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This Town Not Like the Typical Mining Camp

Permanent Structures, Lawns and Gardens Feature Homes in Timmins. Room and Need for More Houses Here.

Gold camps, according to the old idea, weren't supposed to be "home towns." Nurtured by tales of the wild West and the Yukon in placer days when deposits were rich and small, the view that a gold mining town couldn't last was carried on until the North showed that prosperous permanent cities could depend on the industry far better than many one-factory towns could depend on theirs.

In the old days of Timmins, the saying was common that five or ten years would see the end. But the "end" gets farther and farther into the future as new ore comes into sight and new mines go into production. Timmins has a record of stability over a long period of years that few centres in Canada can boast. The change that has come over the attitude of its people during the years has shown itself in one great particular—Timmins is quickly becoming a town of homes—not houses.

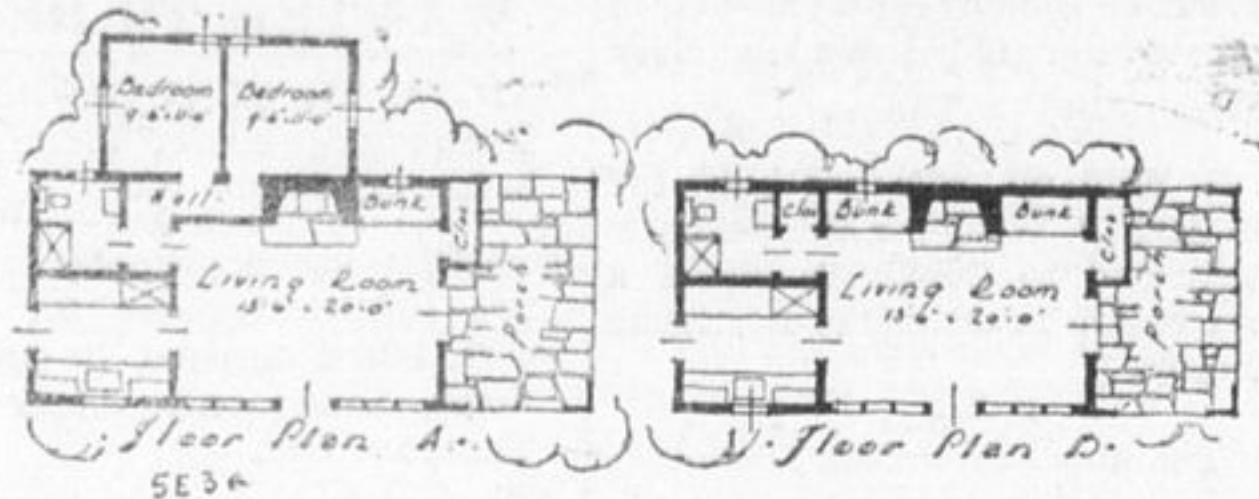
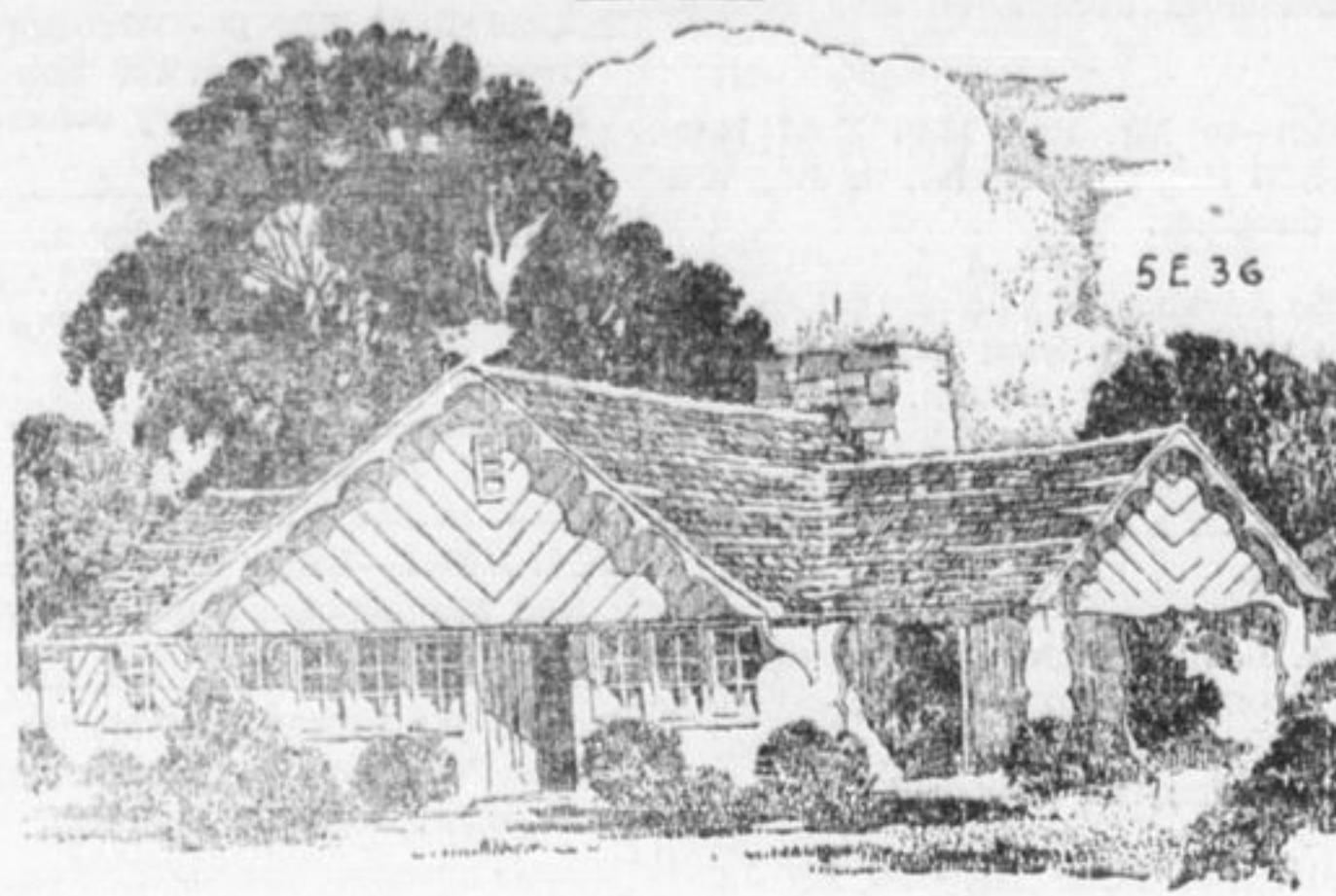
Gardens Tell the Tale
Even as short a time as ten years ago, when a few far-sighted individuals saw the opportunity of making a beautiful town of homes and gardens, Timmins was hardly regarded as beautiful. To-day, the citizen has but to look around him. Where once sand surrounded an ill-kept house, rented to half a dozen people in as many years, there is a pretty home, with flowers, grass, perhaps a little vegetable patch, bright awnings, a shade tree or so and all the outward signs that go to show its occupants are living there not for a year but for the greater part of their lives.

Miners and business men want Timmins to be their home—that is proven every day as married workers bring their families from the South, the East or the West.

Railway passenger statistics go far to prove how true that is. Despite the

Here's a Suggestion for a Unique Cottage Home

The Idea Comes from Picturesque Sweden Where Homes are Featured. Simple in Construction its Cost Would Not be Prohibitive.



In this town of homes there is an evident desire on the part of most people to own their own home. With finances arranged, there is no reason why a home should not be owned. In many cases where finances seem to be the drawback there are often ways of arranging that. In any event it is always worth while consulting your banker and a builder before dropping the dream of being in a home of your own.

Then if you decide on a home of your own, why not have one to suit your own individual taste? Tastes differ, but there is no greater variety in tastes than in the types and styles of homes easily available. In this search for the house to suit your taste and purse you will find local architects, builders and contractors not only ready but able to assist materially. The plans can be made exactly to suit your special requirements. In coming issues of The Advance will be found sketches of different types of houses with brief descriptions of the same. These are meant more as suggestions, inspirations, if you like, to give a foundation to you for the home you would like to build. From the basis these sketches give, with changes here, and additions there, you may build up the plan for the proposed home.

This week the sketch comes from a type of home brought from that land of homes, Sweden. It is an unusual type of cottage for this country, but may make the more appeal on that account. There may be changes or additions necessary, but the outline given herewith may mean a start for you in planning the home you hope to have. Because of its simple construction, it should be built for a small amount of money. The exterior is of wood and the roof is covered with shingles. The huge fireplace is of natural stone. The porch is shown to be open, but it could be screened in easily, and utilized for another room. Foundation planting is important, and planting of the general size and proportion shown on the sketch should be used. There are two floor plans shown. One provides for two additional bedrooms (floor plan A), to be built at a later date, if desired. In floor plan B, sleeping accommodations are made in the form of bunks. These are on either side of the fireplace and may be supplemented by a studio couch, day bed and the like. In the bathroom, there is a shower, toilet and lavatory. The kitchen has plenty of built-in cupboard space, and room for a stove, ice-box and work table. The general arrangement of floor plan A is the same as plan B with the exception of the fact that there is but one bunk in the living room, and a hallway leading to the additional bedrooms. The floors and trim on the inside may be of less expensive woods, such as pine. They should be lightly stained and waxed. The bathroom fixtures need not be expensive, but should be of good, serviceable design and manufacture.

Watch Out for This Plan to Defraud Household

A scheme to defraud householders has been exposed recently in several cities and towns in the United States. The mean dodge has now travelled to Canada. This is to warn all concerned so that the scheme is not worked more than once in Timmins. The trick as previously worked has been to leave a note in a milk bottle asking for an extra bottle or for cream. The milkman may not suspect and leaves the article asked for. The sneak thief working the scheme is watching the procedure and as soon as the extra bottle is left he sneaks over and lifts it. Neither the milkman nor the householder may tumble to the trick for several days. When they come to settle up, however, it is too bad for the milkman, if he does not keep the note, and it is grief for the householder if the note is duly held. In one of the cases reported in the South the thief had been ordering butter by the pound as well as milk. The scheme was carried along for some days before it was discovered that a sneak thief, with quarters at a neighboring "jungle," had been living high by leaving notes for the milkman ordering the extra milk and butter, and then lifting the extras. The householder's milk or cream was left all right and so the lady of the house had no reason to suspect anything was wrong. On the other hand the milkman had the notes for the extras and he had no cause for suspicion.

Spend some Time in Planning the Home

Study Your Requirements, Consult Architects and Builders. "Make Your Plans" for the "Plans."

After you have chosen your home site, spend a lot of time planning the home you are going to put on it. This preliminary planning is most important and will eliminate a great deal of "after-construction" disappointment.

If you can—consult an architect. He is trained in this work and can advise you more capably than anyone else. In addition, study examples of good architecture found in the better home magazines and the home building section of this paper.

List your requirements: The number of rooms, their size, and the type of materials you prefer to use. Read the building material and manufacturers' advertisements, and send for descriptive literature. It's good educational material. Draw rough sketches; and make cardboard layouts on scale. On cardboard, lay out your present furniture, to scale, and see that it will fit.

Pick a style of architecture and adhere to it. Study that particular style and learn its identifying characteristics. Spend all the time you can in preliminary planning and study. It'll pay.

Helpful Hints in the Choice of Wallpaper

Attention to Details Often Takes Away What Would Otherwise be Cramped Appearance.

During recent years wall paper has come again into vogue and a good thing too, for with the newer developments in paper, washable and interesting design, it makes an attractive wall covering. The following are a few pointers to observe in selecting paper for your rooms:—

Avoid large all-over designs in small rooms. Small designs and regular designs for small rooms is a good rule to follow. Lozenges and diaper papers are excellent papers for cramped wall spaces. Any paper, scenic or otherwise, that has perspective, adds space to small rooms such as hallways, vestibules, etc. Scenic paper is very good for long narrow rooms or long narrow hallways. The large wall spaces are thus given such variety and interest that their size is not noticed.

Never use stripes in a narrow room. Some decorators give the rule that stripes should be used only in low rooms that are given unusual interest by being made to look their full height. A narrow room is simply awkward with stripes.

Where spaces are badly cut up architecturally, as they often must be in small halls, upstairs bedrooms and twisting stairways, a paper of bold patterning attracts the attention away from defects and centres it in the interesting pattern itself.

The colours of the wallpaper should repeat or be in harmony with the colour of the wood trim. This is important for it serves to tie the room together in a pleasing, harmonious manner.

Washable Walls Make Excellent Investment

Walls covered with washable paint or wall paper are an excellent investment, especially in kitchens, bathrooms and children's playrooms. In fact, washable walls are splendid for stairways and all rooms in a home or apartment where children are liable to fingerprint the surfaces.

In cities and neighbourhoods where the air is polluted with soot, dust and destructive fumes, walls and ceilings covered with washable paint or wall paper make it possible to keep the home clean and sanitary at all times at a minimum of expense.

Clever Decorations Give Spaciousness

Avoid Large Designs for Small Rooms. Don't Use Stripes in Narrow Room. Watch the Colours.

Much can be done through the art of the interior decorator to remove the cramped atmosphere of small living rooms, and to give an air of spaciousness to those of ordinary size, through arrangement of furniture and furnishings and the judicious use of colour.

One of the first rules of the art is to keep the centre of the room clear, with the heavier pieces of furniture and the rugs parallel or at right angles to the walls. Small pieces of furniture or round tables may be set across the corners.

Attention should be paid to contours in arrangement of furniture and hanging of pictures and other wall ornaments. The peaks or such contours should centre over the heavier pieces of furniture, through the hanging of pictures or mirrors, or over the ends, though placement of pedestals, screens, bookcases, grandfather clocks and similar items which are higher than the tables, chairs and settees.

Too much mahogany or other dark wood gives a heavy atmosphere to the room. Much can be done to lighten this effect by use of a few painted or draped pieces. Mirrors also lighten a room, and add greatly to the effect of spaciousness. They can be hung on the walls, placed over the mantel or panelled in doors or walls.

Air Conditioning Now Possible for Single Room

Air conditioning is now possible for a single room. Placed in the bottom of a window in the same manner as a ventilator, there is an electric fan which draws fresh air from outdoors through a glass wool filter which catches dirt and other impurities. Moisture is added from a small tank of water that is kept steaming by electricity. This according to the manufacturer circulates purified and humidified air throughout the room, relieving dry air discomforts.

REMOVING PAINT FROM GLASS

To remove paint or enamel from glass, rub the surface vigorously with a cloth saturated with turpentine, or scrape with a safety razor blade.

constantly increasing population in Timmins, passenger traffic on the T. & N. O. does not rise appreciably. Some Northern centres far smaller than Timmins contribute many hundreds more passengers to the trains, for large numbers of people who work in the newer camps don't call them "home" yet. Against the stable passenger traffic is set the steadily increasing freight business the railway does. Where there are homes, there must be building materials, furniture, finer and better foods, and it is these, says the railway, that are responsible for the increased freight business.

At every meeting of the town council, more proof that Timmins homes are real homes is given to anyone who cares to listen. Petition after petition, asking that water mains be installed on Such-and-Such street, or that the sewer line be extended to serve residents at the end of So-and-So street are dealt with every week. Usually the work goes on, for the families are anxious enough to have modern improvements that they put up cash in advance.

People don't ask for concrete sidewalks and paved roads, knowing that they themselves will have to bear the cost, if they don't regard their town as their home. Recently the council has been practically deluged with requests for paving of all descriptions.

The present growth of Timmins is due largely to the bringing in of families by miners from other less prosperous places. Money that had been going out of town to support relatives, is now remaining in Timmins to provide a home. So difficult has the renting problem become in past months that not a few Timmins people have made their own solution by building their own homes. Sections of the town change overnight, it seems. Where once an untidy vacant lot stood, now is a pretty little bungalow, a beginning already made on lawn and garden.

The general cleaning up of a town, the planting of flowers, and the painting of houses tells a story to the insurance companies. Recently a reduction of fire insurance rates was made and for the first time in the history of Timmins, it was possible to take out a three-year fire policy. The underwriters said, in giving reasons for the reduction, that the appearance of the town had improved so much and that so many more people own the places in which they are living than was the case a few years ago that the reduction in rates was indicated by past experience.

But the change is not complete yet by any manner of means. This year may make a record in new construction by private funds for Timmins.

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Next Few Days to be Fair but Not too Hot

Temperature of the Past Few Days has been Going Down. Some Comfortable Weather.

Though to-day was cool, with an easterly wind for the greater part of the time, the weatherman said this morning that he expected the next few days to be fair and just moderately warm—comfortable summer weather.

Temperatures for the past few days have been going down, last night's minimum making a record for some weeks. Thursday, max. 88, min. 63; Friday, max. 74, min. 62; Saturday, max. 64, min. 55; Sunday, max. 69, min. 59; minimum last night, 42. Eight o'clock this morning, 54.

Rainfall during the period totalled .42 inches, divided as follows: Thursday, .05 inches; Friday, .23; Saturday, .11, and Sunday, .04.

Lots of Parking Space at Riverside Pavilion

After a big week in Timmins, Wallace Bros. Shows moved on this week to South Porcupine for another week before continuing their way South.

While the shows were set up in front of the Riverside pavilion, parking space was limited, but now those who wish to dance at the pavilion are assured of the usual parking facilities.

PAINTING SCREENS HELPS IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

During those seasons of the year when window screens and screen doors are used, privacy may be had by painting the screens with a thin coat of white paint. This will prevent those outside from looking in while those within may still look out.

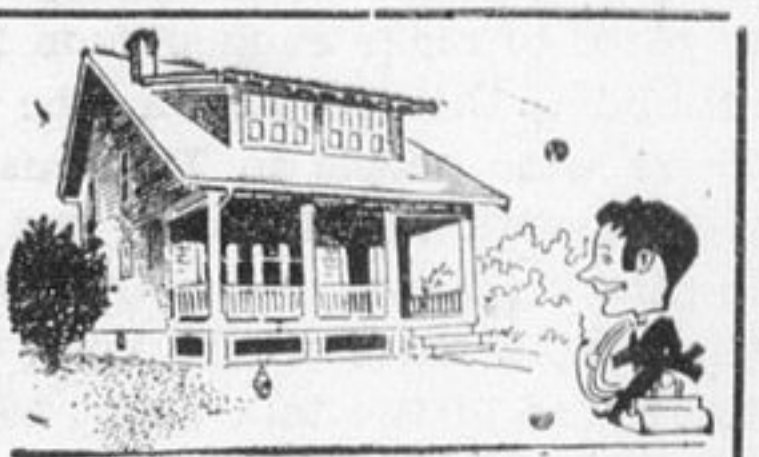
North Bay Nugget:—The French Government's motto seems to be: "Not so Fascist."

BATHROOM LOCATION

Bathrooms adjoining one another, or placed in tiers one above the other from the basement to the attic, minimize installation costs. Savings in material and labour costs are effected when they are so installed.

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