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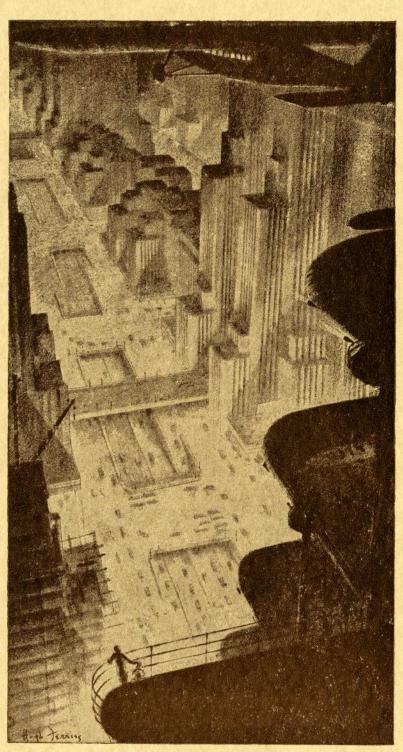
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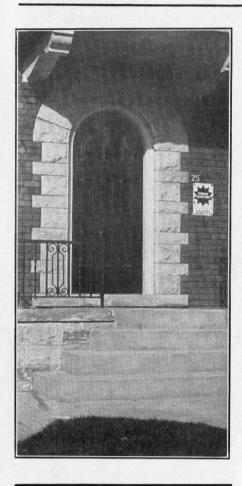
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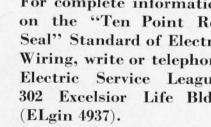
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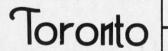
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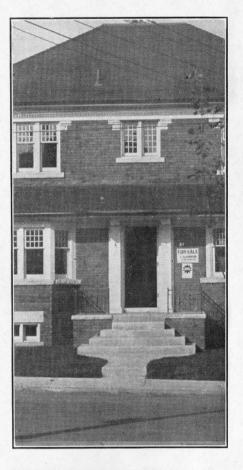
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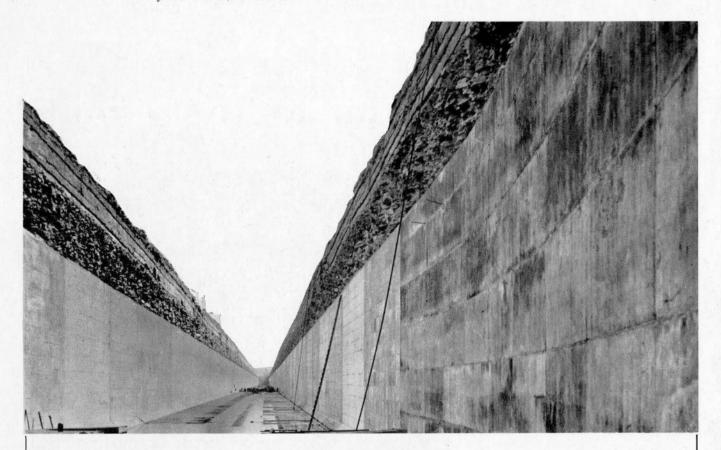
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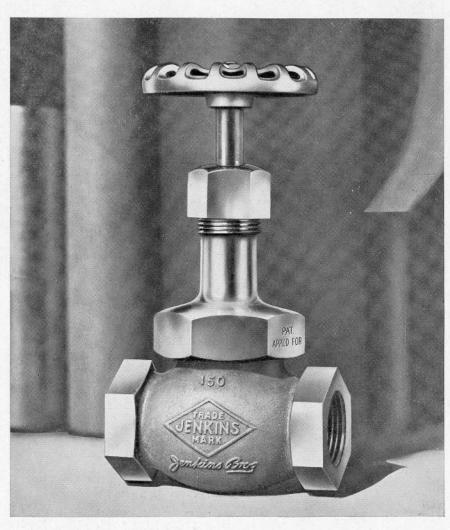
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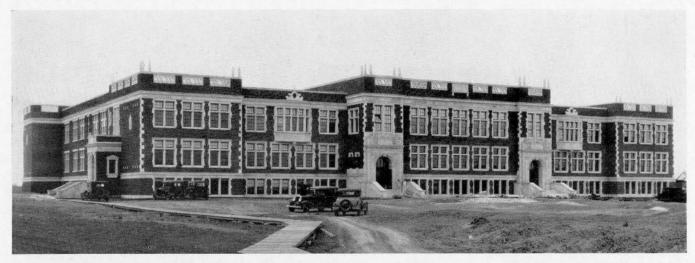
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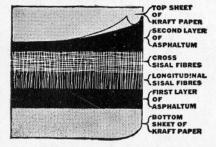
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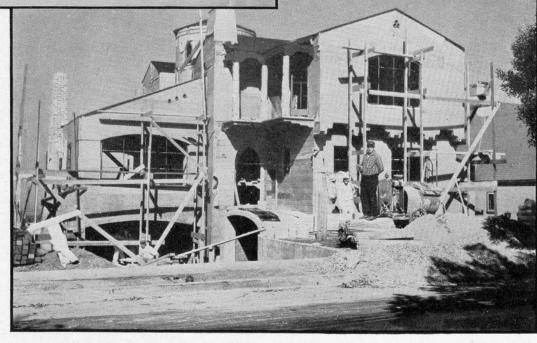
### Some typical applications

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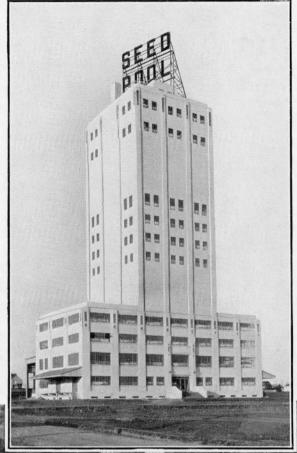
Above, Sisalkraft being applied for curing and protecting the concrete floors.

Smaller views above showing applications of Sisalkraft over sheathing, for lining solid brick wall, and for use under hardwood floor.

These are only a few of the many applications for which it is being used.



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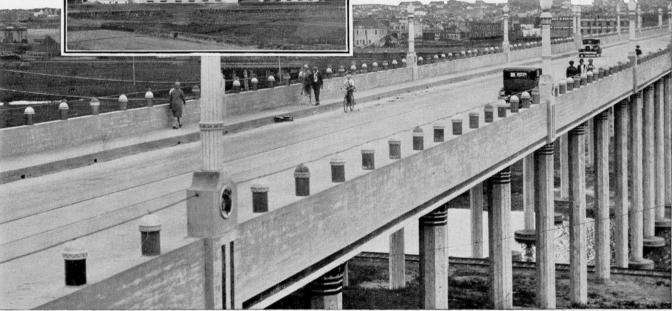


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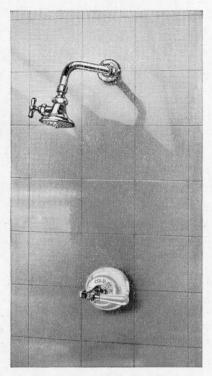
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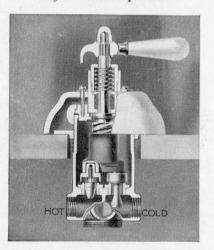
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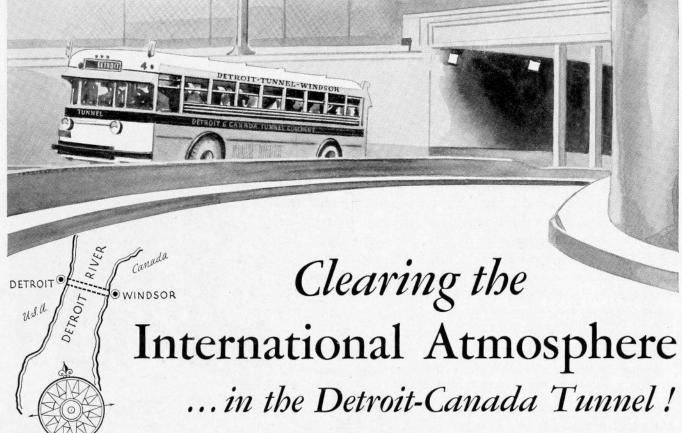
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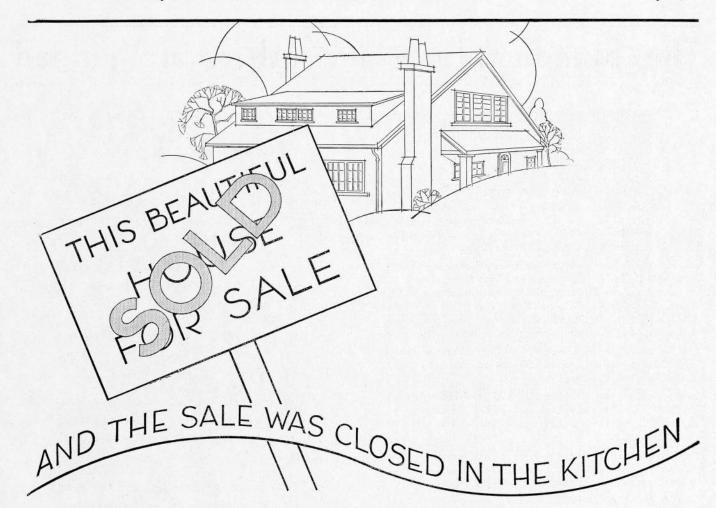
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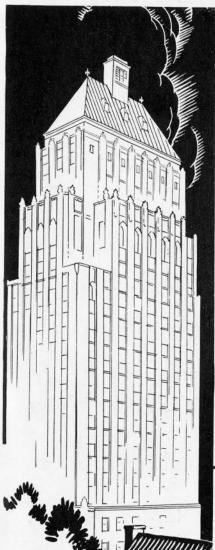
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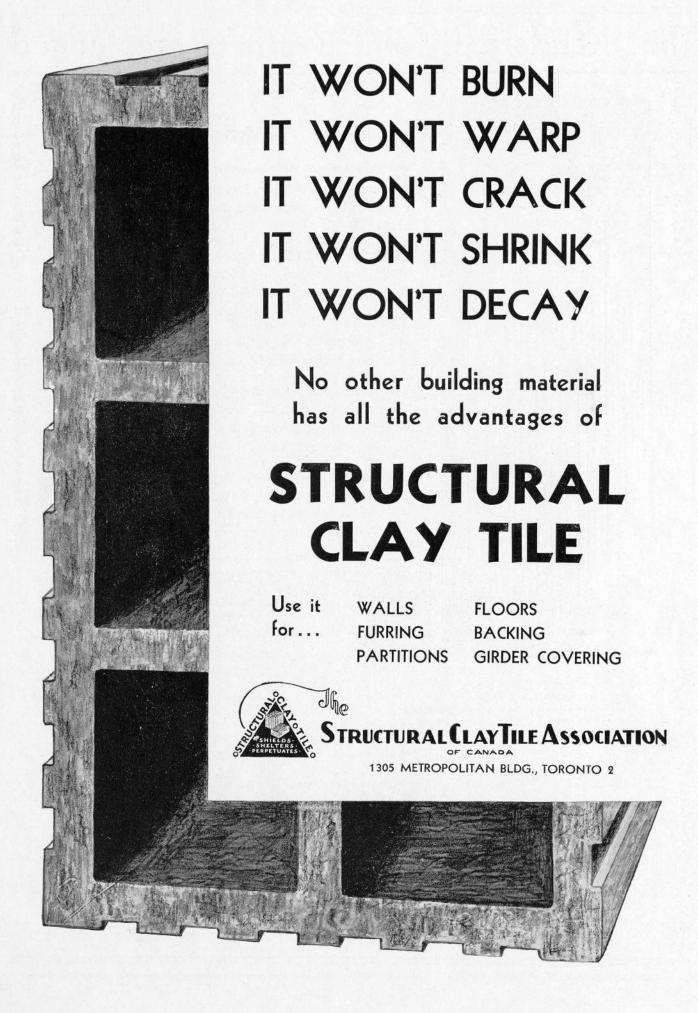
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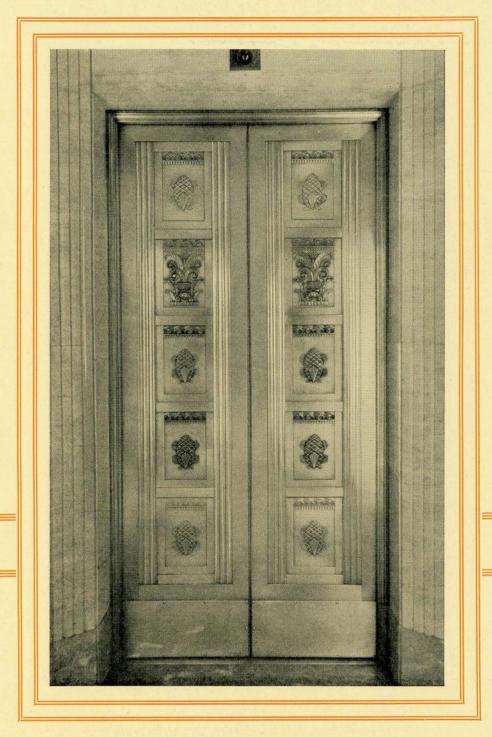
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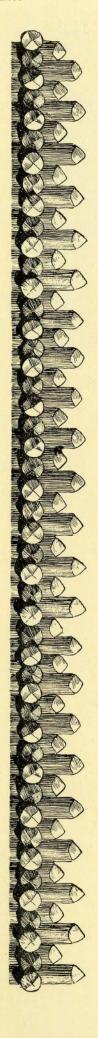
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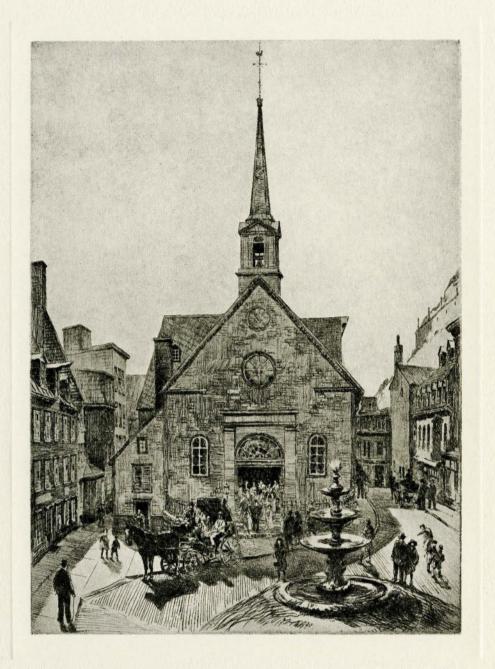
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#### EDITORIAL

THE frontispiece in this issue is from an etching of Notre-Dame-des-Victoires, Quebec, by Herbert Raine, R.C.A., which was shown at the recent exhibition of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, in Toronto. It is interesting to recall, on this, the beginning of a new year, that the very first frontispiece to be published in The Journal, over seven years ago, was also from an etching by Mr. Raine.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN ACADEMY EXHIBITION

For the first time since the inception of THE

JOURNAL we have the privilege of publishing a review of an academy exhibition by an architect. Mr. John M. Lyle, the author of the article, who is himself a member of the Academy, has not hesitated to criticise the work of some of the painters and is frank in expressing the hope that what he has to say will be of some constructive value. On another page in this issue we publish a letter from another architect, Mr. Stanley T. J. Fryer, who also takes the painters to task for some of the work shown at the academy exhibition.

These criticisms, because they are constructive, should give much food for thought. We agree with Mr. Lyle when he says that the Canadian artist and architect have been sadly hampered in their work

by lack of honest criticism. As we have stated on a previous occasion, art and architecture cannot thrive on praise alone, and although it is human nature for an artist or an architect to appreciate favourable comment on his work, they should be equally anxious to receive constructive criticism. In our opinion, criticism, provided it is specific and not merely general, is useful in that it will ultimately lead to improvement, and this is as true of art and architecture in Canada as it is of any other creative effort.

It is not to be expected that the criticisms offered by Mr. Lyle and Mr. Fryer will be accepted by the painters without comment, and in order that the view-point of others may be known, The Journal will be very pleased to open its columns to those who may wish to comment on these criticisms.

"Architects"

Under this caption in the December, 1930, issue of the Bulletin of the Canadian Tuberculosis Association is to be found an alleged indictment against the members of the architectural profession of Canada, and reads as follows:

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"the office of the Canadian Tuberculosis Association was asked to suggest institutions in Canada which might be visited with advantage by the medical director and the architect. An arrangement was made whereby one new building especially suitable for duplication was visited. Blueprints were even obtained of this example, but in some instances were not followed."

Copying plans *per se* is a very dangerous practice not only in sanatoria work but in general, unless the copyist understands the principle involved.

Another instance is men-

tioned where

"one and one-half million dollars is available to erect a treatment institution for tuberculosis, but the choice of the architect is reported to be the stumbling block holding up the urgently needed relief for suffering humanity."

Incomprehensible is the only word we can use after reading this statement, since there are Canadian architects, and we again emphasize *Canadian architects*, who are both capable and competent to design sanatoria and who have successfully done so in the past.

The third case referred to

is that
"a consulting architect has caused so much confusion and
uncertainty in regard to ultimate costs, etc., etc., that the
committee is stalemated and nothing constructive is apparently happening."

Perhaps this is the project where we understand a consulting architect from New York has been appointed? In which case, we ask how much longer we Canadian members of the architectural profession are to suffer from the inferiority complex displayed by so many people, including medical men, in Canada.

Our Institute has made hospital architecture a live issue, as evidenced in The Journal and when we read that the Canadian Medical Association has appointed one of our members on its advisory board for the very purpose of helping all those interested in planning institutions of like nature, and further that the Department of National Health has a division of hospital advisory services, working in close co-operation with the Canadian Medical Association, the thought occurs to us that the Canadian Tuberculosis Association, and all those interested in sanatoria, would be well advised to take advantage of such service, thereby helping both professions and incidentally, but by no means the least, suffering humanity.

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NOTE: The full programme for this meeting will be found on the back cover of this issue.

### Fifty-First Annual Exhibition Royal Canadian Academy of Arts

By John M. Lyle, R.C.A., F.R.I.B.A., F.R.A.I.C.

WHEN an architect is invited to write a critical review of a painters' and sculptors' exhibition, and he declines the honour with thanks but is persuaded against his own better judgment by his fellow academicians that his opinions would be of some interest and value to the Canadian art world —he slumps miserably and meekly defers to the wishes of the majority.

In such a situation there is, of course, the consolation that I am quite free to express my own personal views and speak frankly with the hope that what I have to say will have some constructive sent in to the academy. Some of these pictures could not have taken more than two or three hours at the most to execute. Many of them could be classed simply as sketches or studies. When we consider also the importance that an exhibition has for the painter or sculptor as compared with the architect, it should be borne in on them, and especially the academicians, that it is their duty to put their best foot forward and so plan their year's work that their contribution will be a worthy one. The multiplicity of small pictures make it almost impossible to make a fine spotting on the wall for a



ECHO RIVER

By Maurice Cullen, R.C.A.

value. I have always felt that the Canadian artist and architect are sadly hampered in their work by the great lack of honest criticism.

On making a tour of the fifty-first annual exhibition of the Royal Canadian Academy, one is struck by five things:

1. The number of small and unimportant pictures

2. The choice of subjects.

3. The number of different schools of painting.

4. The lack of a distinctive Canadian note in nearly all of the pictures exhibited—this latter criticism applies also to the architectural exhibition.

5. The absence of figure subjects apart from portraits, either treated individually or as adjuncts in a landscape or architectural composition.

1. This was my first experience on an academy hanging committee and I was amazed to see the number of small, trivial and unimportant pictures submitted. Are the Canadian painters lazy or are they too occupied in outside work to spare the time for serious effort? When we consider the vast amount of serious work that an architect has to perform during the year, he may be pardoned for wondering why so many trivial pictures are

distinctive ensemble—a most important consideration in giving distinction to an exhibition.

2. No layman has ever been able to understand why so many painters, year after year, select the same subject, the same type of landscape and the same period of the year in which to paint it. Nor has anyone been able to understand why our Canadian painters have such a predilection for sheds, fences and outhouses. Why do they wish to show this type of picture. I can quite understand that the play of sunlight on a fence or on a brick wall is of great interest to the painter, but is such a picture worthy of the academy? Does it not more properly belong in the studio as data for future use? Some of our painters seem to be suffering from the shed complex.

3. The styles of painting run the gamut from the dull, uninspired conventional Victorian type of meticulous, worried canvas to the free, gay, clean color patterned type of picture. In this respect the exhibition is a most catholic one, and examples in the modern manner are given equal places of honour with those of the more academic type. Let us be frank and admit that the "School of Seven" has exercised a strong influence in Canadian art,

itself to the ima-

gination. Our painters are not

going to paint a literal, realistic

photographic land-

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particularly in the handling of color, and after all, is not color the most important factor in a painting and

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the most enduring. the finest technique and the finest composition will not save a picture if the color is bad. Go to any of the great gallerys of the world and make a tour from the primitives up to the modernsone cannot help but be struck with the outstanding fact that color is all important, leave color out of the primitives and where would their great appeal be? Look at the work of the 19th century painter — see the drab, dull faded pictures that leave one absolutely cold.

4. Is there a distinctive national note in evidence? The natural question that comes to mind is-what constitutes a national note? Is it the choice of subject, the technique of the painter, his pallette, his type

of composition, his interpretation of a subject, whether realistic, idealistic or symbolic - or

three of them? There does not seem to be any comprehensive or serious effort that would indicate the flowering of a distinctive Canadian school of painting. Why cannot our academicians join in a serious effort for the next exhibition and attempt a purely Canadian show. The subjects would all be Canadian — the color would be light, gay and clean-the composition would vary from the rhythmicsweeping of hills to the colored mosaics of sheltered pools. The choice of subjects lies from Nova Scotia and Gaspé to the Rockies and the Arctic-what a panorama unfolds



LA LUTTE POUR LA VIE (in Mahogany) Bu K E. Wallis

stance the wonderful decorative effects that were achieved by the early Italians in the use of architecture in their is it a combination of them all or of two or compositions. Surely there is a field here that offers

THE HUNTER By Frank Hennessey

great possibilities and one that has been absolutely neglected

by our painters. Whenever the work of the painter is under discussion, one is invariably asked—do you like the extreme modern pictures -do you think that Canadian art will follow in the footsteps of the extremists of the English or continental schools? Frankly I hope they never will, nor do I believe that such is the trend in Canadian art. I think that we

are passing through a revolution in matters of taste and that the extremists have had their day. There are already signs in Europe of a reaction against much of the decadent effort which has been offered to the public as the work

of genius.

On the other hand the modern movement has much to its credit. There is no doubt that the painter, the sculptor and the architect were in a very deep rut during the 19th century, and this revolt against tradition is sure to bear fruit. As in all revolutions, the extremist is always to the fore-shocking the public is the essence of his creed. This type of artist may attain notoriety but not permanent recognition, for in order that any movement shall endure it must have a foundation of beauty.

What has the academic school to learn from the modernist? First—the use of pure and cleaner color; second—the importance of "significant form;" third—a simplification of technique-these three phases of the painter's art are the real contributions that the modern school has made. Why is it not possible for our Canadian painters to grasp these essentials, forgetting the ridiculous contortions, exaggerations and absurdities of the extreme modernists.

Our worthy president, Mr. E. Wyly Grier, P.R.C.A., has three interesting portraits to his credit—they are all sound pictures well drawn and well modelled. Of the three I prefer No. 72, the portrait of Miss. H. Walsh, late principal of Bishop Strachan's School. I think the painting of this head is one of the finest of the

president's efforts, but I do not like his background.

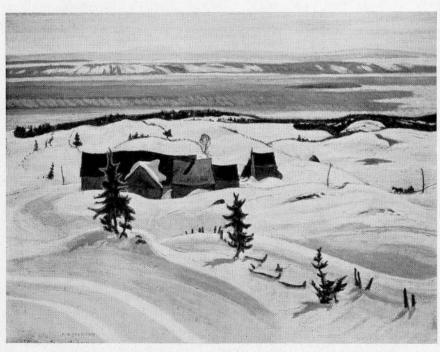


THE GREY VEIL By Archibald Barnes

I think this picture would gain immeasurably if the background, instead of being a muddy brown, were in pure, low toned color. I have always felt that Mr. Grier's backgrounds do not do justice to his

Nor do I like the pictures. frame of this picture, either in color or design. I have often wondered who designs the frames for our Canadian painters. Why is it we see such interesting appropriate frames in scale and in character with the picture, products of the English, Continental and American frame makers and such poor efforts by those responsible for the Canadian frames. The Canadian painter does not seem to realize the importance of a frame for his picture. It is not a question of cost, it is a question rather of designing ability, taste and judgment.

Another portrait of interest is that of Miss Jean Macpherson by Allan A.R.C.A., of Toronto—a most interesting picture. The pose, the painting of the dress and scarf are admirable. The head is not up to the standard of



LABRADOR COAST By A. Y. Jackson, R.C.A.



PORTRAIT—MISS H. WALSH (Late Principal of Bishop Strachan School)

By E. Wyly Grier, P.R.C.A.

the other portions of the picture. I do not know whether Mr. Barr was hurried when painting this picture but it seems to me that there is such fine quality in the ensemble that a further study of the head would be worth while.

One of the finest pictures in the exhibition, if not the finest, is "The Grey Veil" by Archibald Barnes of Toronto. This is an altogether charming study in silver and black the color balance, the pose, the treatment of the hands and arms are excellent. The painting of the head and particularly the flesh tones being very fine. It is a great relief to see the cool transparent flesh tones in this picture. Why do so many of our Canadian portrait painters persist in painting the heads of their sitters either in a peculiar pinkish cast or again of a hot brick cast? It is not true to life, nor is it beautiful. Are the backgrounds in our studios too warm in color or are the studios subject to reflected lights from exterior brick walls?

The use of hot color by many of our portrait painters is also a weakness of some of the landscape men. Take for instance a fine painter like Mr. J. W. Beatty, R.C.A., of Toronto—many of his

landscapes seem to have a hot, rather displeasing color belt in some sections of the composition. Would it be presuming too much to suggest to Mr. Beatty that he should study some of Mr. Maurice Cullen's pictures, whose beautiful cool pallette is a delight to the eye. Again I would like to see Mr. Beatty paint a cool summer landscape and Mr. Cullen paint a warm summer landscape—both should take absolutely different subjects from the ones that they customarily paint.

Homer Watson is another painter who seems to have forsaken the cooler pallette of his earlier days for a warm. rather monotonous handling of color. The previous exhibition held in the Grange was that of the work of this distinguished Canadian painter. This was the first time I had ever seen a large group of Watsons together, and I was tremendously impressed with the fine color, technique and composition in so many of his earlier pictures, some of them having quite as fine quality as the work of Courbet or Diaz. I was congratulating Mr. Watson on this exhibition and told him that I did not like the coloring of his later pictures nearly as well as those of an earlier date. His reply was, "I quite agree with you.'

Let us look at No. 69 "The Japanese Parasol" by Mr. Arthur Gresham of Toronto—here is an interesting departure from the more stereotyped

figure subject—it is a pattern of brilliant color—the spotting and balance of this picture are excellent. It is greatly marred, however, by the unfortunate shadow effects on the face, particularly on the nose, eyes and mouth. This type

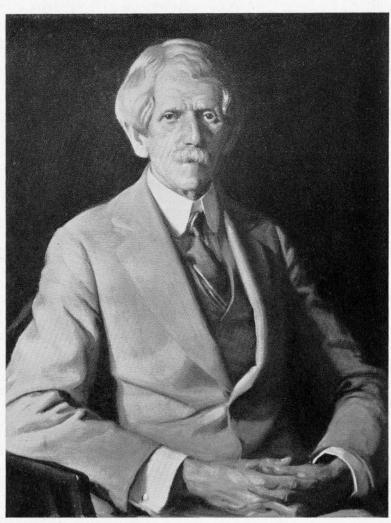


FISHING VILLAGE, NOVA SCOTIA By Arthur Lismer, A.R.C.A.

of picture is a welcome change in subject. In the same room there is a very excellent picture No. 124, "Winter Landscape—Quebec," by Miss Jean Munro of Montreal. It is beautiful in color, simple in technique and very true in values. The treatment of the field of snow in the foreground with its sense of perspective, the handling of the buildings in the middle distance make for a har-

painter. Verner blazed a trail many years ago—Arthur Hemming has also pointed the way. It seems to me that our Canadian animals in conjunction with our wonderful landscape offers a field as yet but partially explored.

In the next room in the centre of the wall is No. 94—"Labrador Coast"—by A. Y. Jackson, R.C.A., of Toronto. This picture strikes a distinctly per-



PORTRAIT—JAMES WILSON, ESQ By Ernest Fosbery, R.C.A.

monious whole. Miss Munro has another interesting picture, No. 123—"The Road to the Sea—Percé"—again we have the same broad, modern technique and beautiful color with sound values. The lower portion of this picture is very fine but Miss Munro won't you please repaint the clouds—they strike a false and unhappy note.

On the opposite side of the room is a picture that interests me very much—it is No. 89 and is called "The Hunter" by Mr. Frank Hennessey of Ottawa—this picture strikes a distinctly Canadian note, both as to subject and treatment. It is essentially decorative in character—the play of the sunlight and the handling of the pines is admirable. Here is the type of picture in the treatment of Canadian animals that offers tremendous possibilities. Take the moose, the deer, the bear, the buffalo—it is a field that treated in the modern manner offers great opportunities to the competent

sonal and Canadian note. Jackson is always on the lookout for rhythm in his compositions-there is even what might be termed the music of line strongly in evidence, but why does Mr. Jackson exaggerate to the nth degree, as he does in this picture, the scheme of movement which he has adopted as his parti. Surely simplicity and straightness of line have also their appeal as contrasting elements to that of rhythmic line. This picture would have gained tremendously by the introduction of contrasting planes and lines. There is no question that Mr. Jackson has seized a phase of Canadian landscape and made it his own. I have another quarrel with Mr. Jackson in the monotony of his color. The dull yellows and browns of many of his landscapes do not impress me as being either true, interesting or beautiful. It is with great pleasure that we turn to a smaller landscape by Mr. Jackson, No. 95-"The St. Lawrence in

Winter"—This is an altogether beautiful landscape, having real quality—very fine in color, composition and modern in its simplicity of technique. This canvas is an illustration of the effective use of contrast—here we have the musical rhythmic line in the treatment of the snow and the building in the foreground, the play of sunlight on the snow ridges being particularly well handled, in

Maurice Cullen, R.C.A., of Montreal, is represented by two pictures—two winter scapes—"Echo River, Banff"—is one of the finest Cullens I have ever seen. It is absolutely lovely in color, the composition is very fine, in fact it is almost too perfect. I feel in this picture that Mr. Cullen has failed to grasp some of the illusive grandeur of the Rockies—it might have been painted in the



MADAME NINA DE GEDEONOFF IN RUSSIAN COSTUME  $By\ Marion\ Long,\ A.R.C.A.$ 

opposition to this rhythmic line we have the color planes of the water in the distance—the contrast in treatment is most effective.

Hanging beside this small Jackson is picture No. 108—"Fishing Village, Nova Scotia"—by Arthur Lismer, A.R.C.A., of Toronto. Here again I find a Canadian and personal note in evidence—it is a color mosaic of great interest—perhaps lacking in composition but possessing a certain freshness and vigor and giving one the impression that it was painted "hot off the grill." It cannot be truly classed as beautiful but from the point of view of color it possesses brilliancy and purity, which are a great delight to the lover of color.

Close to this picture is No. 109—"Madame Nina de Gedeonoff in Russian Costume"—by Marion Long, A.R.C.A., of Toronto, a fine vigorous portrait, well modelled, rich in color and of broad, simple technique. The handling of the light and shade is excellent.

Laurentians. I have the greatest admiration for Mr. Cullen's pallette and his sense of what constitutes beauty in a landscape. I understand that he is going again to the Rockies, my hope is that he will bring back with him on canvas something of the vastness, the grandeur and of the fleeting cloud shadows that change the Rockies from blue to grey to gold. No painter has yet been able to place on canvas the essence of the Rockies—perhaps it is impossible.

Everybody loves courage in a painter—No. 73 by Miss Stella Grier of Toronto again strikes a personal note among the pictures of the academy. It is a three-quarter portrait of a girl seated—a simple blue dress and as a background a highly decorative screen. The daring of the treatment appeals to me very much. It is a break with convention, particularly in the treatment of the background, perhaps in this particular picture the break is more of a wrench from the spectator's point of view. It seems to me that this portrait

would be greatly improved if the background was less striking and of a cooler shade—it jumps out of the picture, breaking the ensemble of what would otherwise be a first class performance.

There are two pictures in the exhibition by Miss Yulia Biriukova of Toronto—No. 16 "Portrait of Countess Fersen" and No. 17 "Portrait of Madame G"—that are distinctly personal in their treatment

of the dress are eliminated to accuse the rhythmic form. Many of the modern sculptors have been strongly influenced by the early Egyptian work. This is a very good example of casting in plaster. Miss Wood is also represented by a very fine head and bust No. 195—"Narcisse"—the modelling is very powerful and vigorous and somewhat reminiscent of the modern Jugo Slavia school.



 $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{GESTURE} \ (\textbf{in Marble}) \\ By \ Elizabeth \ Wyn \ Wood \end{array}$ 

—a combination of modernism tinged with the accuracy of draughtsmanship one finds in the classic school. I particularly like the pastel—No. 17 "Portrait of Madame G."

Ernest Fosbery, R.C.A., of Ottawa, is represented by No. 53—a portrait of James Wilson, Esq. This is one of the best portraits in the exhibition. The easy pose, the indication of character in the head, the painting of the arms and hands are very fine. Mr. Fosbery seems to have gotten in behind the paint in this picture and given us the man. The technique is simple and the color excellent—a fine performance.

No. 194—"Gesture"—by Elizabeth Wyn Wood of Toronto, is a very interesting example of the modern trend in sculpture and a striking example of the use of significant form—all folds and detail

No. 188—"Gui Couture, Esq., K.C."—by Henri Hebert, R.C.A., of Montreal—a very well modelled head, suggesting strongly the individuality of the sitter. Another sculptural group of great interest is No. 193—"La lutte pour la vie" — by K. E. Wallis, Paris, France. Miss Wallis is a Canadian living in Paris, who shows great talent. The vigor of the modelling and the technique of the carved mahogany is admirable. I particularly liked the handling of the head and child.

I was very much disappointed in the black and whites exhibited. They seem to lack distinction and were highly reminiscent. No. 216 by W. J. Phillips, A.R.C.A., of Winnipeg—a wood engraving of much subtlety and expressing something of the grandeur and loneliness of the Rockies.

#### Progress of Architectural Legislation in Ontario

An Act has been prepared for presentation to the Provincial Legislature, and has already met the approval of the Attorney General's Department. In elucidation of the bill, the following "brief" has been prepared for circulation among the members of the legislature to give them an understanding of the nature of the bill and the reason for its enactment. It is published herewith as a matter of interest to members of the profession, and as an indication of the progress being made in the matter of legislation in the Province of Ontario.

#### BRIEF OF A BILL TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE IN ONTARIO

#### WHAT ARE THE PRESENT CONDITIONS?

A person without any qualification may style himself "Architect" and practise as such.

The Ontario Government has recognized the need for a long period of instruction and training by establishing a five-year course in architecture at the University of Toronto, to qualify those who would enter the practice of architecture. An additional three years of experience in practice is required by the Ontario Association of Architects before a graduate of the University becomes eligible for membership.

The man of little or no technical training is at present permitted to use the same designation "Architect" as the man qualified by years of training in the University and in sub-

sequent practice.

The right of the public to a profession with a status is now subservient to that of any incompetent individual who may style himself "Architect."

#### HOW ARE THEY WORKING OUT?

Many persons styling themselves "Architects" are free to practise without code, instruction, assistance or discipline of

their colleagues.

Only in the larger centres of population is there at present public inspection by a municipal architect, of plans for build-Smaller centres have to assume that one who styles himself an architect is properly qualified and that his work would pass inspection.

The public accustomed to the proper regulation of professional bodies in other professions is not aware that all socalled architects do not come under the regulation of the provincial association. This results in the employment of

provincial association. This results in the employment of unqualified practitioners who are frequently responsible for the loss to their clients of large sums of money. In the Province of Ontario each year, the architects administer the expenditure of over \$100,000,000.00, so that this matter becomes one of primary importance to the legislator.

Various cases may be cited where the expenditure of large sums of money has been entrusted by private individuals and corporations, to those purporting to be skilled in the design and construction of various types of buildings, notably that of the "A" Company, incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario to construct large aguatic works. of the "A" Company, incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario to construct large aquatic works. A man purporting to be skilled in this type of design was brought from outside of Canada under contract and after expending thousands of dollars of the money raised in this Province to

#### 3. What is proposed to be done?

no purpose, was only got rid of, after legal proceedings.

The act purports to regulate the practice of architecture in the Province of Ontario in the interest of the public and the profession, in a manner somewhat similar to its regulation in other Provinces of the Dominion and in a large majority of the States of the American Union.

This is accomplished by establishing "The Architects' Registration Board," consisting at the outset of five members. This Board with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor

in Council may make regulations for:

(a) The admission of architects to practice in Ontario.

- (b) Prescribing the qualifications of persons to be admitted.
- Prescribing the examinations and method of conducting them; the fixing of fees to be paid on examination and registration.
- (d) The keeping of a register of persons admitted to practice and providing for the annual renewal of registration and prescribing the fees payable thereon.
- (e) Providing for the discipline and control of registered architects.
- For the investigation of any complaint that a registered architect has been guilty of misconduct, or incom-

(g) For the cancellation or suspension of the registration of any person found guilty under (f) with a right to appeal.

Every person not being registered as an architect who applies to himself the term architect or holds himself out as an architect shall be guilty of an offence and shall incur the penal-

ties provided in the act.

Provision is made for registration without the passing of an examination of any person of good character who was practising as an architect for one year prior to the first day of July, 1931, or who gives evidence of experience and qualifications satisfactory to the board.

Architects who wilfully make false certificates in respect of any work done, or the value or condition of any building, besides being liable in damages for any injury thereby suffered, shall incur a penalty not exceeding \$100.00.

Part III of the bill provides for the continuation of the Ontario Association of Architects, without jurisdiction over

registration.

#### WHAT WILL THE LEGISLATION ACCOMPLISH?

- (a) The registration of all persons practising architecture under the designation "Architect."
- It will prepare a field wherein the future graduates of Toronto and other Universities in architecture will practise under conditions analagous to those practising in other professions.

#### HOW WILL THE ACT AFFECT THE PUBLIC?

The cost of our buildings would be reduced in direct ratio to the increased proficiency of the profession.

The appearance and planning of our buildings similarly

would be improved.

Cities and other municipalities wherein there is no system for municipal examination of drawings would enjoy a measure of protection against the danger of faulty construction, which does not now exist.

The man who draws plans for buildings to be built by himself or others will still be permitted to do so but he may not designate or hold himself out as "Architect," unless registered.

#### How will the act affect the architects?

Machinery is provided for investigating the qualifications

of those who would practise architecture.

Machinery is also provided for investigating charges of incompetency or dishonesty against architects, and for penalizing those found guilty of offences.

The word architect will be set free from its present doubtful meaning and in the course of time the personnel of the profession will attain a higher standard of proficiency.

#### 7. What do representative bodies think of this measure?

Practically all members of the Ontario Association of Architects and ninety per cent of the remaining architects practising in the Province have signified their approval of the contemplated legislation and none have objected.

Approval of the principle underlying the proposed legislation has been given by the following among other repre-

sentative bodies:

Toronto Board of Trade; Toronto Builders' Exchange and Construction Industries; Provincial Builders' and Supply Association of Ontario; Ontario Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of

#### Canadian Construction Association.

#### PRECEDENTS?

In Canada, the following Provinces have legislation similar in principle to what is now proposed in Ontario, namely:—Quebec, Manitoba, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

In the United States, according to figures available as of December, 1930, there were 32 States with similar legislation.

#### Are Architect's Estimates Reliable?

The following article is one of a series covering various points of architectural practice and is sponsored by the "Public Relations" Committee of the R.A.I.C. who will be delighted to have your comments. Please address them to Public Relations Committee, Care of The Journal, 160 Richmond Street West, Toronto.

THE sketches were undergoing that last finishing touch, when Mr. William Jones, personal friend and client of our good friend the Bright Young Architect, telephoned to announce that he would arrive in fifteen minutes to receive them. The B. Y. A's thoughts, as he handed the drawings to the office junior for trimming up, raced ahead to the coming interview, and he suddenly realized that Bill would undoubtedly ask him how much

this house was going to cost.

Of course he had squared it and cubed it roughly when he started working on the scheme, but since then it had pushed out here and in there and anyway he couldn't find the old figures. There was only one thing to be done. He would have to take a chance. He seized a scale and did some rapid figuring. The square footage was so and the cube -a little less exactly on account of haste—was so. Now what unit prices would he use. Oh yes, there was the Erskine job built last summer. It would be about the same. Where were the unit cost records of it. Some hasty research of the files and more hasty figures of the square and cube of the Erskine house were completed. The cubic foot price was this and the square foot was that.

The B. Y. A. did a quick computation using the same figures and ran out a total on the new job.

He looked a little sad, but remarked to Miss Smith, "It's up a bit but is really not so bad, \$26,890.00, say \$27,000.00, and Bill was talking of between \$20,000.00 and \$25,000.00. He probably means to spend \$25,000.00 and we can always cut it down a bit."

Bill had baulked a bit at \$27,000.00, but had finally cut out a few trimmings and said, "Well, \$25,000.00 is my limit. Keep it down to that and go ahead and get tenders." There wasn't much discussion as to exactly what that sum included, every one seemed to take it for granted that the cost of a house was just "cost."

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The Old Un had been south for his winter holiday, but now he was back, displaying an interest in office affairs. Bill Jones' tenders were in, and Bill would be around in a day or two to consider them.

The B. Y. A. had just finished opening and listing

them to be ready for the interview.

'How do they total, Stanley?" asked the Old Un. "Well, in a way they are O. K. but having to make up a summary raises some questions I hadn't thought of when I made my preliminary estimate for Bill."

'What did you base it on?" enquired the Old Un. "I ran out the costs and cube on the Erskine job, built last year, and figured the same unit prices," repeated the B.Y.A.

"Hum," said the Old Un. "The building commodity price index has fallen ten points-nearly

12\% since then. That is probably giving you a bit of leeway. Did you remember that Erskine had his landscape man lay all the walks and the drive and that he provided a lot of material, which didn't appear in the contract or in our books.
"No, I didn't think of that," said the B.Y.A.,

"but the decline in prices would more than take

care of it.

The Old Un smiled. "That's right," he said. "You were lucky this time even if careless, Eh! Don't forget that prices will likely be on the up next time, and that won't work out so well." He added, "How about our fees. Were they included in your estimate?"
"Well no! that's just what I was realizing, now

that I've got to make up this budget," put in the B.Y.A. "I suppose Bill would really figure them as

part of the cost of the house?"
"Of course he will," replied the Old Un a bit sarcastically. "Do you think he knows so little about professional practice that he thinks we get paid in the form of rebates from the contractors! And don't forget that you will require a little leeway for the contingencies that are bound to come up. Maybe of course, you've covered that by some cash allowances in the specifications, for items you don't expect to need."

'I didn't do that," replied the B.Y.A.

"Let's see your summary," went on the Old Un, now he had got interested, "\$26,163.00, eh! and that doesn't include our fees or contingencies. How about the sodding and fences and walks and drives and the drain and water connections, the weatherstrip and the oil heating and so on. Somehow these clients usually expect such things to be included! They are when they buy a house, you know.'

"Well, I haven't included the sodding and the fences or the oil burner," replied the B.Y.A. "and

the weatherstripping isn't in either.'

"Well, Bill is entitled to know whether they are or are not included," continued the Old Un. will have to pay for them before he is finished, and this business of just not mentioning a lot of these things, is one of the things which makes every one talk as if the Architect's estimates were not reliable.

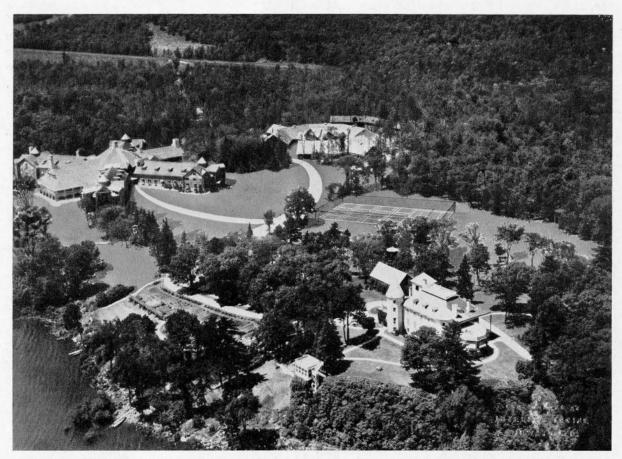
However, a lot of people like to have costs broken to them by degrees. Others like to know the bad news to begin with. Bill is probably one of the latter, but perhaps we had better play safe and give him the total of these figures as per your list with a note at the bottom that so and so are not included. It isn't just the proper thing, but it may be more tactful and will break it easier to him.

The Old Un started to walk away, but turned back and added, "Stanley, did you ever notice how hard it is to get offhand figures from a contractor. We should take a lesson from them and be more careful with our estimating, and its effect upon our

reputations."

We are all familiar with the opinion often expressed that Architect's preliminary estimates of cost are always low and are not to be trusted. This is detrimental to the profession and such a reputation is largely caused by the assumption that clients know just what Architects mean by that elastic and much abused word

The old military axiom that a negative report is as important as a positive one, might be borne in mind to advantage. Information as to what is not included is often as important to an Architect's happy relations with his client as any thing else.



AIR VIEW SHOWING AT THE LEFT, THE LOG CHATEAU—CENTRE BACKGROUND, GARAGE AND SERVICE BUILDINGS
—IN THE FOREGROUND, THE SEIGNIORY CLUB, FORMERLY THE PAPINEAU MANOIR

#### The Log Chateau—Lucerne-in-Quebec

Lawson & Little, Architects and Engineers Edwin S. Kent and Geo. W. White, Associates

#### By Harold Lawson

LOG cabins are usually associated in our minds with frontier posts, penetration of the wilderness, the hardships of pioneering and primitive living. In blazing the trail for our western civilization, our earliest citizens have left us an heritage in the form of rude cabin construction and those who guide the affairs of the Lucerne-in-Quebec Community Association have seized upon this idea and developed and beautified it so that its members may enjoy the romance of log cabin life, blended with the amenities of modern conditions. This, briefly, is the purpose of all the log buildings of this new community.

A list of the buildings constructed and contemplated—and they are all of logs—would be impressive. They include the hotel, containing two hundred and twenty-eight rooms and baths as well as public rooms and a staff building, which in itself compares favorably in size with many a country hotel. There is another large structure

which will house one hundred and fifty cars, providing space for repairing and cleaning, the hotel laundry and accommodation for a score of men.

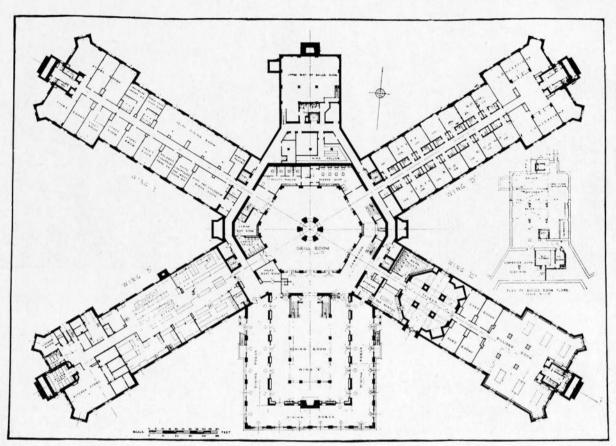
These are in use, while under construction is a sports pavilion of generous dimensions, an enclosed swimming pool and a large boat house.

These may be briefly dismissed as we proceed to the main theme of our article, the hotel, now known as the "Log Chateau."

The approach to the hotel property is through a log gate-lodge situated on the North Shore Montreal-Ottawa highway. Through a grove of ancient pines leads a broad private road, first straight, then gently curving, and in the bend revealing a huge log structure with roofs of handsplit shingles.

The walls are built of horizontal logs, notched at the corners and held in place at intervals of twentyeight feet by log up-rights. The logs average nine inches, and butts and tips alternate in order that the horizontal lines may be retained. The windows are casements painted green, and the logs are stained brown, which it is hoped will turn silvery grey after longer exposure.

The principal entrance to the hotel is gained through a covered driveway between the ball-room wing and the lounge. One enters a vestibule through a carved doorway with carved flanking The roofing of this lounge in logs was at once a challenge and an opportunity and, at the risk of being tedious, a very brief description must be attempted. We were obviously limited by the length of well-seasoned cedar logs that could be obtained within the limited time for construction. It was essential that everything be of logs and to employ a technique suited to logs with no hidden steel members or false structural effects. In this



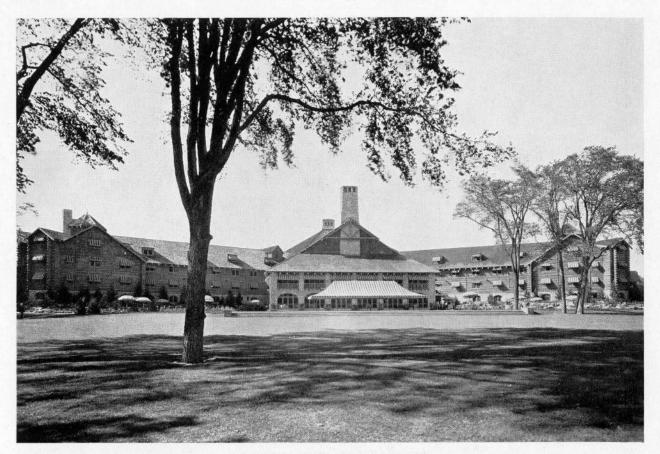
BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN
LOG CHATEAU—LUCERNE-IN-QUEBEC
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wings directly into the lounge, an immense space in no dimension measuring less than one hundred feet across. Its dominating feature is a six-sided stone tower, with a fire-place on each side, in the centre of the lounge, which forms the focal point of convergence of the six wings.

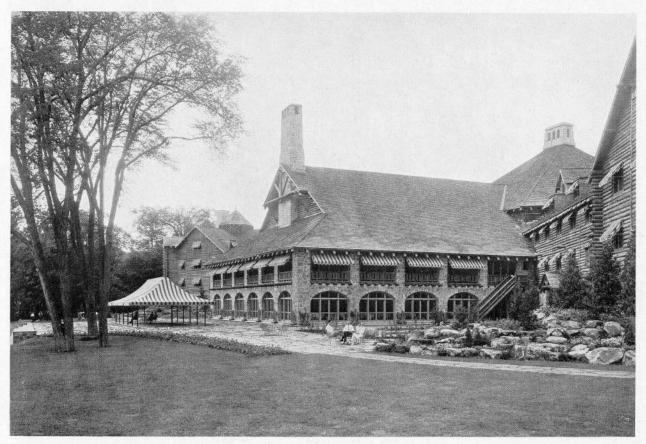
Two galleries extend completely around the lounge and give access to the various corridors of the bedroom wings and to the ball-room. The lower gallery, called the mezzanine, is quite broad and, being furnished with couches and comfortable chairs commanding a view of the entire lounge, is popular as a sitting-out place. Two immense windows at the east and west ends admit adequate daylight and no more, and the absence of glare and the soft brown tones of the cedar log walls give this room an air of repose rather unexpected in view of its size.

we would have succeeded had it not been decided, when our design was almost complete, to introduce steel tension members in the lounge roof framing, and also the roof trusses of the ball-room.

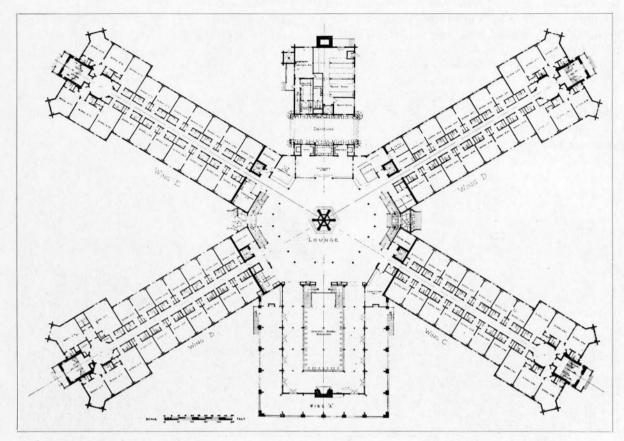
As can be seen from the plan, the lounge is, roughly speaking, octagonal in shape with but four sides of equal length. The main support of the roof depends on twenty-two log posts located on the inner line of the mezzanine with a continuous log plate over these posts taking the main rafters which radiate from the centre. These being virtually cantilevers, the plate acts as a fulcrum. The small ends of the rafters are received on a timber collar encircling the chimney, and the butt ends are anchored to the wall plate which follows the outer perimeter of the lounge. Some of the radial rafters are sixty-eight feet long and measure twenty-four inches in diameter at the butt and



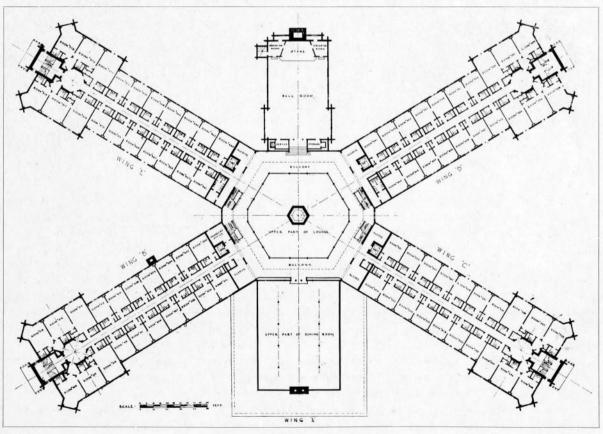
THE LOG CHATEAU—FROM THE RIVER



DINING ROOM WING—LOG CHATEAU SHOWING FLAGGED TERRACE AND ROCK GARDENS



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



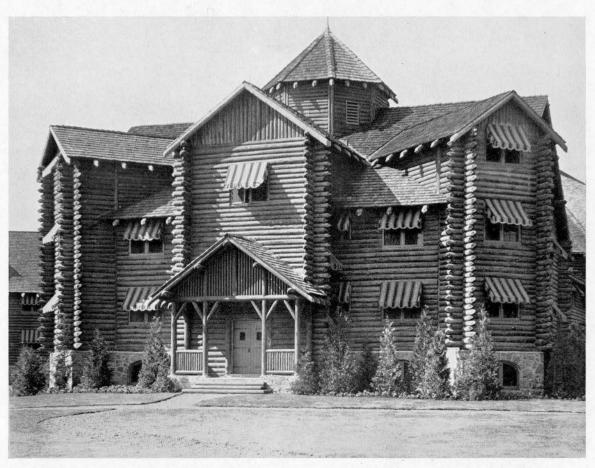
SECOND FLOOR PLAN
LOG CHATEAU—LUCERNE-IN-QUEBEC
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upon these rest long purlins of six-inch average diameter and about four feet apart, which, in turn, take the usual wooden rafters, double boarding, roof covering, furring and gypsum ceiling.

There are, of course, numerous struts, ties and secondary members, all serving an essential structural function. No members have been introduced for effect, and the ensemble results in geometric patterns not without interest to the architect or engineer, in fact, the ceiling members in their

it generally in shape, but not in size nor architecture, is the grill room. It is a rough-plastered room containing thirteen large murals painted by Adam Sheriff Scott, and has six large openings filled with iron grilles. The central portion contains a fountain within arcaded openings, the piers of which serve as supports for the four hundred and fifty ton lounge chimney.

Filling the basement of one wing at the same level as the grill room are the tavern, billiard and card



DETAIL OF ONE OF THE WINGS

relation to each other form a pattern not unlike that of an immense spider web.

The walls of the lounge are entirely structural. The construction is also the finish. One sees within the same logs as without, except that the inner side is left in natural color and varnished while all exterior logs are stained. The general color-effect is that of dark honey merging to sables in the shadows under the galleries. Log terminations have been brought out in bright color, and there is a sparing use of carving which is also colored. The lofty ceiling between log members is painted in tones of burnt sienna at the plate to a dark cream at the peak where it intersects the chimney. Wrought iron fixtures, fire-place screens and grille work at the office, painted black, provide spots of interest and contrast.

Immediately below the lounge and conforming to

rooms. The tavern has walls of rubble stone, heavy adzed beams, straw-plastered ceiling and flagged floor, essentially a room for men.

The main floor of the dining room is also at this level, and together with its double-decked porches extending around three sides forms a complete wing in itself. On its plank floor three hundred diners may be accommodated with ease. Stone piers support a gallery which connects with the main floor of the lounge. From this gallery one gets an excellent view of twelve low relief painted panels of the coat-of-arms of Canada, the provinces and two territories by Adney. They are hexagonal in shape, set into the walls and give a happy relief to the logs which surround them. On this gallery are also two large murals by Scott representing two historical scenes of the Papineau Rebellion.

The craftsman's touch is more in evidence here

than in the lounge. The log terminations have been carved, lintels chamfered, logs converted to spiral columns and on the principal newel posts of the oak stair leading up to the lounge are the heads of a habitant and his wife carved by Trygg.

There yet remains another public room to be

The ball-room was given a different finish to that of any of the other rooms, it being felt that its function called for more refined treatment, more in consonance with light entertainment and evening dress; and with this in view it was stained a silver grey and touched up with orange.



THE LOUNGE—LOG CHATEAU SHOWING HEXAGONAL CHIMNEY WITH SIX OPEN FIREPLACES

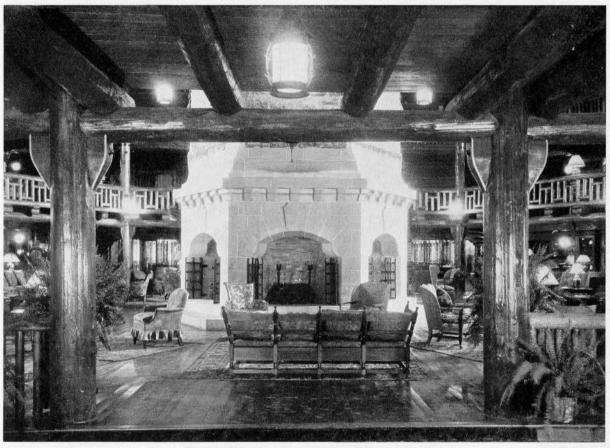
described. It is the ball-room which occupies a separate wing at the mezzanine level.

It is approached by steps between carved posts, and at the opposite end is a stage framed within log carving very creditable to the craftsmen. All the carving, with the exception of the oak newel posts of the dining room, was done by a small group of loggers with axe, draw-knife and pocket knife.

The bedroom arrangement is the usual one now common in all modern hotels, with a small vestibule, within the corridor door, formed between the closet and bathroom. The partitions are sound-proof being virtually double on staggered studs and having four thicknesses of wall-board. Walls and ceilings are divided into panels with rounded battens forming the stiles and rails. The wall-



THE GRILL ROOM CONTAINING MURALS PAINTED BY ADAM SHERIFF SCOTT



VIEW OF LOUNGE FROM MAIN ENTRANCE



FIREPLACE ON MEZZANINE FLOOR

board is treated with plastic paint blending in color with the carpet and hangings of the room.

The entire building is sprinklered and considerable attention was given to the spacing of outlets

and concealment of piping as far as possible. This necessitated special diagrams for every important room, and we believe the results have generally justified the care taken in this respect.



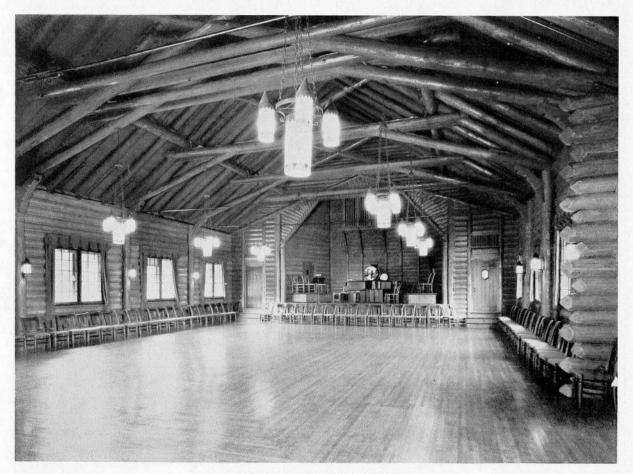
MAIN DINING ROOM-LOG CHATEAU



A TYPICAL BEDROOM IN THE LOG CHATEAU

Limitations of space do not permit any further description of the structural problems involved in a log structure bigger than any ever before attempted. The methods of the primitive log house builders

served merely as a point of departure, and from there we were obliged to develop our own technique without reference to precedent, using such common sense as we possessed.



THE BALL ROOM—LOG CHATEAU

#### Department of Art, Science and Research

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"Why Some Wood Surfaces Hold Paint Longer Than Others" is the feature of leaflet No. 62, issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, and written by Mr. F. L. Browne, senior chemist, Forest Products Laboratory, Forest Service. Members of the profession would be well advised in securing a copy of this interesting pamphlet.

The author states that the impression has long prevailed that outside house paints must be mixed according to the kind of wood to be coated, and further that experimental study with the normal exterior exposure of painted softwoods—that is, wood cut from evergreen or coniferous trees—proves these traditional recommendations to be unnecessarily complicated. The result of experiments made by the author indicates that the painter need not change the composition of his priming-coat mixture for different softwoods; on the contrary he may as well adopt a single formula for mixing the priming coat.

The painting characteristics of a board depend primarily upon the amount and distribution of

summer wood in it.

In the Forest Products Laboratory tests, the cedars, cypress, and redwood held paint best, and northern white pine, western white pine, and sugar pine did almost as well. With southern yellow pine and Douglas fir, which are abundantly available woods whose high strength makes them especially suitable for building construction, together with western larch, serious flaking of the coatings from the summer wood occurred sooner than with the other species tested.

Edge-grained boards, it would appear, hold paint far better than flat-grained boards, which is demon-

strated by illustrations.

Mr. Browne states that southern exposure is hardest on paint, and also that repainting neither heals nor entirely conceals weathering damage that has become conspicuous, but if the wood is repainted promptly when minute wood checks begin to appear, it can be protected from weathering indefinitely.

This leaflet can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C., price 5c.

#### Correspondence

Editor, Journal, R.A.I.C. Dear Sir:— Does the Artist prefer ugly Architecture?

After viewing the works recently on exhibition at the Royal Canadian Academy an architect must be strongly inclined to the belief that the artist cares nothing for mass and proportion, seeing only colour and composition, and not always these. Study practically all the paintings having buildings as their principal motif and one finds architectural ugliness predominant; beauty as the architect knows it seems non-existent as far as the artist is concerned.

Admitting that the majority of the architects' efforts may be mediocre and worse, there are yet many fine achievements, but hardly a single one of them has appealed to the painter as a subject worthy of his colour experiments, his urge for the "modern idiom" whatever that may be.

The simple dignity of line, the beauty of mass and proportion which delights the eye of the architect must be anathema to the artist if the canvases on exhibition are any criterion.

Should a building be actually plumb and true your painter bends it over in studied manner to suit his depraved sense of composition until it tilts at a precarious angle to the misshapen landscape of his mind. Windows, doors and chimneys being daubed on in a messy manner in impossible positions. This present affectation for ugliness, this pretence of the primitive, seems to lead them to slovenly painting of back yards, sad looking streets or crude jerry built edifices in a chronic state of decay.

Glance at some on the walls of the art gallery.

Here is a valley in British Columbia, in the background the eternal mountains, painted with some claim to dignity; in the foreground a frame church ugly enough to make one turn atheist, with belfry badly out in perspective and gable lopsided to such an extent that were it actually so it would collapse; grouped about are dejected and mean looking frame cottages, the whole comprising one of man's blots on God's landscape. Even the artist's earnest colour efforts fail to give beauty to this miserable foreground.

Look at this one, the side elevation of a rural church of mid-Victorian vintage, a pathetic attempt to build in pseudo-Gothic with cheap brick and a lean purse; architecturally not a redeeming feature about it, yet the artist has laboriously transferred to canvas in garish reds, crimsons, muddy browns and harsh greens and yellows this atrocity in bricks and mortar set in an unhappy landscape wherein tumbled and forlorn tombstones crowd the foreground.

Here is another, down by the sea, some fishermen's huts have the centre of the stage; on a rise in the middle distance two dwellings, the one on the left as perfect a type of speculative builder's ugliness in frame cottages as one could find; the huts, well—that's all they are.

A little further along the line is a street scene in French Canada interesting archaeologically perhaps, architecturally hardly worth a second glance.

And this one; just look at the price and then at what you'll get for your money. A background of rather decent wooded bluffs, hills, and water; straggling along in middle distance a nondescript village dominated by a nondescript church with a spire so badly drawn that it is ridiculous. In foreground the gable ends of two bleak frowsy looking houses in faded brown and green respectively. Architecturally the whole thing is depressing.

We move on to one that is weird and wonderful, a down at heel city street painted in elevation; in the centre an awful abortion in red brick and stone trimmings of the degenerate style of some thirty years ago. On either side tumble down frame shops poorly drawn, in the background sketchy suggestions of modern high buildings of the type which have little claim to beauty, the whole the essence of ugliness.

And so on, with but a few exceptions the artist has chosen to transfer to canvas creations of man that are ugly to a degree. Nothing beautiful in line, mass or proportion, the only appeal, where there was any, being colour and, in some cases, composition.

Come with me into the room where are displayed photographs of recent outstanding achievements of the architects; let me leave you there—among those creations of man which are fine to a degree—you too may then feel that the artist prefers ugliness in architecture.

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#### Hospitals—Their Planning and Equipment

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#### PART IV.

The other parts of this series have dealt with many phases of the hospital problem, wherein a study of the problem, composition of plan, selection of the site and orientation, grouping and equipment have been dealt with in detail. Therefore, it is considered opportune to present a demonstration varied in character of various hospitals erected throughout the Dominion. The hospitals now illustrated, it is suggested, may prove distinctly helpful to members of the profession in their study of hospital planning, since in the opinion of the writer there are, in part and collectively, many ideas of outstanding merit.

NORTH VANCOUVER GENERAL HOSPITAL, NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.

THE North Vancouver General Hospital is a three-storey building with basement and a partial sub-basement, and is built to accommodate a minimum of sixty beds. It is entirely of fireproof construction, the walls and floors being of reinforced concrete. The outer walls are lined with hollow tile; the inner walls are also of this construction, those between corridors and rooms being double, of hollow tile and gypsum partition blocks.

The walls are finished in stucco, of a creamy colour, and carefully selected texture; the main features being trimmed with brick and Haddington Island stone; the roof being slate grey in colour; the main entrance steps of granite.

Floors generally are covered with linoleum, but the service rooms, lavatories and operating rooms are tile.

The rear wing houses the various operating units and the x-ray department. The kitchen and other service portions occupy well lighted rooms above grade, and to avoid objectionable noise of machinery penetrating to the wards, the boiler room is placed in the extreme rear, partially under the driveway. To shorten the run of pipes, accommodation has been found immediately adjoining the boiler house for the laundry department; a wet chute and a dry chute conveying the soiled linen from the operating chutes to the laundry, and hoppers are placed on each floor for the disposal of garbage, which is conveyed to an incinerator in the sub-basement. (Excellent arrangement.)

Helps' rooms, storage, the laboratory, drug room, sewing room, together with a diet kitchen for the preparation of special diets, complete the basement. The placing of a laboratory in the basement should be avoided if possible.

The sub-basement, besides accommodating the boilers, comprises the pump room, switch room and compressor for refrigeration.

Grouped around the main entrance are the various administration rooms, whilst the ambulance entrance gives immediate access to the emergency operating suite and x-ray department. (Most essential.)

On each floor a glass enclosed nurses' station commands all corridors, and the stair and elevator. A system of silent signals, operating coloured lights over each door in each of the three corridors, records the patients' calls at the nurses' station.

The maternity department occupies the entire third floor and access can be obtained for beds to a flat deck at either end. The elevator is continued to the roof of the rear wing, which again is a flat deck upon which beds can be placed.

The case room and its suite are equipped with a MacEachern obstetrical table, scialytic lamp, Heidbrink gas-oxygen machine, hot and cold water sterilizer, dressings and instrument sterilizers, sink, knee-action scrub sinks, and blanket warmer.

Solaria are provided at either end of the main wing, glazed, but capable of being entirely thrown open.

The main operating suite consists of operating room, sterilizer and anaesthetic rooms, scrub room, doctors' dressing room, lavatory and shower, nurses' work room and lavatory, and blanket warmer. This suite is completely fitted out and equipped; in addition to built-in instrument cabinet and saline cabinet electrically warmed, the equipment consists of a pedestal operating table, St. Charles ether machine, McKesson suction apparatus, scialytic lamp, no-shadow light, water sterilizer and still, dressings sterilizer, instrument sterilizer, sink and knee-action scrub sinks.

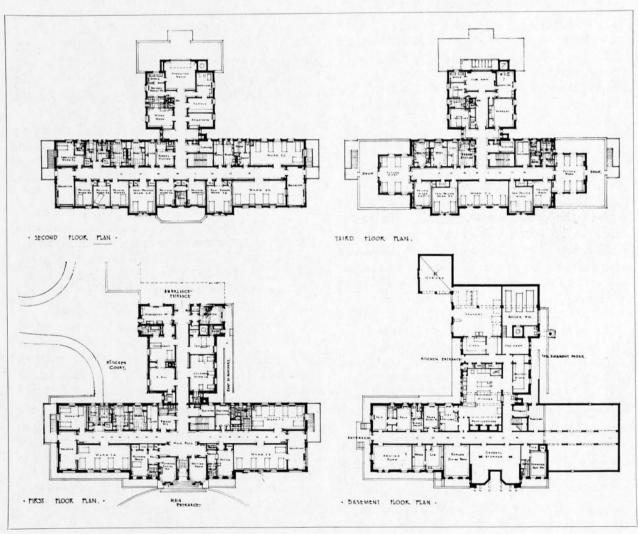
The emergency operating room, adjacent to the ambulance entrance, is equipped with operating table, St. Charles ether machine, scialytic lamp, water and instrument sterilizers, sinks and blanket warmer.

In the kitchen the cooking is done electrically and food is kept warm in steam heated tables. The diet kitchens of which there is one on each floor are likewise equipped with steam and electricity. The kitchen is equipped with three large refrigerators, and each diet kitchen is equipped with one, the liquid used being sulphur dioxide.

Steam heating is employed on the direct-indirect system, the boilers being fitted with oil-burning equipment.



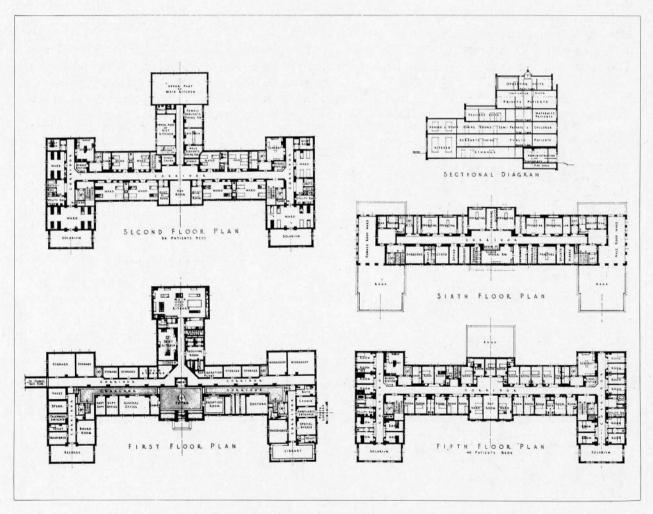
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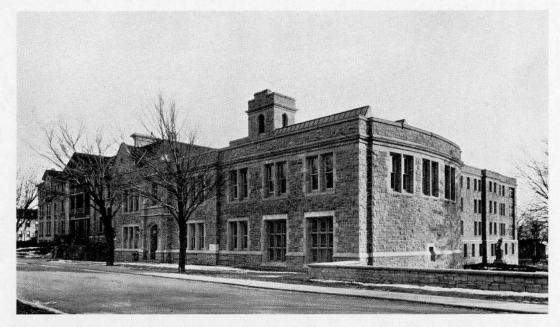
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PROPOSED GENERAL HOSPITAL—CALGARY, ALTA.  $Stevens \ \& \ Lee, \ Architects$ 



PLANS OF PROPOSED GENERAL HOSPITAL—CALGARY, ALTA. Stevens & Lee, Architects



CLINIC BUILDING, GENERAL HOSPITAL—KINGSTON, ONT.

Stevens & Lee, Architects

At the ends of the main corridor are doors equipped with panic bolts giving access to ample fire escapes, and a system of fire alarms has been installed supplemented by an installation of chemical fire extinguishers. (Excellent.)

Garage accommodation for the ambulance is provided off the kitchen court.

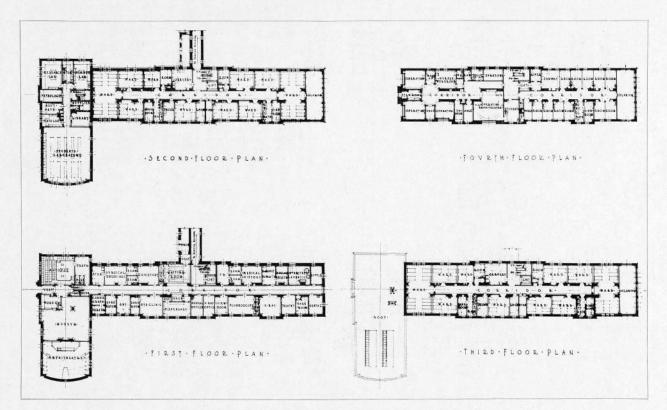
The approximate cost of building and equipping the hospital was \$221,000.00.

The architects, Messrs. Benzie and Bow, Van-

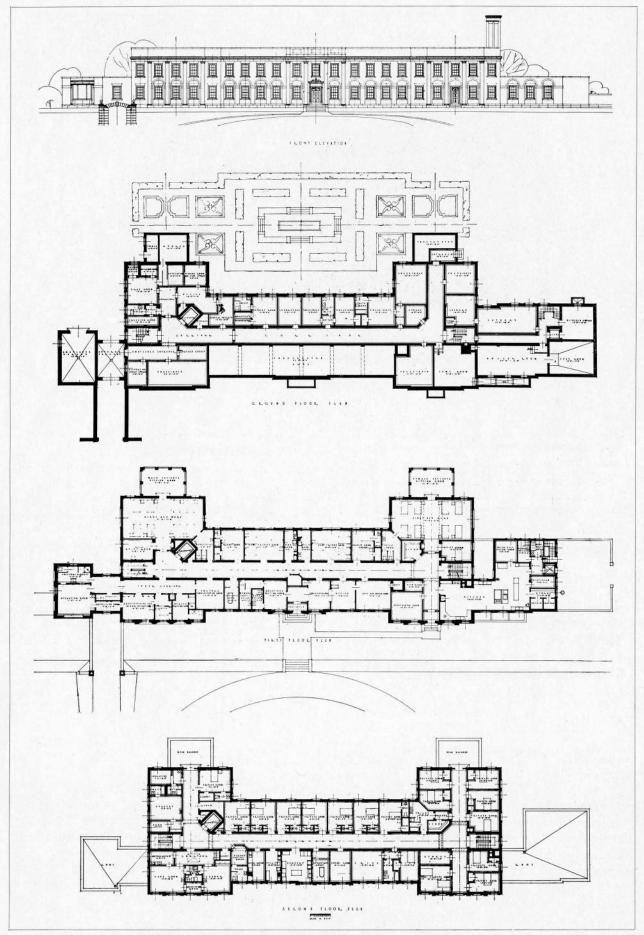
couver, are to be congratulated upon the arrangements which obtain in this hospital, and further upon the moderate cost which was involved.

CALGARY GENERAL HOSPITAL, CALGARY, ALTA.

Two years ago the board of the Calgary General Hospital decided to consider the remodelling of existing buildings and the extension to the hospital of a new unit. Messrs. Stevens and Lee, Toronto,



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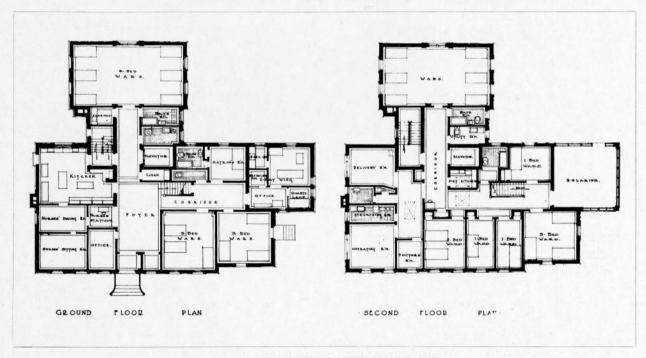


DOUGLAS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—FORT ERIE, ONT.  $W.\ L.\ Some rville,\ Architect$ 



YORK COUNTY HOSPITAL—NEWMARKET, ONT.

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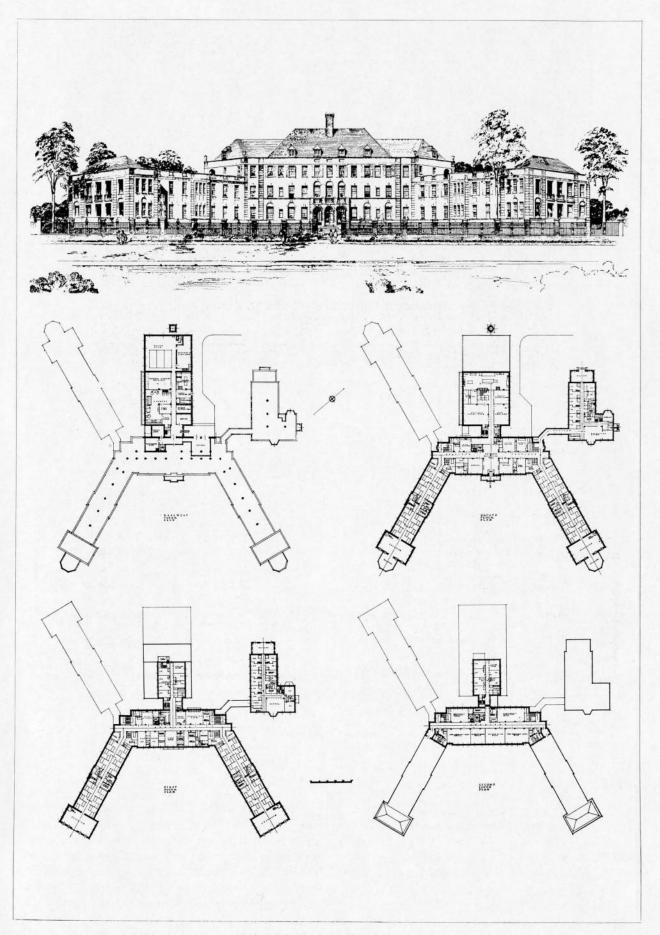
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were appointed to prepare a survey and report, and the illustrations are copies of some of the drawings that were prepared at that time. The matter was put to a vote of the people in the spring of 1929, but was not carried and the development is therefore in abeyance until such a time as satisfactory arrangements can be made.

The scheme included the remodelling of the existing hospital building into a nurses' home and the erection of a new main building for general

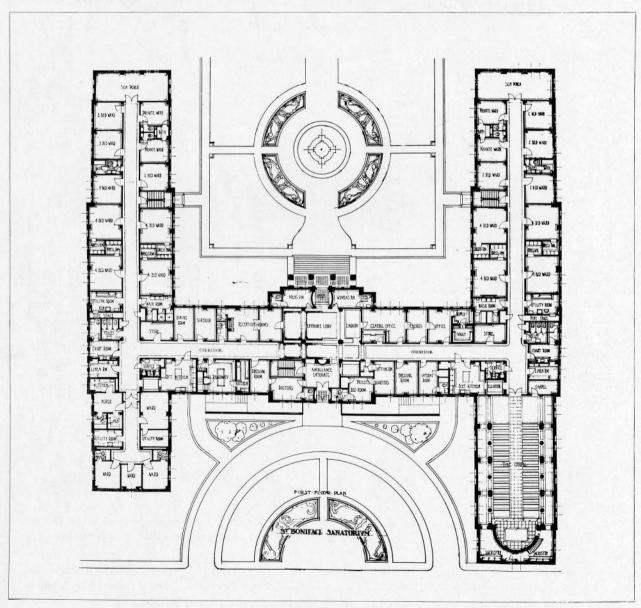
hospital purposes. Of this latter building the illustrations show four of the floors and a diagrammatic section indicating the relation of the different departments and also the front elevation. The building would be of absolutely modern fireproof hospital construction and contain accommodation for 185 patients in public, semi-private and private rooms.

The illustrations give in detail the layout for the more important floors. The third floor, which is





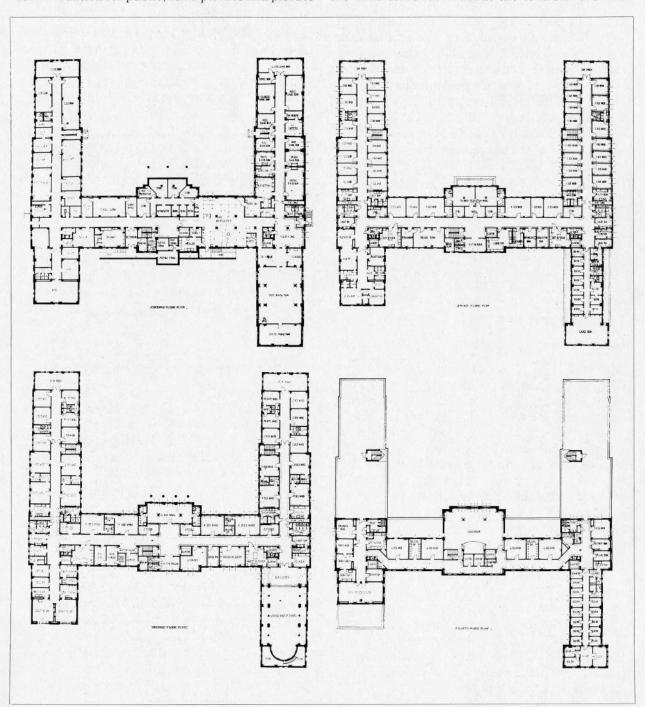
ST. BONIFACE SANATORIUM—WINNIPEG, MAN.  $J.\ N.\ Semmens,\ Architect$ 



FIRST FLOOR PLAN, ST. BONIFACE SANATORIUM—WINNIPEG, MAN.  $J.\ N.\ Semmens,\ Architect$ 

not illustrated, contains the various departments and is laid out similar to the second floor, except that the rooms are somewhat smaller in size. The fourth floor contains the maternity section with accommodation for public, semi-private and private ward for the patients. This arrangement should be adopted more often.

For future extension the east and west wings were to have an addition to the north, thus placing the ward serveries in about the centre of the floor.



PLANS OF ST. BONIFACE SANATORIUM, WINNIPEG, MAN.  $J.\ N.\ Semmens,\ Architect$ 

patients together with the delivery suite, which is isolated from the rest of the floor over the kitchen wing which extends to the rear in the centre of the building. (Well worth studying.)

As the site on which the building will stand is on fairly high ground and has a commanding view over the surrounding country, it is intended to utilize the roof of the two end wings as an open air These extensions would be almost entirely for patients, the only additional services necessary being bath and toilet accommodation and a utility room.

KINGSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL, KINGSTON, ONT.

The Kingston General Hospital was built in 1925 and is operated jointly by Queen's University and the Kingston General Hospital.

At the north end on the ground, first and second floors is a short wing running at right angles to the main block of the building. This is known as the Richardson Laboratories and contains the pathological department of the University.

The remainder of the building is known as the Douglas Wing and contains on the ground floor storage rooms for the hospital. On the first floor is the out-patient department which is used for the instruction of the medical students of the University. The second and third floors accommodate approximately 50 beds each for public patients and the fourth floor has a special suite of private rooms and the operating suite for the entire hospital.

The building is of fireproof construction of most modern design especially adapted for hospital purposes and is fitted with the very latest hospital equipment. It is connected on two floors by means of enclosed corridors with the remaining four buildings of the group.

Architects may do well in making a study of this small unit, since it contains much of value.

#### DOUGLAS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, FORT ERIE, ONT.

The Douglas Memorial Hospital is about threequarters of a mile from the Niagara River, on the outskirts of the village of Fort Erie. The site is on the south side of the road, permitting a north entrance and facilitating the grouping of patients' rooms along the southern exposure, which also commands a fine view across the meadow to wooded The property rises from the street until about one hundred and twenty feet from the street it is about seven feet above the curb. This line was taken as the front of the building for the reason that the grounds fall away again, permitting an extra storey above grade in the rear of the buildings. This lower storey is used for x-ray and other laboratories and for the laundry. It permits also at the east end a lower level ambulance entrance contiguous to the elevator which runs to the operating room on the floor directly above—a desirable feature in accident cases where time is a vital factor. At the west end is the service court for the delivery of fuel and supplies.

The building is of buff brick and stone in the Georgian style, and its long low lines are emphasized by a stone cornice and base course. The principal entrance, a simple Georgian motif, is in the centre of the north facade. Grouped about the entrance on plan are the administration office and public space. These rooms are panelled in wood, the centre of interest being the memorial tablet in the foyer to Dr. William Douglas, whose tireless efforts throughout his life and generous bequest made possible the building of the hospital.

On the entrance floor are the public and semiprivate wards, with 26 beds and general operating suite. At the west end of this floor are the kitchen and servery with staff and helps' dining room. The top floor provides accommodation for the maternity suite, nursery, isolation nursery and private rooms for 20 beds, as well as the usual service rooms. Each of the floors with wards have two sun balconies facing the south and overlooking a garden. Future extension will be toward the south. The hospital will accommodate fifty beds in total and is entirely fireproof in its construction.

Mr. W. L. Somerville, Toronto, architect for this building, has once again achieved success in the dignified treatment of the project, and without a doubt has given much thought to its general arrangement, although, as previously stated in one of the articles of this series, it is one of the many hospitals which had to be dealt with entirely upon merit of its own location and circumstances. Nevertheless, it can be safely stated that there are some outstanding features both in arrangement and equipment which would repay any student one hundred fold by making a point of visiting it when completed.

#### YORK COUNTY HOSPITAL, NEWMARKET, ONT.

York County Hospital was built in 1926-27, the architects being Messrs. Craig & Madill and T. R. Louden, Toronto. They are to be congratulated upon the results and the buildings offer a very excellent example of economy in hospital planning and construction at a moderate cost.

The hospital board, having purchased property on which a large house was located, planned to remodel the house and build a new wing to house the hospital requirements of the northern portion of York County. The contemplated expenditure on these alterations and additions was approximately \$30,000.00. The existing building was to be altered to provide the following accommodation: two 3-bed wards, two 2-bed wards, two 1-bed wards, operating room, sterilizing room, delivery room, matron's room, solarium, nurses' dining room, kitchen, office and toilets.

The new wing to the south was to provide two public wards with six beds each, toilets, utility rooms and provision for future elevator. It was contemplated to make future extensions to the building by extending this wing to the south.

Another addition to the west was to provide complete accommodation for x-ray equipment, which was donated to the hospital by a local doctor.

In January, 1927, the new wing to the south had been roofed in and the alterations in the existing building commenced when a fire broke out which completely gutted the upper floors of the existing building but did very little damage to the new additions. By rebuilding on the old foundation walls and ground floor construction, it was possible to rebuild the old residence portion of the building at a very reasonable cost, an additional outlay, exclusive of equipment, of approximately \$18,000.00.

The plans show the scheme as finally developed out of the above conditions, showing a thirtyone bed hospital.

Since that time a neighbouring residence has been purchased as a nurses' home, the elevator and other equipment have been installed, the ground landscaped and a very satisfactory plant obtained for hospital purposes.

#### GRACE DART HOME HOSPITAL, MONTREAL, QUE.

The Grace Dart Home Hospital started work some thirty-three years ago, when the late Henry J. Dart, with the assistance of some friends, leased two small houses in the east end of the city, and temporary refuge was given to a few destitute aged sick people.

In 1906 the former residence of the late Sir Francis Hincks at the corner of St. Antoine and Dominion Streets was purchased, and alterations made to accommodate thirty to thirty-five patients.

The work has been maintained by voluntary subscriptions, nothing but destitute cases are admitted, and it is now felt that the time has arrived when the hospital should extend its work.

A property of about four and a half acres has been acquired on Sherbrooke Street East, where it is proposed to start the erection of new buildings to accommodate eventually two hundred beds, with suitable nurses' home and helps' quarters.

The buildings will be thoroughly fireproof, and have been planned with all the necessary equipment comparable to a hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis; the walls to be of common brick finished with a white coating, and pressed brick trimmings, jalousies painted a bright colour. (A very pleasing effect.)

The construction will be first class; the frame of steel with metal joists; the floors in the wards and corridors of magnesite, and in toilets, kitchens, utility rooms, of tile. The large wards are planned for twelve beds, divided with metal partitions 6 ft. 0 inches high; each division accommodating four beds. (An arrangement which may be copied to advantage in hospital planning.)

The capacity of the hospital is 108 beds, and the cost will be about \$450,000.00, including x-ray, dental, operating room, refrigeration and kitchen equipment, but does not include the laundry.

Mr. David R. Brown, architect, Montreal, and past-president of the Institute, adds but another jewel to his crown in the conception of this building.

#### THE ST. BONIFACE SANATORIUM, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

This institution is now being erected at a cost of \$650,000, and when the equipment has been installed, the total cost will be approximately \$800,000. By reference to the first floor plan, it will be noted that some very interesting features have been introduced, especially the entrance and chapel which are incidental to institutions of this nature. The experience of the writer is such that the planning of a chapel in connection with a hospital presents a most interesting study, more particularly so as in some sections of the Dominion the chapel is used by patients, nursing staff, nursing sisters, and in some cases, by the outside public. Therefore, it will be realized that this section of the building needs to be isolated in a measure and yet approachable from the main units without too much effort.

The architect, Mr. J. N. Semmens, Winnipeg, is to be congratulated on being able to erect this two hundred bed hospital at a cost per cubic foot, without equipment, of forty-seven cents, especially so when it is realized that the type of construction is reinforced concrete. The building is faced with brick and cast stone, and the partitions are of terra cotta and gypsum tile.

The writer is much indebted to the members of the Institute for their kind reaction in supplying illustrations of the various projects hereinbefore referred to.

#### Activities of the Institute

A meeting of the executive committee of the council of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada was held in the new office of the Institute, 627 Dorchester Street West, Montreal, on Friday, December 19th, 1930, at 4.00 p.m.

Present: Percy E. Nobbs, president; Alcide Chausse, honorary secretary; Philip J. Turner; W. S. Maxwell; Eugene Payette; J. Cecil McDougall; Ludger Venne and I. Markus, secretary.

Reading of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the executive committee held on November 20th, 1930, were read and approved.

Reports of Standing Committees: Before the committee reports were presented, the chairmen of the standing committees were requested to furnish the president with a written report of the activities of their committees for incorporation in the report of the council to be presented at the annual meeting.

Architectural Training: Mr. Maxwell reported progress.

Scholarships: Mr. McDougall reported progress.

Art, Science and Research: The secretary advised that contributions from Mr. B. Evan Parry, chairman of this committee, were being published regularly in The Journal.

Professional Usages: Mr. Nobbs informed the meeting that there were a great many matters to be discussed under this heading and that they would be taken up later in the meeting.

Public Relations: The secretary drew the attention of the meeting to some correspondence which had been received in connection with the articles published in The Journal by the committee on public relations. He was instructed to refer the communications to Mr. West, chairman of the committee, who was unable to be present at the meeting.

Fellowships: Mr. W. S. Maxwell reported that the diplomas for the sixteen recently elected fellows were now completed.

Standard Forms of Contract: Mr. Nobbs reported that the "Stipulated Sum" form of contract had been agreed upon by the representatives of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and the Canadian Construction Association and that it was now being reviewed by a solicitor, appointed by the president, from the point of view of consistency of phraseology, and that it will be presented to the forthcoming annual meetings of the R.A.I.C. and C.C.A.

With regard to the "Cost Plus" form of contract, Mr. Nobbs reported that the representatives of the Institute were unable to see eye to eye on two inter-related points, and therefore recommended that they be allowed to consult with the fellows present at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Institute for guidance before again meeting the representatives of the Canadian Construction Association. This procedure was concurred in by the meeting.

The president reported progress in the preparation of a form of contract between architect and client. It was suggested that the proposed form might be along the lines of that now being used by the Province of Quebec Association of Architects. The committee in charge of this matter of which Mr. McDougall is chairman, was instructed to be guided by Mr. Fryer's report and correspondence arising therefrom.

Duty on Foreign Plans: Mr. Nobbs reported that he had received a letter dated December 13th from the Government advising that the Department of Customs and Excise had made a seizure of plans, as a result of information furnished by the Institute, and that they were enclosing cheque covering a portion of the duty collected. The president advised returning the cheque but was requested to endorse the cheque over to the treasurer for deposit in the general funds, and that he inform the customs branch of this disposition.

Proposed Principles of Practice, Code of Competitions and Schedule of Charges: The president read a number of letters from the presidents of the component societies with reference to Mr. Fryer's draft of proposed principles of practice, code of competitions and schedule of charges, and after a very lengthy discussion, Messrs. P. E. Nobbs, W. S. Maxwell and Ludger Venne were requested to prepare a final draft of a code for the conduct of architectural competitions. It was suggested that after due revision, the other sections of the report be issued in leaflet form.

Report of Special Committee Regarding Future Competitions for the Annual Medal for a Building Executed: Mr. Philip J. Turner presented a report on behalf of his committee in which he made certain recommendations for the conduct of future competitions for the medal, and upon motion duly moved and carried, the report was received and will be included in the annual report of the council.

Next Annual Meeting: The president reported acceptances from certain guests who had been invited to attend the annual dinner.

A letter was read from Mr. B. Evan Parry in which he informed the meeting of a recent visit to the Maritimes, and that a number of the members had expressed their intention of attending the annual meeting of the Institute.

A letter was read from Mr. R. B. Wolsey, secretary of the Ontario Association of Architects, informing the Institute that the expenses of their delegates to the next annual meeting of the Institure would be paid by the Association.

Some discussion took place regarding the annual dinner, and a special committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. W. S. Maxwell and J. Cecil McDougall to complete the arrangements for the dinner, entertainment and menu cards.

R.I.B.A. Communications: A letter dated November 14th from the secretary of the R.I.B.A. informing the Institute of the election of an architect in Toronto as an associate of the R.I.B.A. As the gentleman in question was not yet a member

of the Ontario Association of Architects, the secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the letter to the Ontario Association of Architects for their information.

A letter dated December 5th from the secretary of the R.I.B.A. informing the Institute of the rebates to be allowed to over-seas members. Mr. Nobbs and Mr. Turner were requested to draft a reply to the letter which would be signed by Mr. Turner.

Miscellaneous: Letters were read from A. Leslie Perry, architect of Montreal, and the Canadian Engineering Standards Association, referring to a suggestion made by Mr. Perry during an address delivered by him at a recent meeting of the Montreal branch of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association, that a handbook be published giving full information on the physical properties of various woods, a simplified grading table, and a table of standard sizes. The secretary was instructed to acknowledge Mr. Perry's letter with thanks and also to advise the Canadian Engineering Standards Association that the Institute will be pleased to accept their suggestion and appoint representatives to attend any meeting which they might arrange.

The committee's attention was called to the propaganda now being published in connection with the use of Canadian stone, and after some consideration, it was felt that the Government would be well advised when dealing with this question to canvass the views of the architects and general contractors, either individually or through their representative organizations. The president was requested to convey these views to the Government by means of deputation which could also take up matters arising out of the last deputation (1928) and the method of collecting duty on foreign plans.

The secretary called attention to a pamphlet published by the Canadian Tuberculosis Association which was sent in by Mr. B. Evan Parry in which was published an article criticising members of the architectural profession. A suggested editorial prepared by Mr. Parry in reply to the criticism was approved by the meeting and the secretary was requested to have this published in The Journal.

A letter was read from T. R. Peacock, architect of Quebec, enquiring as to the action taken by the Institute in connection with draftsmen employed by contractors to carry out architectural work. The secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Peacock of the result of the joint meeting of the Canadian Construction Association and the Institute.

A letter was read from Mr. E. J. Gilbert, secretary of the Saskatchewan Association of Architects calling attention to a resolution passed at their last annual meeting to the effect that pro rata contribution to the Institute was only to be paid for those members from whom fees had been collected. The honorary treasurer was requested to advise the Saskatchewan Association of Architects that payment of pro rata contribution must be made according to the by-laws of the Institute in which the component societies had concurred.

As a result of a suggestion made by the secretary, he was authorized to have a set of R.A.I.C. Journals bound in volumes for the Institute.

Date and Place of Next Meeting: It was decided to hold the next meeting at the office of the Institute in Montreal on Thursday, January 22nd, at 4.00 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

#### Activities of Provincial Associations

#### Architectural Institute of British Columbia

Secretary—E. B. McMaster, 510 Shelly Building, Vancouver

The annual dinner meeting of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia was held in the Georgia Hotel, Vancouver, on Wednesday evening, December 3rd, 1930. The meeting was one of the most successful in the history of the Institute and was attended by approximately thirty-five members, including Mr. Savage and Mr. James of Victoria, B.C.

Following the presentation of the reports, diplomas were presented by the president, Mr. Andrew L. Mercer, to the following new members of the Institute: C. V. K. Van Norman, J. F. Watson, J. Graham Johnson, John S. Porter and P. C. Underwood. A motion that Mr. W. T. Dalton be enrolled as an honorary member was unanimously approved.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in Andrew L. Mercer being re-elected president; Hubert Savage of Victoria, vice-president; Theo Korner, honorary treasurer; S. M. Eveleigh, honorary secretary; and Wm. Bow, John Y. McCarter and Jos. H. Bowman, members of council.

After the routine matters had been disposed of, the meeting was thrown open to the consideration of new business. Mr. John Y. McCarter strongly advocated the establishment of a chapter of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada in Vancouver. This suggestion met with very favourable response and a committee consisting of John Y. McCarter, John S. Porter, F. G. Gardiner, Wm. Frederick Gardiner and T. B. McArravy was appointed to give the matter consideration. The names of a number of prospective members interested in the proposal were given to Mr. McCarter.

A committee was also appointed to consider the advisability of appointing a local "Patron" under the requirements of l'Ecole des Beaux Arts to enable architectural students in British Columbia to take advantage of certain courses offered by the Beaux Arts.

Congratulations were conveyed to Messrs. Mc-Carter & Nairne and their staff on their accomplishment in the design and erection of the Marine Building. In putting the motion before the meeting, Wm. Frederick Gardiner stated that this building reflected great credit on the profession in Vancouver.

General J. A. Clarke, who was a guest of the Institute, addressed the meeting and spoke at length on the work being carried out in the University area under his direction, and of the many considerations, both aesthetic and practical, which enter into and complicate such developments. Discussing his plans for the future of the area, the

General stated that he was bearing in mind the desirability of preserving the natural beauties of the place and had in view the converting of certain area into parks. General Clarke closed his talk with a request for the co-operation and advice of Vancouver architects in the laying out of the various University endowment land sub-divisions.

Before the meeting concluded, it was unanimously decided to hold the next annual meeting in Victoria,

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#### The Ontario Association of Architects

#### OTTAWA CHAPTER

Secretary—B. Evan Parry, Department of National Health, Ottawa, Ontario

The Architects Club of Ottawa held its annual meeting and dinner on Thursday, December 4th, 1930, in the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa. The president, Mr. L. Fennings Taylor, was in the chair, and there was an excellent attendance of members.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in Lt.-Col. C. J. Burritt being unanimously elected president; W. J. Abra, first vice-president; W. E. Noffke, second vice-president; W. C. Beattie, Cecil Burgess, A. J. Hazelgrove and D. H. Hunter, members of the executive council; and B. Evan Parry, honorary secretary-treasurer for the fourth time.

The retiring president, Mr. L. Fennings Taylor, in his presidential valedictory, thanked the members for the spirit of loyalty and co-operation exhibited towards him in the two years of his presidency. The office, he stated, was the highest in the gift of the architects of Ottawa, and he urged the members to extend to the new president the same loyal support that he had received.

Lt.-Col. Burritt thanked the members for the high honour they had bestowed upon him in electing him as their president. W. J. Abra also ex-

pressed his appreciation for his election as vicepresident.

The honorary secretary-treasurer, Mr. B. Evan Parry, spoke of the arrangements being made for the next annual meeting of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada which is to be held at Lucernein-Quebec on February 20th and 21st. He stressed the importance of the occasion and requested the members to be present if at all possible.

Following the business part of the meeting, Mr. Geo. M. Brewer, noted musician, composer and artist of Montreal, who was the guest of the club, gave a most original talk on "Twelve Days on a Pony Through Iceland." Mr. Brewer's address was illustrated with lantern slides from original photographs and with musical selections of Icelandic folksongs.

E. L. Horwood, past president of the club, T. W. Fuller and Noulan Cauchon, tendered the thanks

of the club to Mr. Brewer.

At the next dinner meeting of the Architects Club, Mr. Ernest Fosbery, R.C.A., will give the members a talk on "Portraits and Portrait Painters."

#### TORONTO CHAPTER

Secretary—E. R. Arthur, Department of Architecture, University of Toronto

A party of about fifty members of the Toronto Chapter, O.A.A., were conducted through the new head office building of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto, now nearing completion, by the architect, Mr. John A. Pearson, on Saturday, December 27th. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by those fortunate enough to be present.

The third Toronto Chapter exhibition of architecture and allied arts will be held at the Art Gallery of Toronto from February 6th to March 1st, 1931.

The usual competition for the medal of honor and other awards given by the Toronto Chapter will be held. This competition will be open to members of the Toronto Chapter only. All other sections of the competition will be open to members of the R.A.I.C. Further information and entry forms may be obtained from F. Hilton Wilkes, convenor of the architecture committee, 96 Bloor Street West, Toronto.

#### Note to Members, R.A.I.C.

For the information of the members of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, the following details will be of some use to those who intend to be present at the twenty-fourth general meeting on Friday and Saturday the 20th and 21st February, 1931, at the Log Chateau, Lucerne-in-Quebec, Montebello, Que. Ladies are cordially invited and special entertainments will be provided for them during the two days of the annual meeting. Montebello is on the Montreal-Ottawa North Shore line of the Canadian Pacific Railway who provide good transportation facilities from Montreal and Ottawa. The rates at the Log Chateau will be as follows: American plan, \$8.00 per person, per day, two in a room, and \$10.00 per person, per day, one in one room. There will be no extra charge for the Annual Dinner. As this is the first time that the annual meeting will be held outside of a large city, it is expected that there will be a record attendence. Make your reservations as early as possible direct to Mr. W. H. Dalton, Manager, The Log Chateau, Lucerne-in-Quebec, Montebello, Que.

#### COMPETITIONS

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Preliminary sketches must be submitted for judgment on or before April 3rd, 1931. From these the ten best will be selected for further development and the final drawings will be judged on May 1st, 1931.

Further information can be obtained by writing to the Canadian Institute of Steel Construction, Bank of Hamilton Building, Toronto, Canada.

#### BOOKS REVIEWED

PUBLISHERS' NOTE—We wish to remind our readers that any books reviewed in these columns, as well as any other architectural book, can be secured through "The Journal" of the R.A.I.C., at the published price, carriage and customs duties prepaid.

ACOUSTICS OF BUILDINGS—By F. R. Watson. Published by John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York.

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Until comparatively recent years, very little was known about the acoustics of auditoriums and the sound-proofing of rooms, but thanks to the pioneering work of Professor Wallace C. Sabine, and the scientific study of the subject by the author of this volume, a great deal of authoritative information is now available to architects.

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The volume under review is the second edition, the first having been published six years ago. A large number of acoustic materials have been put on the market during that time, and Professor Watson, in addition to giving detailed illustrations for guidance in the acoustic design of new buildings and in the correction of acoustic defects, also includes a list of sound absorbing materials and their acoustic value.

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TORONTO CHAPTER, ONTARIO ASSOCIATION of ARCHITECTS

## EXHIBITION of ARCHITECTURE and ALLIED ARTS

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#### NOTES

A meeting of the executive committee of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada was held at the new offices of the Institute, 627 Dorchester Street, West, Montreal on December 19th, 1930.

Andrew L. Mercer, architect of Vancouver, was re-elected President of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia at the annual meeting of that body held in Vancouver on December 3rd, 1930.

Messrs. Gordon and Helliwell, architects of Toronto, announce the removal of their offices from 525-6 Confederation Life Building to 35 Kendal Avenue.

The Toronto Chapter, Ontario Association of Architects will hold its next Exhibition of architecture and allied arts at the Art Gallery of Toronto during the month of February, 1931.

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Mr. Philip J. Turner, architect of Montreal, delivered an illustrated lecture on Glastonbury Abbey to the members of the St. James Literary Society, Montreal on Tuesday, December 16th, 1930. Mr. Turner gave a detailed description of the Abbey and showed a number of slides illustrating plans and reconstructions, as well as views of the remains as they now appear.

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In recognition of the valuable services rendered to the architectural profession in Canada by Mr. J. P. Hynes, architect of Toronto, a number of his confreres have decided to tender a dinner to him in his honor. The dinner is to take place in Toronto on Monday, February 9th, 1931.

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Mr. A. Beaugrand-Champagne, Montreal architect, has been appointed chairman of the Town Planning Commission recently formed in Montreal. Two other architects, namely Messrs. Raoul Lacroix and Ludger Venne, are among the others appointed to the Commission.

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Mr. A. Leslie Perry, architect of Montreal, delivered an address on "The Architect and his Relation to the Lumber Industry" before the members of the Montreal branch of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association on November 28th in the assembly hall of the Technical School, Sherbrooke Street, West, Montreal.

During the course of his remarks, Mr. Perry suggested that a handbook should be published giving the physical properties of various woods, a simplified grading table and a table of standard sizes of lumber.

Official announcement has just been made of the Thirteenth International Housing and Town Planning Congress, which is to be held in Berlin, Germany, from June 1st to 5th, 1931, under the auspices of the Magistrat of the City of Berlin and the Reich and Prussian Governments. The President of the International Federation for Housing and Town Planning, the body responsible for arranging this Congress, is Dr. Raymond Unwin, F.R.I.B.A., London.

The senior students of the Department of Architecture at McGill University, accompanied by members of the staff, paid a visit, on Wednesday, December 17th to the new dining room floor now being completed in the T. Eaton Company building in Montreal.

The different features of the new dining room floor were explained to the students by the Company's consulting architect, Mr. S. H. Maw of Toronto, and at the close of the visit the party were entertained to luncheon by Mr. Maw and Mr. Dodds, the manager of the T. Eaton Company of Montreal.

According to a recent dispatch, the Court of Appeals at Brussels, Belgium, has rendered a decision against Whitney Warren, United States architect, in the now famous Louvain Library suit. It may be recalled that the Louvain University objected to the inscription "Destroyed by Teutonic Fury, Restored by American Generosity" placed by Mr. Warren on the facade of the library, and upon his refusal to remove the inscription, action was taken in the lower courts to compel him to do so. The judgment of the lower courts, however, upheld the architect, and the University then appealed to the higher courts which pronounced in its favor. Mr. Warren will now be compelled to pay the cost of both actions.

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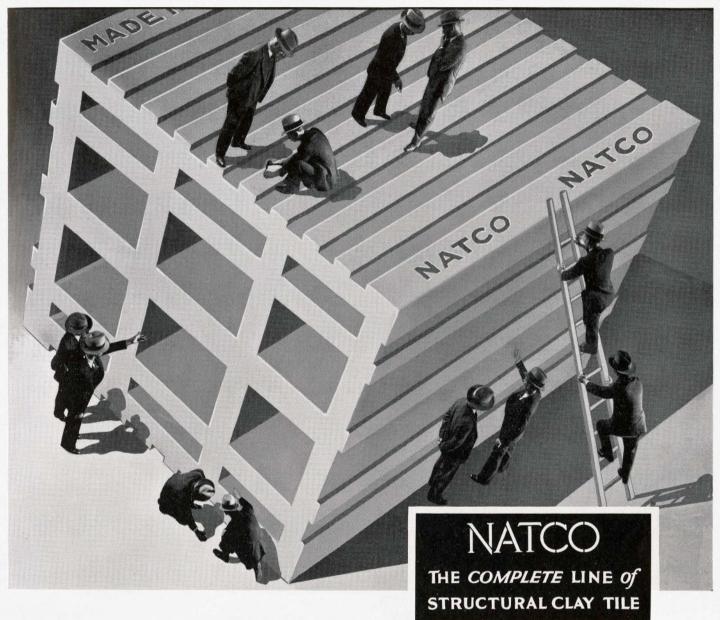
We regret to record the recent death of Mrs. Laura Muntz Lyall, A.R.C.A., of Toronto. Born in London, England in 1861, Miss Muntz, as she was known for many years, showed early inclinations toward art. She came to Canada as a child and received her first lessons from Mr. Forster in Hamilton. Mrs. Lyall was well known for her paintings of children and was the recipient of many honors both in Canada and the United States. She is survived by her husband, C. W. B. Lyall and her brother, G. H. Muntz.

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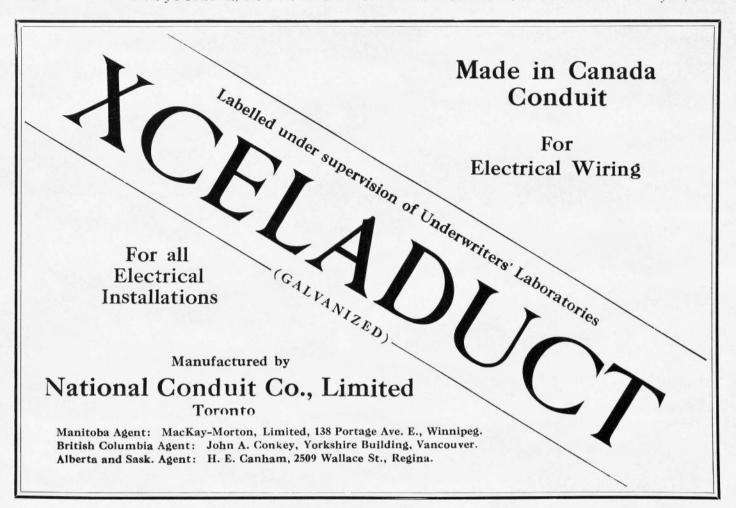


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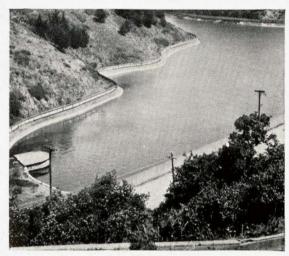
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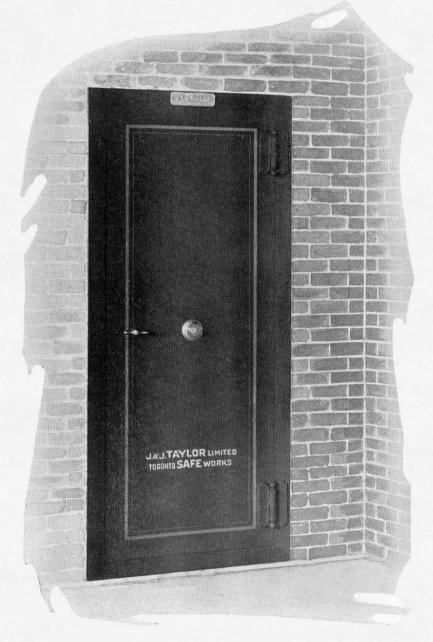
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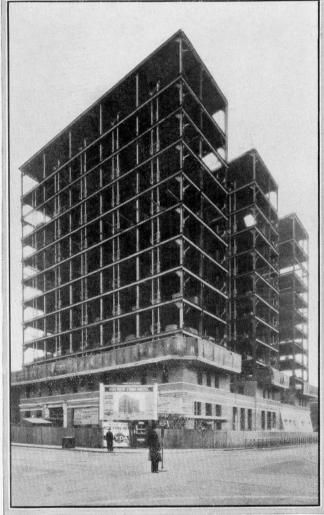
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#### THE ROYAL ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF CANADA

#### TWENTY FOURTH GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING

AT THE LOG CHATEAU (LUCERNE · IN · QUEBEC), MONTEBELLO, QUE., on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 20th and 21st FEBRUARY, 1931

#### **Programme**

#### FRIDAY, THE 20th FEBRUARY, 1931

9.30 A.M.-Registration of Members and Guests at the Information Office on the Rotunda

10.00 A.M.—Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council in Room 215, Rotunda Floor.

11.00 A.M.—Meeting of the (1930) Council in Room 215, Rotunda Floor.

12.00 noon—Inaugural Session of the Twenty-Fourth
General Annual Meeting of The Royal
Architectural Institute of Canada in
Ball Room, Mezzanine Floor.

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(a) Reading and adoption of the minutes of the Twenty-Third General Annual Meeting of The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, held at Montreal, on the 21st and 22nd February, 1930;

(b) Business arising out of the Minutes:

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(c) Report of the Council.

12.50 P.M.—Group Photograph to be taken.

1.00 P.M.—Business Session.

- (d) Discussion on the Report of the Council;
- (e) Reports of the Standing Committees:
  (1) Architectural Training. Mr.
  W. S. Maxwell (F), Chairman;

(2) Scholarships. Mr. J. Cecil McDougall (F), Chairman;
 (3) Art, Science and Research. Mr.

- B. Evan Parry, Chairman; (4) Professional Usage. Mr. Percy
- E. Nobbs (F), Chairman;
- (5) Public Relations. Mr. Gordon M. West (F), Chairman;
  (6) Editorial Board Journal, R.A.
  I.C. Mr. J. P. Hynes (F),
- Chairman.
- (f) Discussion on the Reports of Stand-
- ing Committees;
  (g) Report of the Honorary Treasurer, including the Auditor's Report. Mr. Gordon M. West, Honorary Treas-
- (h) Reports of the Election of Delegates from the Component Societies to the (1931) Council of The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada.

4.30 P.M.-Visit to the "Notre-Dame-de-Bonsecours" R. C. Church. Courtesy of Rev. Father M. Chamberland, V.F., Parish Priest.

8.30 P.M.—Meeting of the Fellows of the R.A.I.C., in the Ball Room.

#### SATURDAY, THE 21st FEBRUARY, 1931

9.30 A.M.—Visit to Papineau Manoir, in parties of ten or twelve. Courtesy of the Lucerne-in-Quebec Community Association Limited.

10.30 A.M.—Business Session.

- (i) Unfinished business from previous session;
- (j) New Business;
- 2.30 P.M.-Meeting of the (1931) Council in Room

215, Rotunda Floor.
(1) Election of Officers;

- (2) Election of the Executive Commit-
- (3) Appointment of an Auditor;

- (4) Appointment of Standing Commit-
- (5) Appointment of the Editorial Board of "The Journal—R.A.I.C.";
  (6) Authorization for the Honorary
- Treasurer to pay certain expenses; (7) Place of next Annual Meeting; (8) Other matters.
- 2.30 P.M.—Outdoor Sports for those not attending Meeting of the Council.
  8.00 P.M.—Annual Dinner in Ball Room.
  (1) Presentation of Diplomas to
- - Fellows;
    - (2) Presentation of 1930 Gold Medal for a Building.

#### HEADQUARTERS

The Headquarters of the Annual Meeting will be at the Log Chateau, where all business sessions and meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Council will be held.

#### COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS

Messrs. Percy E. Nobbs, Gordon M. West, W. S. Maxwell, J. Cecil McDougall, Eugène Payette, Philip J. Turner, Ludger Venne, B. Evan Parry and Alcide Chaussé.

This programme is subject to change. Announcements of changes will be made at the Business Sessions.

PERCY E. NOBBS, President.

627 West, Dorchester Street, Montreal, 1st December, 1930.

ALCIDE CHAUSSÉ, Honorary Secretary.