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HOUSING PLANS IN ONTARIO

An experiment which may have far reaching and beneficial effects has been inaugurated by the Ontario government. This week 14 sites for houses were selected in half a dozen municipalities surrounding Toronto. On these sites will be erected workmen's homes at low cost and the government will watch to see how this test housing scheme works out before going ahead with further plans.

Just what the government has in mind is not known. Obviously the construction of 14 houses is not even scratching the surface of the housing problem. But the province first of all wants to find out just how much these homes will cost, the kind of material they can get for the money allotted to each house, and numerous other matters which only the experiment itself can prove or disprove.

The government is putting up all the money, some \$35,000, and the municipalities are providing the labour from the ranks of their unemployed. The homes will be attractive and modern in every respect. The seven-room structures will cost \$3,000 and the smaller dwellings \$2,400. The plans from which these homes will be built are the ones that won first and second places in an architects' competition recently.

Reaction to the scheme has been most gratifying to Hon. David Croll, Welfare Minister, who is taking an active part in the plans. This housing experiment is being watched with keen interest by other provinces as well, and on its success depends the future well-being of a large section of the population. Some European countries, notably Scandinavian lands, have solved their slum problems in an effective manner. But on the American continent slum clearance and housing for the working classes has lagged far behind.

It is hoped that the Ontario government does not stop its efforts when the 14 homes are completed and ready for occupancy. No finer or more worthwhile work could be undertaken by any government than the building of modern homes, equipped with every sanitary convenience, for the great body of men and women who are at present forced to live with their families in unsightly hovels that should never be called homes. The big factor in a provincial-wide scheme is cost. The municipalities of Ontario are in no position to contribute to a housing scheme. The assistance they can give might be in the form of donating the land for the homes.

But it is believed certain that the Heppburn Government does not intend to call a halt when the experiment is over. To do so would be to lay the government open to the criticism that they formulated the experiment as a sop to the unemployed and had no intention of extending the plan to the whole province. If Ontario can achieve even 50 per cent. of the success attained by some European countries in housing it will be sufficient. With a revival of trade and the employment of increasing number of persons in industry, the time is ripe for the provision of low-priced homes at cheap rental, well within the reach of those who need them.

Erection of the 14 homes will provide work for carpenters, bricklayers, plumbers, and others in the building trades, and it will also bring orders to lumber and brick-yards and other allied industries. The government has specified that only unemployed men be used on construction of these homes, and this will serve to reduce the relief rolls for as long as the jobs last.

The government has a housing exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition and it is attracting tremendous interest among the thousands who daily visit the big fair. Housing is a new term to most people, but it is hoped to make it a familiar one before too many months have slipped past.

TOLERANCE

Recently in the Hamilton Spectator the following editorial for young people appeared, and it is certainly worthy of study:

"Young people will save themselves many bitter experiences in life if they learn to be tolerant. The intolerant person is generally so conceited, so wrapped up in his own conceptions, that it actually gives him pain to come across any one holding views that he does not possess. He frets and fumes within himself and gives himself over to hatred, which eventually results in actual physical illness.

"People would not become intolerant if they were to remember that they cannot possibly know everything, for if they did they would be as wise as God. Other people know things that we do not know, simply because we have not had their experience. We should therefore beware of jumping to the conclusion that because the other fellow thinks differently to what we do he should not be tolerated. We should beware of becoming narrow minded.

"Consider politics for instance. A young man is brought up in a Conservative home and hears the virtues of the Conservatives extolled and the mistakes of the Liberals denounced. Another young man's parents are Liberals and he learns from them that the Liberals are always right and the Conservatives ever in the wrong. Home influence tends to make one a Conservative and the other a Liberal. When they meet, the young Liberal and the young Conservative each wonders how the other got that way. But a little thought will show the difference arises from difference of experience. Instead of hating the other fellow we should try to understand him.

"Unless we keep an open mind we are inclined to see things in a distorted light. When William Jennings Bryan set out on a campaign for the United States presidency, his friends tried to dissuade him from making an extended tour. His reply shows that he understood human nature. 'I am going on this tour,' he said, 'to let my friends see that I haven't wings and my enemies that I haven't thorns.' When we are for a person or thing we tend to overlook faults, when we are against, we are inclined to magnify faults.

"The future will be in keeping of those who are now young. It is important that they should try to see things as they really are, for justice and happiness can only be established on truth. Tolerant minds not only make for happiness, they help to maintain security also."

One thing we would like to know: Would the quints have been as big a pulling card if they had been boys instead of girls?

King Twp. Council

Township Rate Fired at 6.9 Mills—
 C. H. Ross Named Tax Collector

At the regular meeting of King Township Council held at Kettleby Saturday last the rates by law was given its several readings and the township tax rate for the year fixed at 6.9 mills. The County rate will be 9.7 mills, County Secondary Education levy 1.1 mills, relief levy 1 mill, and the general school rate 3.2 mills. Taxes are payable up to December 14th without penalty and after that date three per cent is added until December 31st after which a rate of one half of one per cent per month is charged. C. H. Ross was named as tax collector.

General Accounts

Hydro-Electric Commission, K. C. Lights, \$172.04; MacDonald & Wells, K. C. Padlocks, 55c; King City Motors, K. C. Oil, \$6.00; A. Cave, K. C. Cutting Grass, 75c; G. Howard, K. C. Cutting Grass, \$3.75; La France Fire Engine Co., Refilling fire Extinguisher, \$12.00; J. P. Jefferson, L. D. Calls, 71c; Bear's Limited, Office Supplies, \$2.20.

Relief Voucher No. 6, \$296.63; road voucher No. 21, \$582.15; road voucher No. 22, \$554.86; road voucher No. 23, \$66.53.

Resolutions

Moved by L. B. Goodfellow, seconded by C. E. Walkington—That the Clerk be authorized to issue a cheque to Alex McCallum for Weed Inspection \$24.71 (353 miles at 7c).

Moved by Thos. MacMurchy, seconded by J. S. Lawson—That in consideration of the report as submitted by the County Commissioners and the County Solicitor, the Council of King hereby agree to accept the offer of Settlement as stated by the County of Simcoe re Fred Radyke's Hospital account.

Moved by Thos. MacMurchy, seconded by L. B. Goodfellow—That Dr. A. F. Kay be paid the sum of \$10.00 re hospitalization re Everton Paton.

Moved by L. B. Goodfellow, seconded by C. E. Walkington—That the Registration of Jos. Wilson as fire ranger be accepted and that Jack Sytema be appointed in Jos. Wilson's place.

Moved by C. E. Walkington, seconded by L. B. Goodfellow—That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to accept Road subsidy of \$9,017.00 as earned on expenditure for the year 1935.

Moved by Thos. MacMurchy, seconded by L. B. Goodfellow—That the Reeve and Deputy Reeve be paid the sum as set opposite their respective names re business trips to Toronto on Township business; J. P. Jefferson re Cross Country Highway, \$5; J. P. Jefferson re Consultation Government Relief, \$5.00; John S. Lawson re Cross Country Highway, \$5.

Moved by Thos. MacMurchy, seconded by L. B. Goodfellow—That the Clerk be and is hereby authorized (acting in the capacity of his office) to remit certified copies of resolutions, reports etc., relative to Holland Marsh Drainage Scheme which are on record in the Clerk's office as requested by Mr. E. M. Legge, and that the Statutory charges be made for the same.

Moved by Thos. MacMurchy, seconded by J. S. Lawson—That Bert Mabee be paid the sum of \$10.00 for killing two dogs caught worrying sheep as per his sworn statement.

Moved by C. E. Walkington, seconded by L. B. Goodfellow—That the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to apportion taxes between W. Clark Archibald and William H. Glass in connection with the property purchased by Mr. Archibald from Mr. Glass; and for Mrs. Haywood in connection with Lots 18, 61, 62, 63, Plan 202.

Moved by Thos. MacMurchy, seconded by J. S. Lawson—That the following be paid the sum set opposite their respective names for extinguishing fires in the township: Chas. Newton, \$4.00, Clarence Newton, \$2.00, Reg. Newton, \$2.00, for fire on Ed. Owens' farm; Jos. Wilson, \$12.00, Wm. Little, \$2.40, Jas. Little, \$2.40, Jno. Sytema, \$4.00 for fire on marsh.

Moved by Thos. MacMurchy, seconded by J. S. Lawson—That Dalton Grahame be paid the sum of \$7.35 cutting weeds on Lot 12, Concession 2 (O.S.) and \$41.65 cutting weeds on Lot 16, Concession 3 (O.S.) and the same to be charged in taxes to the aforesaid lots.

Moved by Thos. MacMurchy, seconded by C. E. Walkington—That the Treasurer be and is hereby instructed to forward a cheque to W. W. Gardhouse, County Treasurer, for \$180.00 being King Township's share of hospitalization for August, 1936.

Moved by Thos. MacMurchy, seconded by C. E. Walkington—That the following payments as made by the Treasurer be and are hereby confirmed: Irwin Hulse, \$100.00 for land; Mrs. Rogers, re Hospitalization for Mary Sparks.

Moved by J. S. Lawson, seconded by L. B. Goodfellow—That the Treasurer be and is hereby instructed to remit cheque to the following as per sheep valuations sworn statement now on file: Lorne Case, \$9.00.

DROUGHT BRINGS PROSPERITY TO HOLLAND MARSH GROUP

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The long drought throughout Ontario this summer has brought prosperity to many settlers on the Holland marsh land with soaring prices and expanding markets for the bumper crops of lettuce and other garden products raised on the rich moist soil of the reclaimed marsh, where the whole of Lake Simcoe is a reservoir ready to flow down into the miles of irrigation ditches.

For weeks trucks from Toronto vegetable dealers have been lined along the road at Ansnorveld by the score as thousands of crates of lettuce were shipped out to replace wilted crops in other centres. Many families worked until long past sunset to meet the demand. Profits have been high for many settlers so far this year, and the celery crop which will be harvested soon promises to be about the best yet, according to gardeners.

"The development here at Ansnorveld is proving to be a complete success and none of us who came out from Holland has any intention of going back," John Rupke, one of the first of the Hollanders to take up land on the reclaimed marsh, told The Star. "Real money is being made. We like Canada. All of us are going to stay and make a fortune. The drought has helped us more than hurting us. Although some of the top soil along the edges where ditches have not been put through yet has dried out, in most spots it is moist all the time from the water coming up to the surface, and in many places you can squeeze the water out of the soil with your hands. It looks like celery — our big crop — is going to be one of the best yet."

One dealer shipped a thousand crates of lettuce from an acre and a half this year, while onions, cabbages and carrots have also proved bumper crops. According to J. D. Nolan of Bradford, some growers have cleared as high as \$500 to \$800 an acre in a season on their crops, and merchants in the district are already feeling the boom this year. With only a small fraction of the 7,000 acres yet developed, there is room for hundreds more families to settle on the project and success this year should bring an influx for next summer, according to Mr. Nolan.

It hasn't taken long for the Dutch children to become regular little Canadians, according to H. Turner,

who came to the marsh from the Lake Ontario shore.

"They speak both Dutch and English with about equal fluency now and my family is beginning to learn Dutch, too," said Mr. Turner.

"When we came from Holland, school was just about over for the summer, and yet my children could speak English in a few weeks just from playing with the others," said J. Barselaar, who is also enthusiastic about the marsh land.

At present there are about 35 families settled at Ansnorveld village with other scattered growers elsewhere, and the project is just beginning to get under way, according to Mr. Rupke.

"I cannot open a new book of mine without pain."—Booth Tarkington.

"It is easy to mistake inherited prejudice for morality."—Clarence Darrow.

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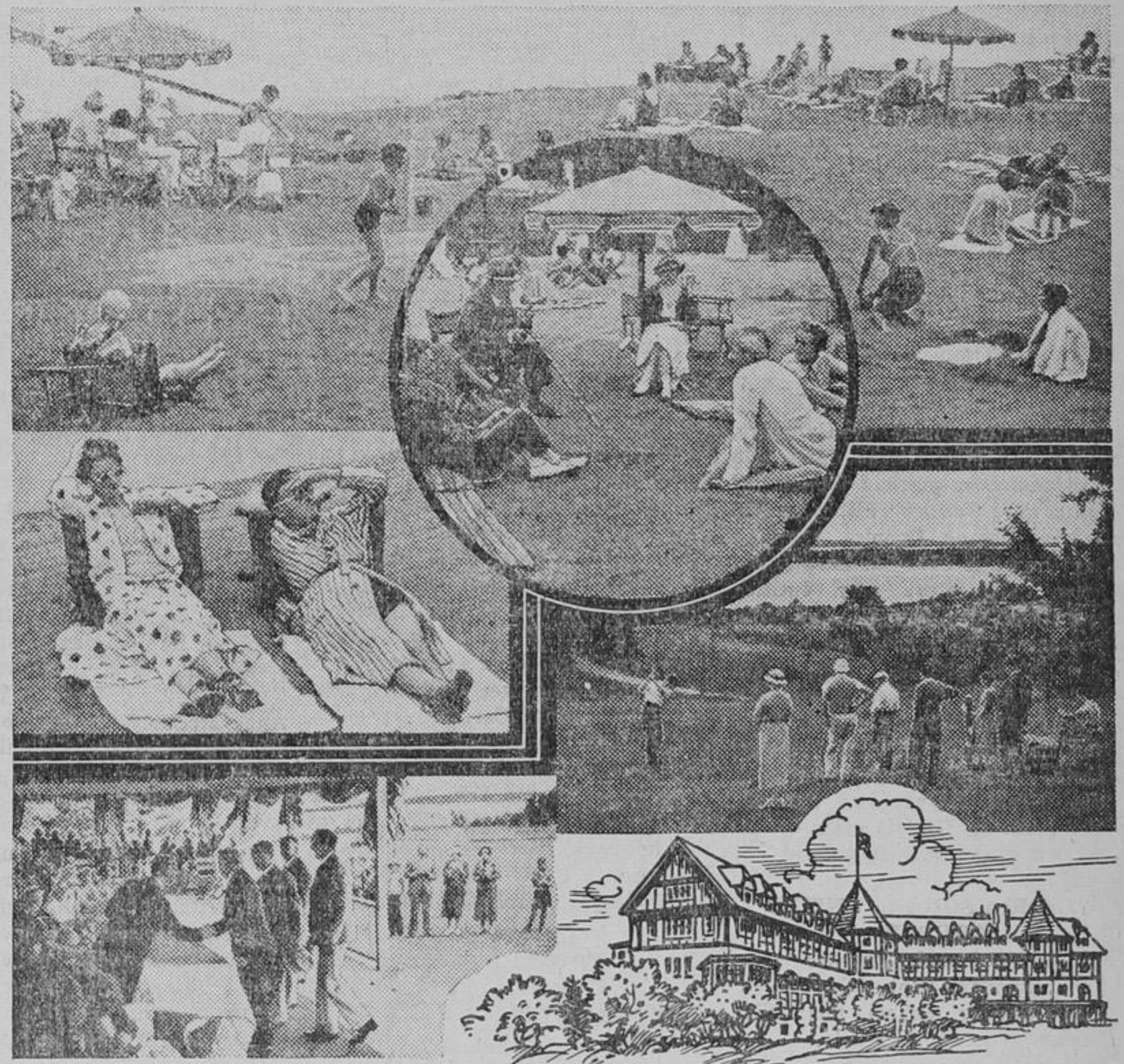
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St. Andrews-by-the-Sea



The growing popularity of beautiful St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, N.B., was shown this year by the great increase of visitors during July. Privileged vacationists from all over the world spent happy days at the Bay of Fundy resort golfing, swimming, fishing, sailing, playing tennis, dancing, or just lazing in the sun on the warm sand of Katy's Cove, sections of which are seen above in the top three pictures.

Several golf tournaments have been held already on the sporty 18-hole and 9-hole courses connected with the Algonquin Hotel, and famous golfers have pronounced the links in excellent condition for other matches that will be held before the hotel finally closes at the end of the first week in September.

The recent visit of President Roosevelt of the United States to the district has attracted great interest to his summer home at Campobello Island. Many American visitors have been at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea for the season.

Another popular sport has been the Casino, where dancing and picture shows provide entertainment.