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Is there a street in Canada where you can find a house reinsulated or airtightened without help from the Canadian Home Insulation Program (CHIP)? Perhaps, but more than 1.7 million Canadians have used funds from CHIP to make improvements to their home's energy efficiency.

More Canadians will benefit from CHIP as a result of a change to the program announced by Energy Minister Jean Chrétien in March. The change allows homes across Canada built before September 1, 1977, to qualify for the program grants. This change is retroactive to March 1, 1984, and will affect more than 1.3 million homes in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Previously, only homes built before January 1, 1971, in these provinces were eligible for grants.

Homes built before January 1, 1977, in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and before September 1, 1977, in Newfoundland, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories have been eligible for CHIP grants for some time. There will be no change in eligibility criteria in these areas.

"The change in eligibility reaffirms the government's commitment to

reducing energy demand in the residential sector, and will provide the stimulus required to spur the insulation industry," Chrétien said. The new CHIP date brings the total number of eligible homes across Canada to 7.2 million.

CHIP is operated by Energy, Mines and Resources Canada, with grant processing carried out by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). Under CHIP, owners, landlords or tenants receive grants to insulate, weather-strip and caulk single-family homes, semidetached or rowhouse units, small apartment buildings and non-profit hostels.

The maximum CHIP grant is \$500 and covers 60 per cent of the cost of material or 60 per cent of the cost of material and labour. Certain conditions apply.

The building must be a principal residence, be no more than three storeys high and must have been built before specified dates. The grant is treated as taxable income and a T4 slip (Relevé 1 in Quebec) will be issued for income tax purposes.

Materials used must have a CMHC Building Material Evaluation Report Number. Insulation contractors must be certified and listed by the Canadian General Standards Board's (CGSB) National Certifica-

tion Listing Program. CGSB listing ensures that the contractor has met minimum standards of technical knowledge and business practice.

To ensure that the energy conservation objectives of CHIP are achieved, minimum levels of insulation are required and must be met for projects to qualify.

Further details

Whether you plan to do it yourself or hire a contractor, you would be well advised to read the free CHIP Applicant's Guide before you start. It provides the basic CHIP program criteria, information sources for the do-it-yourselfer, advice on how to choose a contractor and a list of eligible materials. Phone your regional CHIP office toll free to get your copy and a CHIP application form.

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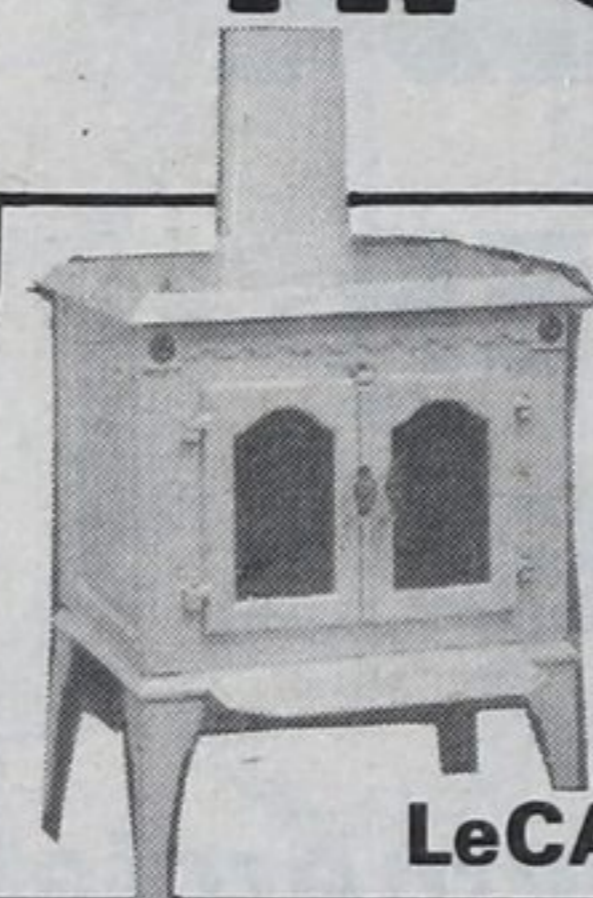
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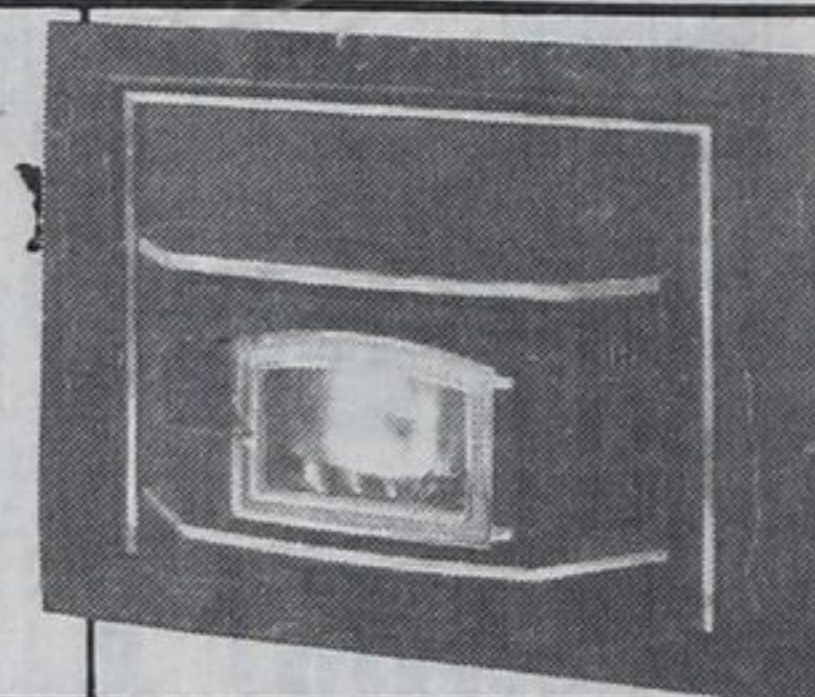
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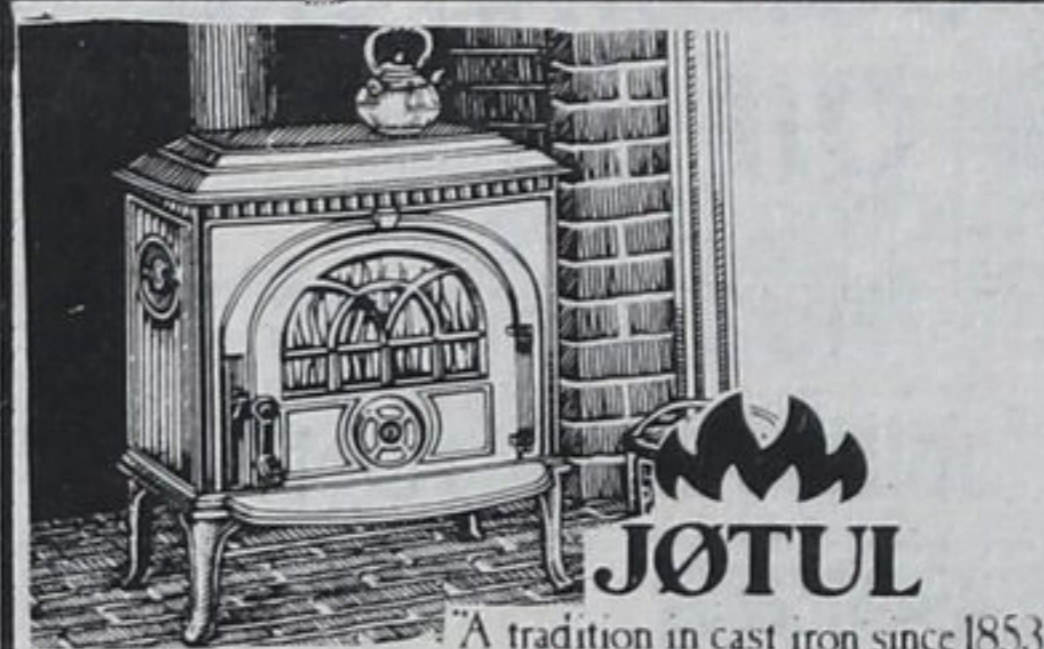
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