

THE WEEK AT OTTAWA

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OTTAWA (CP) One of the thorniest contributing problems to Canada's post-war housing problem, granted a lions share of the capital funds last week.

The spotlight of public attention caught these facets of the problem in its glare: renewed discussions by the militant Ottawa Veterans' Housing League; a real estate convention; important statements from the heads of the government's two major housing agencies; and announcement of a Dominion-wide competition among the architects for plans for low-cost houses.

In about a week's time, a seizure by the V.H.L. of another army building on the H. but on Porters Island in the Ottawa River to accommodate thousands of homeless war veterans assumed a larger importance in focusing attention on the desperate housing situation.

In the face of an approaching winter, the league planned a second "march" on the capital hill during the weekend, this time in an attempt to present a manifesto to Prime Minister Mackenzie King who was in Paris a month ago when the league staged its original invasion of parliament hill.

Its squabbling activities brought comment from D. B. (Dave) Mansur, president of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the nerve centre of the government's huge \$400,000,000, five-year housing plan. Since the V.H.L. started kicking up a fuss, he said the flow of surplus properties had increased "tremendously". One of the corporation's greatest difficulties had been to get the armed forces to declare their unused buildings surplus.

The Canadian Association of Real Estate Board heard Mr. Mansur outline some of the problems in housing and predict vast expansion of many urban centres.

The big bottleneck in urban development would be the growing shortage of "serviced land," he said. Available space served by water, sewerage and such facilities as well as schools and other community necessities was virtually exhausted in most centres.

To add to the congestion, the heavy migration from rural to urban areas was continuing.

From P.C. Armstrong of Montreal, the realtors heard a prediction that the present price of housing would remain constant for many years to come. Mr. Armstrong also said young people should be taught to accept lower standards in housing and that subsidized housing, such as under the National Housing Act, only enabled people to build houses a little more cheaply "but it doesn't cause any more housing to be built."

An order-in-council passed September 21st which laid down a minimum of two acres of land for construction under the Veterans' Land Act, also came in for attention. V.L.A. Director Gordon Murchison said it was designed to draw a "reasonable line of demarcation" between V.L.A. and the urban housing programs under Mr. Mansur's direction.

The act originally was intended to help veterans who wanted to supplement low incomes by part-time farming. However, applications showed many were "not interested in land as such" but rather a financial subsidy. The new regulations also would avoid a clash between the two housing schemes on the fringes of urban areas.

C.C.F. Leader Goldwell issued a statement terming the new regulation "unnecessary and unjust" and charging the government with yielding to the pressure of "private builders and mortgage companies."

Mr. Mansur came up with two new flanking attacks on the main housing problem. One was announcement of a \$15,000 competition among architects for designs for homes in the \$6,000 bracket. Because of climatic differences across the country, prizes are offered in each of five regions and authorities are hopeful the competition will produce new ideas for utilization of materials other than the conventional ones now in such short supply.

The other attack is to be made through the country's 4,700 letter carriers. Postmen are to report any vacant houses or flats on their routes to aid in a nation-wide survey.

The return late in the week of Finance Minister Halsey from international conferences overseas may crystallize the government attitude toward the delivery strike of farmers in Alberta.

Before the return of the cabinet ministers most concerned with the farmers' demands for a fact-finding board to establish what they call "parity prices," government officials have been reluctant to comment on the situation. Some officials here have expressed sympathy with the farmers, but regretfully term their objective an impossible task.

Political observers here still are pondering the implications of the victory of Real Caouette in the Pont-

BRANCH NEWS

(Intended for Last Week)

All Legion hands were on deck, Tuesday night to welcome ex-servants, Pat Baylis, Florence Salt and Margaret Somerville and Elaine Robinson formerly of the CMAU.

The initiation of twenty-nine ex-servicemen climaxed an enthusiastic meeting. This number of new members compares happily with the average quota of five or six introduced at former meetings.

A reminder to the girls of our local branch. If you make the following appointments amongst yourselves (1) an initiation team of two whose function will be the invitation of new women members; (2) a representative five to act on the Executive; and (3) a "Sister Session".

Beginning this November, Franco veterans will conduct their own Remembrance Day service in Lockwood. This suggestion presented by Comrade George Day met with instant approval from Acton members.

At the Tuesday meeting a discussion of servicemen's building problems revealed many difficulties, but in particular one obstacle, which most veterans have encountered. The shortage of materials. Although agreed that this lack can be attributed directly to current Labor-Management controversies, it was thought helpful to make further inquiries about the supply situation.

What gives now, with the unmistakable tang of fall in the good, old Canadian atmosphere? A fellow does not have to draw dracaena from the weather bureau, to make certain infallible predictions. Winter is on the march. And with its long nights, this is an ideal season for indoor games like chess and cribbage.

The following is one aim, of which we all need to be reminded from time to time. From Aims and Objects: Section D. "To perpetuate the memory and needs of the fallen, and of those who die in the future; and to promote and care for memorials to their valour and sacrifice; to provide suitable burial, and to keep an annual 'Memorial Day'."

Canadians sympathetic with General Dwight D. Eisenhower, for the recent loss of his mother.

Sunday, September 14th, was the anniversary of Britain's perhaps most splendid day. Six years ago, on a Sunday, England's hard pressed RAF heroes, shot down one hundred and eighty-five enemy planes.

Because it seems to express eloquently the sentiments of most fair-minded people, we quote this excerpt from an editorial in Saturday's issue of the Globe and Mail: "The memory of what those men did in the smilling skies of Southern England must remain forever green. Valiant in heart and mighty in deed, they added lustre to the glorious name of Britain. 'Never in the field of human conflict, was so much owed by so many to so few.'"

As candidate of the Union Des Electeurs, the banner of Social Credit in Quebec, the Val d'Or parapsychic operator reversed the 7000-vote plurality of the late W. R. McDonald, Liberal, in the last general election into a margin of nearly 1,000 over the Liberal candidate, Lucien Labelle, Progressive Conservative, C.C.F. and Labor-Progressive candidates were far behind.

While various party spokesmen had varied explanations, veteran impartial observers point to the strong organization Mr. Caouette quietly built up and his energetic work in the hustings. In any case, the Social Credit victory in the first test since the general election, made the three major parties sit up and take notice that Social Credit no longer was confined within the borders of Alberta.

BANK SHORTENS FARMERS' HOURS

Low-Cost Loans Make Farming Easier

New labor-saving devices, new farm machinery and new appliances designed to shorten working hours and lighten farm chores, are now appearing on the Canadian market. With them are coming such modern comforts and conveniences as inside plumbing, hot running water, washing machines and other devices to lighten the housewife's burden.

Many of these improvements have already found their way to Canadian farms and homes. The Bank of Montreal has played an important part through its farm improvement loans in making this post-war equipment immediately available. If the problem of financing is preventing you from getting your share, a B of M loan at low interest rates may be the answer.

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The worst case of insomnia on record is that of a man who couldn't sleep even when it was time to get up.

Cub Pack News

(Intended for Last Week)

H. Pack Back to Kims jungle for another season. Let's begin our adventures this fall by taking a look up at our leaders and also by remembering just why we are Wolf Cubs and what is expected of us.

The new chief Scout is a Scotchman called Lord Howallan. A brave successor to Lord Baden Powell, and the late Lord Somers.

Lord Howallan has a fine war record. Besides being a soldier, he has been associated with Scouting for almost twenty five years.

MANAGEMENT OF MONEY

It is remarked that young people should be taught how to manage money. That seems an essential element of success. It does not do people any great amount of good to earn a lot of money, if they form the habit of spending it all as fast as they get it.

It is a fine idea to begin very early with children, and teach them the benefits of saving. It is well to teach them to consider what money they have and receive and earn, and to think intelligently on what use to make of it. They do well to save some of it, to help them buy important things they need and to build up capital for future use.

Children who form these habits accumulate money which can be used toward their education and to promote success in life and their chances of doing well in work and business are improved.

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BEDROOM FURNITURE: Dark Finish Bedroom Suite, good as new, consisting of Bed and Springs, Chest-dresser, Dresser, Wardrobe with Drawers, and Mirror; Bench, Etc.; Dark Finish Bedstead with Springs and Mattress; Dresser to match; Toilet Set; 5 size Steel Bed with Dresser; Congoleum Rug; 2 Bedroom Lamps; Several New Runners for Floor; Feather Mattress; Pillows; Pillow Cases; Towels; Sheets; Bed Spreads; Quilts; Flannellette Blankets; Window Curtains.

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Fall Shipment Eggs Begin to Britain

For the first time, a shipment of eggs held in refrigeration from spring storage until fall delivery to Britain was loaded at Montreal aboard SS Corralles, September 3 to 10. It consisted of 50,000 cases of 30 dozen each brought to Montreal in railway refrigeration cars from as far west as Alberta.

Bought and stored for the British Ministry of Food last spring by the Special Products Board, this is the first of fall shipments to Britain expected to total 40,000 cases. With Britain as well as Canadian hens now in their period of lowest production, these eggs will reach Britain at the season when they are needed most.

When eggs that have been stored at 45 degrees Fahrenheit are defrosted for repacking and shipping the sudden rise in temperature causes quick deterioration in their shells and increase in spoilage risk. To obviate this danger, the Special Products Board has arranged for special shippers to have railway cars pre-cooled with crushed ice and salt to 32-38 degrees and to have these temperatures maintained by seawater where the eggs are loaded into refrigerator space on ships with a temperature of 32-35 degrees.

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