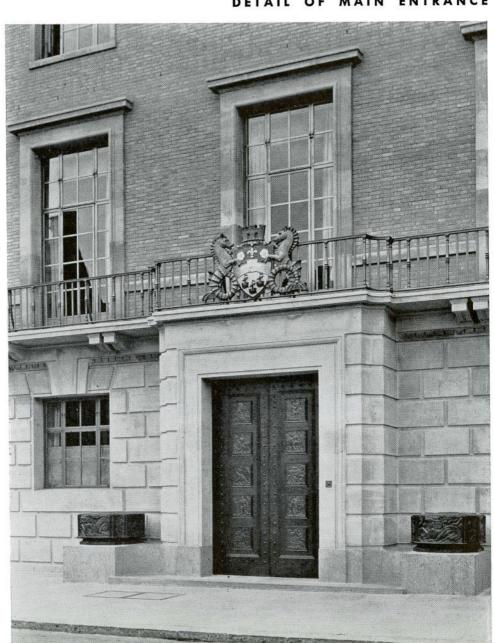


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THE GUILDHALL POLICE COURT

#### DETAIL OF MAIN ENTRANCE



#### FRANK J. MARTIN

President of The Saskatchewan Association of Architects

FRANK J. MARTIN, President of the Saskatchewan Association of Architects, was born at Brighton, England, 37 years ago and moved to Saskatoon in 1909 with his parents. He received his primary and secondary education in Saskatoon and graduated from the College of Engineering, University of Saskatchewan, in 1928.

He attended the School of Architecture, University of Washington, and returned to Saskatoon on the death of his father in



1932. He wrote his final examinations for registration in Saskatchewan the same year and since that time has carried on the practice established by his father.

On August 1st, he joined the R.C.A.F. with the rank of flying officer and is at present located at North Battleford, Sask., as Works Officer.

Mr. Martin is married and has two sons and a daughter.

#### WELDED STEEL FEATURES IN A NEW CLEVELAND CHURCH

THE pitch (45°), plus wind and slate loads, necessitated greatest possible rigidity and gave rise to the unique feature of the design—the use of bent channels and plate arc welded to form the haunch section of columns.

Fabrication of a haunch consisted of cutting a V into each channel, bending to desired contour, placing the two bent channels together with a cut plate in a special jig, the plate touching each channel at centre line of web, then fillet welding at each side of the plate. There is no lateral bracing whatever.

Columns and roof frames being I-beams, (18-inch x 70 pound), the haunch section web plate was butt welded to webs of columns and beams while the haunch channel flanges abutted the I-beam flanges in a V-shaped joint.

Column, haunch and roof frame, comprising one half a frame bent, constituted one fabricated unit. They are trucked to the site.

In erection, the two halves of a bent were placed, held in position until the other was erected then both were allowed to assume positions, butting together at the peak. It is interesting to note that all steel was placed in less than two days, with the observation by the erector, that one day would be more than ample for a second job of the same type.





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#### BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Dear Sir.

I am commanded by The King to convey to the Members of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada His Majesty's sincere thanks for their message of loyal assurances.

The King deeply appreciates such messages which, in these anxious days, are a source of great encouragement to him.

Yours very truly,

A. H.L. Hawri

The President,
The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada,
Office of the President,
4 St. Thomas Street,
Toronto.

The above is the reply of H.M. The King to the message of loyalty and devotion from the Members of the R.A.I.C. at the Annual Meeting, Toronto, February 22nd, 1941.

The message from the Institute reads as follows:—

#### TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty:

The members of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada now assembled for their annual meeting, desire humbly to approach Your Majesty with a renewed expression of their devotion and loyalty to the Crown and to the Empire, a willing service which their ancestors declared in times of peace and displayed in time of war and which the present generation purposes steadfastly and faithfully to maintain.

We pray that in this hour of trial, Divine blessing may rest upon Your Majesty, Her Gracious Majesty The Queen, and The Royal Princesses. By your example of confident faith and courage you have strengthened beyond measure those bonds of affectionate respect and esteem with which your subjects throughout the Empire are joined to you in unswerving loyalty.

Burwell R. Coon, President.

Toronto, the twenty-second of February, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-one.

### PROVINCIAL PAGE

#### ALBERTA

In these letters as well as on other pages of the Journal the general shortage of housing has time and again been brought to attention. We hear talk of social reconstruction after the war. The whole system of living, it is hoped, is to be put on a better basis. In Britain much was actually done after the last great war, but apparently not enough. Even whilst an all out effort in a great war is now being made we hear of strikes in Canada, sometimes of a very determined character. Our first reaction to news of a strike is indignation at the want of patriotism shown. If we enquire what is the underlying cause of these strikes a glance over the balance sheet showing the family expenses of an industrial worker with something less than \$1500 a year and with a family of four or more children will incline us to open our eyes and to close our mouths. Men do not strike simply for the pleasure of handling so many bills nor, indeed, merely to secure the basic necessities of life, but to get a share of the requirements of civilized life.

If we are to improve the structure of society we must have a clear knowledge of how society is at present constructed and where and what evils exist in it. We know that there is a shortage of housing, but we do not know how much shortage. We have no definite idea of what is needed to make up the shortage, what number of individual houses of two, three or four bedrooms, what number of apartments, providing what extent of accommodation and so on. Farther, we need to know what incomes the humbler workers have and how much they must spend on other things besides taxes or rent. If society is to be constructed on improved lines this surely implies that we must insure some definite standard of living conditions for all people who are essential to industry of all kinds. The federal census makes some enquiries into the number of rooms that families occupy and certain other matters that seem to most people irrelevant. These enquiries evidently have the ultimate object of acquiring the information that is needed for a reconstruction of society. It would seem, however, that even more particular enquiries have to be made, and that not so much by federal as by local authorities. Interest in these things and plans for improvement must be local in order to elicit the personal support that is needed as the motive power for action.

The primary need is for complete and intimate statistics of living conditions covering not merely basic necessities of life but also civilized needs. Such statistics must not be made for their own sake. Decades might be spent in compiling statistics and yet result in nothing. They must be currently diagnosed to indicate the sources of trouble and the remedies required. On such a basis only can intelligent plans for the future be made. The way our poorer people are actually conditioned is no credit to our civilization.

All this may seem far from the usual sphere of the architect. It is still farther removed from that of any other organised profession. It is a sphere requiring practical creative ability and one that has an important future as a separate profession. This profession may rightly be called town planning, but the meaning of that term requires a wide expansion from that in which it is usually understood. Architecture is the profession which stands nearest to it and it would be well that architects should lend their aid in developing its study.

Cecil S. Burgess.

#### ONTARIO

Mounting difficulties in the way of all construction which is not more or less directly connected with the prosecution of the war are making themselves felt. The proposal to add extensive accommodation to McKellar General Hospital at Fort William is now reported to have been modified, with a view to spreading the work over four years; while the projected additions to Barton Street Hospital in Hamilton are expected to be postponed for the duration. On the industrial and governmental fronts, however, activity still seems to be at a high level. Contracts have been awarded for two more units of temporary offices at Ottawa, at a total cost of nearly three-quarters of a million dollars; and another quarter of a million is estimated to be required for additions to the Jackson Building there, for which tenders are being taken. At Chatham the Chrysler Corporation of Canada, Ltd., is considering large-scale extensions to its plant, for which it has had plans prepared by Hamilton architects; and an abrasives plant at Brantford is reported as likely to be enlarged in the near future.

In Toronto, work is now under way on additions and alterations to the old Normal School, which is to be taken over by the R.C.A.F. as a training centre. Until it is known what changes are to be made, and how permanent they will be, comment must be withheld, of course; but it is permissible to hope that time-honoured landmarks such as this may survive these hectic days in a recognizable form, or else be entirely removed. Still speaking of Toronto, one imagines that the authorities of Trinity University are congratulating themselves on having started their extensions when they did. The new dining-hall and residence wings are to be formally opened by His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, toward the middle of this month.

At this time of the year, of course, all roads in this part of the world lead to the Canadian National Exhibition. While there is little of architectural merit throughout the length and breadth of the grounds, the six small homes in the International Building are worth a visit. For convenience of circulation, two floors and basement have to be displayed on one level—a device which inevitably mutilates the planning and plays hob with the architecture in general. They attract a good deal of public interest, however, from which idle curiosity is largely eliminated by a small admission fee. From the architect's point of view they would be much more satisfactory if erected outside, complete from footings to roof, as was done at the New York World's Fair; but one hesitates to think of the stairs, after two weeks of the intensive use to which they would be subjected at the C.N.E.!

We regret having to end on a sour note—sour, that is, from our own provincial point of view. According to statistics published in "Building in Canada", for the first six months of this year Quebec is ahead of us in contracts awarded by a cool thirty per cent!

Gladstone Evans.

#### **OUEBEC**

Congratulations to all who contributed to the excellent Western Issue. There can be no greater compliment than to state it was up to *Journal* standard in every respect.

It would add to the interest if some of the photographs of new work were accompanied occasionally by a paragraph by the architects giving us an "inside" story of its development from draughting-room to site. It should not be done too often, but it could be very interesting and at times funny.

Meetings of Council were held every month throughout the summer—and it was a hot one in our part of the country. The routine business of the Association has been attended to and our affairs are in good order. By this I mean our internal affairs. So far as external affairs are concerned and our relations with society in general, including "government" and "business"—well, that's another matter.

Mr. Charles David, a director of War Time Housing and one of our own members, reports that several hundred houses are either out for tender or actually under construction in localities where most needed. These places include Hull, Brownsburg, Valleyfield, Quebec City and a few others. So far these houses have been built on existing sub-divisions or contiguous, and consideration has been given to proximity to schools, churches, and stores as well as distance from the plant. It is a comfort to learn that architects have been engaged for the supervision of the work. After disappointments in the past we may perhaps be excused if we are a bit touchy on the subject of employment of architects on any kind of War Time Housing.

Mr. John Bland, Head of the Department of Architecture of McGill University, has supplied a few notes with reference to the approaching term. Later more definite information concerning instructors and enrollment will be available. "Of the six students who graduated from the school of architecture in May this year, three are on active service. John Porter and Henry De Pierro are with the R.C.E. and Stuart McNab is with the R.C.A.F. Bob Esdaile has joined the staff of the British Ministry of Aircraft Production and is stationed at Newfoundland. John Darby is with the C.I.L. in Montreal and John Ross is with his father. Two first year students, Pat Stoker and Bill Ralston have joined the R.C.A.F. Others may have joined up too during the summer.

Arrangements are being made for the new session commencing September 29th. Mr. Taylor is planning to conduct the regular sketching school commencing September 15th. Outdoor sketching is not without its hazards these days. One used to be an object of curiosity, but now sinister suspicion is attached to anyone who looks too closely at a tumbledown house. Twice Mr. Taylor has been carried away by the vigilant squad. One student last year was locked up for a day—the story is that a St. John's Ambulance Brigade Badge, the kind that is worn skiing in the mountains, was mistaken for the insignia of a subversive organization. It is hoped that this year nothing unfortunate will happen, as Mr. Taylor will no doubt be instructed by the police as to what is artistic and not strategic, and what is strategic and not artistic—or something of the sort."

Harold Lawson.

### LICENSING OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDING PROJECTS

Toronto, July 11, 1941.

Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply, Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

The National Construction Council at its last annual meeting held in Toronto instructed me to write to you regarding the Order in Council which provides for the licensing of commercial and industrial building projects.

The Council unanimously endorses the action of the government in placing restrictions on the use in private building,

of labor and materials required for war purposes. However, it also realizes that as a result the building industry faces serious, if not disastrous, curtailment of its activities and that unemployment amongst certain sections of the industry must inevitably be faced when the pace of war purpose construction slows down and the new munitions plants go into production.

The Council therefore, feels that a public statement should be made at once by the government as to the policy which the Priorities Officer is to follow in granting or withholding licenses, so that permissible private construction be not unnecessarily abandoned due to ignorance of government policy.

The Council is also of the opinion that arrangements should be made in each of the large centres of the country to provide for prompt decisions on applications for licenses and that such decisions could thereby be influenced to some extent by local conditions and unnecessary hardships avoided.

Assuring you of the earnest support of the Council, I am Yours very truly,

A. S. MATHERS,

President,

National Construction Council of Canada.

Ottawa, July 18, 1941

Mr. A. S. Mathers, President, National Construction Council of Canada, 74 King Street East, Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Mathers:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 11th inst., and appreciate the comments of your Council on the licensing of commercial and industrial building projects. When the Order in Council governing construction control was considered, we were fully aware that there would be some dislocation in many branches of the construction industry but nevertheless were of the opinion that the present emergency necessitated the limiting of undertakings not essential to our war effort.

The policy governing construction control is well set out in Order in Council P.C. 3481, and I am sure you appreciate the difficulty of issuing a complete statement of policy, as this is changing daily to suit the changing conditions. However, I would like to point out that it is not our intention to disturb or curtail any projects where it would appear desirable to have the work proceed at this or any specified time. I would also advise you that in approving of the issuance of a license, account is taken of the special circumstances relating to local and area conditions.

Although the Government is desirous of building up a backlog of construction for the post war period, we realize the desirability of maintaining at all times, a certain flow of construction activity and our policy will be adjusted from time to time to meet the changing conditions. Therefore, projects that are deferred during the present period might be reconsidered at some later date.

In reference to local representation, I would advise you that this is under consideration and it is only a question of deciding on the method that will give the best results. In the meantime, I understand that there is very little delay in dealing with applications. Some cases require special investigation and study, but the majority of applications are dealt with within twenty-four hours of their receipt by the Priorities Officer.

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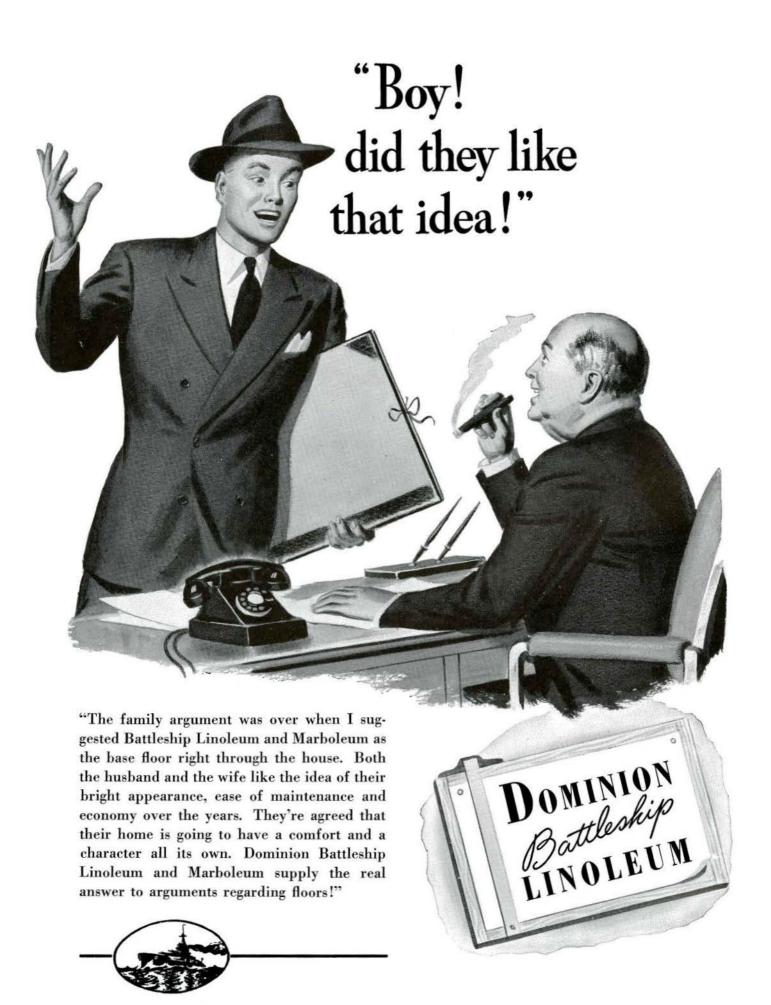
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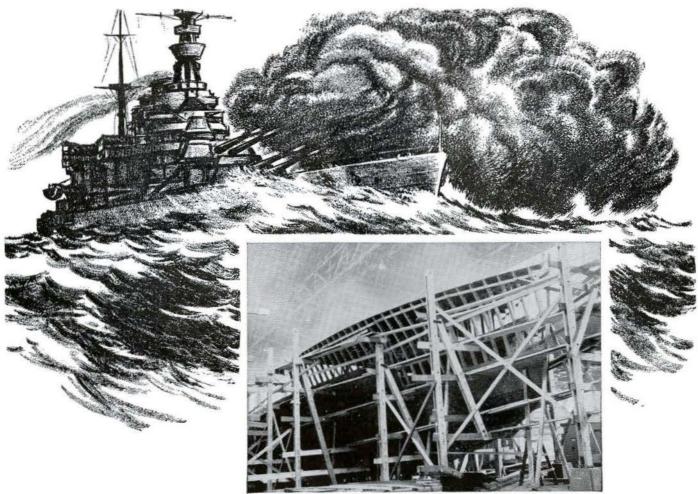
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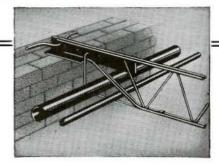
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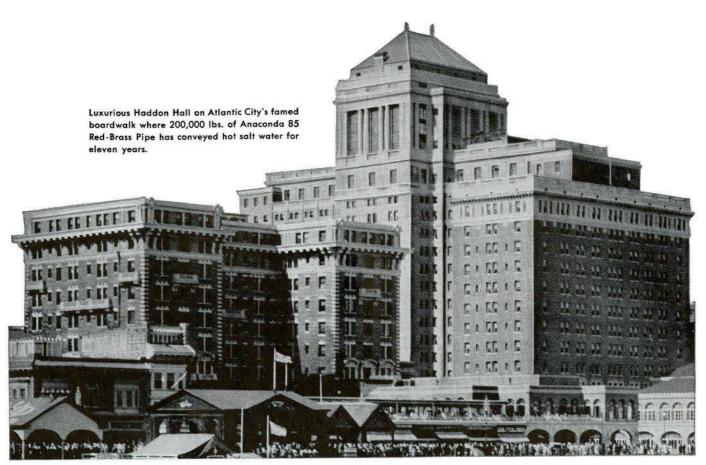


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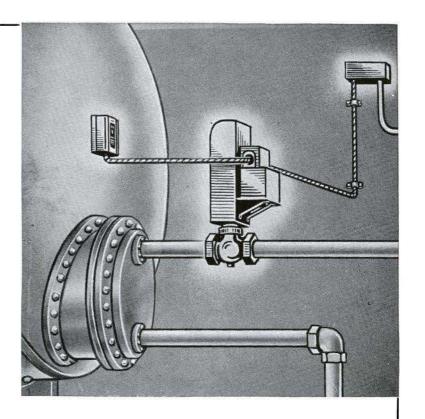
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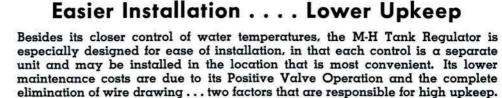


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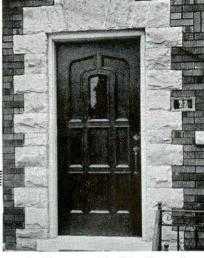
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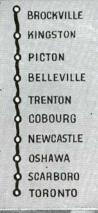
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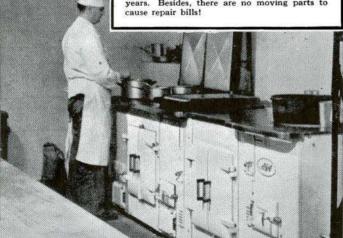
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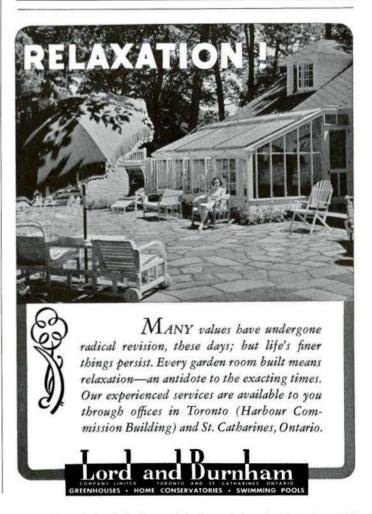
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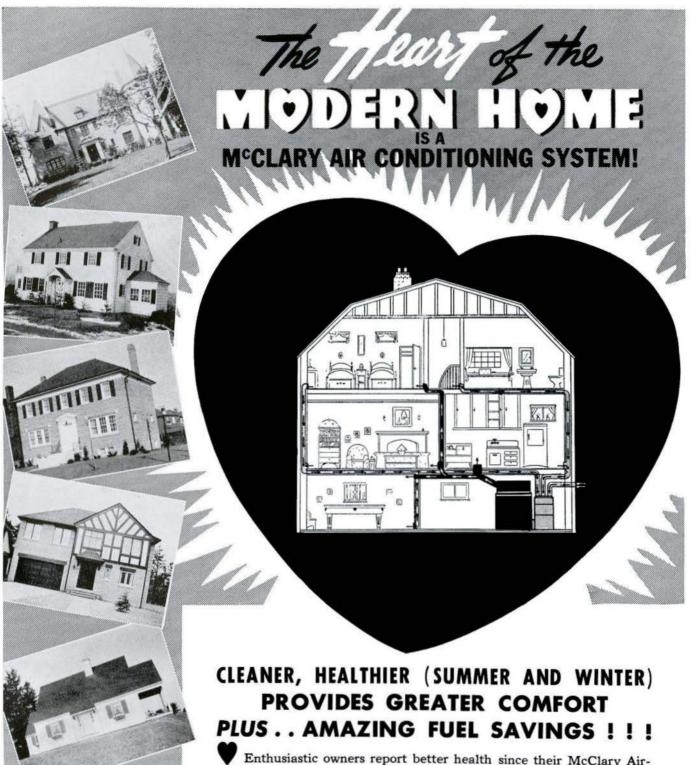


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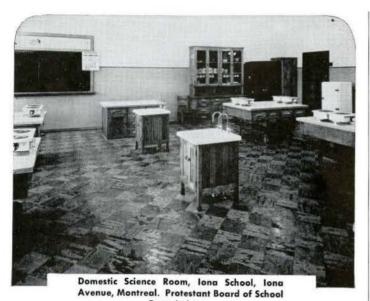
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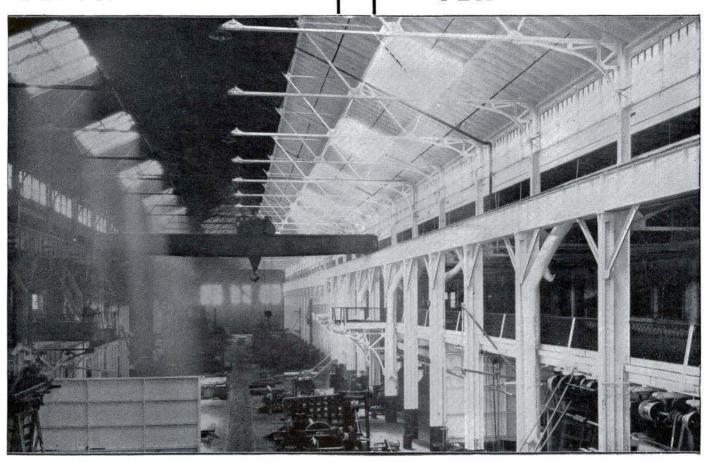
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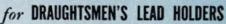
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