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I. Q: What is the monetary limit on claims that may be brought in Small Claims Court?

A: The maximum amount is now £1,000.00 due to recent amendments. This is up from a previous maximum of \$400.00.

2. Q: Can the cost of legal counsel's fees be recovered in Small Claims Court?

A: Yes, to a maximum of \$40.00. Very few full-fledged lawyers argue cases in Small Claims Court. Articling students, however, are common. Now \$40.00 can be claimed for the cost of this legal counsel in addition to the ordinary court costs which are fairly nominal and vary with the amount of your claim. No fees are allowed if there is no trial e.g. if a default judgement is obtained before hearing. Fees are not recoverable if it is a student or an agent appearing on your behalf.

3. Q: Generally speaking, what are the different causes of action that could be taken in Small Claims Court?

A: Small Claims Court handles a wide variety of legal issues including unpaid loans; certain landlord and tenant disputes; automobile accident claims; contract disputes involving problems such as services performed and quality of goods. Subject to the \$1,000.00 limit Small Claims Court provides a simpler, less expensive way of having disputes settled by the courts.

4. Q: What are some causes of action that are not capable of Small Claims Court procedure?

A: Certain issues ranging from seduction and breach of promise of marriage to malicious prosecution and slander and libel are outside the ambit of Small Claims Court. In dealing with any court you must act quickly. If your cause of action is one properly handled in Small Claims Court you will be required to start your action within a stipulated time: that is , before the "limitation period" is up. For example, you have two years from the date of an automobile accident between two private parties, in which to start your action. The limitation period will be shorter if one of the vehicles involved is owned by the Crown.

5 Q: If I am served with a Summons directing me to appear in Small Claims Court on the 1st of March, 1978, what must I do?

A: Depending upon the severity of the dispute and the amount claimed against you, you may wish to consult a lawyer. If legal aid services are available in your area you may wish to obtain some advice on your legal position. The Clerk of the Small Claims Court is available for questions you may have on time limits, forms, procedure and the like. One thing to remember is that you, as defendant will have ten days in which to file a "dispute" to the plaintiff's claims. Once

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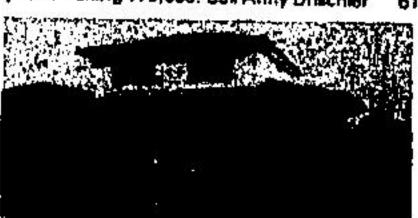


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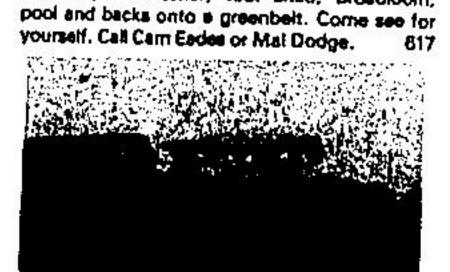


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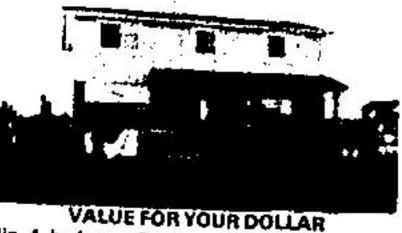
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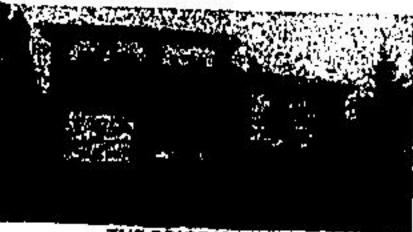
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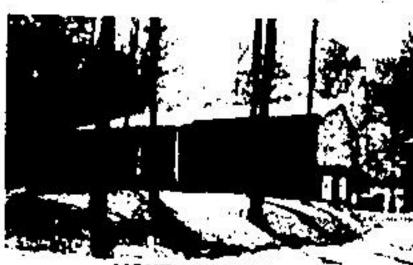
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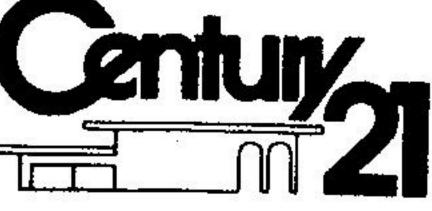


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