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British Re-Housing Schemes on Big Scale

Slum Clearance Plans have been Worked out on Enormous Scale. Some of the Results.

There has been considerable talk from time to time in regard to the practicability of a huge building programme in Canada to help offset the depression and to provide better housing in the Dominion. All knew how earnest Lieutenant-Governor Bruce is on this matter. Government authorities have not as yet shown any tendency to adopt such a programme. In this connection it is interesting to note the vast scale on which Great Britain has carried out this housing idea.

That no other country in the world has been as successful as Great Britain in meeting and gradually overcoming the problem of re-housing, was the opinion expressed lately by Sir Francis L. C. Floud, K.C.B., British High Commissioner in Canada. In an address before members of the Montreal Jun or Board of Trade, Sir Francis said that Britain had re-housed a quarter of its population since the end of the war. Housing schemes, improved since their adoption after 1918, had made a real contribution to the recovery of the country, he said, pointing out that amelioration in the building trade had been reflected in allied activities.

Much Remains Yet to Do
Keypnote of the commissioner's address was the success which accompanied the re-housing schemes, although at the outset the experiment had proved rather costly. Much remains to be done, however, the speaker said. Although 25 percent of the population has been re-housed a survey last year revealed that another quarter of a million houses were needed. Sir Francis believed that the number might even be increased to half a million.

The problem is at present receiving the attention of the local authorities throughout the land. Sir Francis said, pointing out that the conscience of the country had been roused. He did not think that there would be any reluctance on the part of the local authorities to do their part.

The problem was one that faced all civilized peoples in every part of the world, and the questions of food, clothing and shelter were primary factors, he said.

Post-war Years Recalled
In Great Britain following the war, the high price of money made private housing impossible, with rents too high for the working man, and therefore it had been found necessary for the state to help in providing the difference, Sir Francis said. Subsidies were decided upon, and under the initial scheme 170,000 houses were built. The Government also offered lump grants of \$1200 for every house built subject to certain

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TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Ten years ago fire caused a loss of about \$25,000 or \$30,000 at the Ostroroser building. It proved a very difficult fire to extinguish as it had gotten into the walls and spread all over the building before discovery. The origin of the fire could not be discovered, further than that it evidently started in one of the back rooms upstairs, there being several having apartments there. Several of those in the apartments lost all their possessions as the fire completely gutted the upstairs. Much damage was done by water and smoke as well as by the fire. With a \$35,000 stock in the Ostroroser store, and only \$20,000 insurance on building and stock, the net loss was a heavy one.

Ten years ago Miss M. E. Stevenson, of Ottawa, Central Supervisor for the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada, was in town with the purpose of establishing a branch of the V.O.N. in Timmins. This visit was made in response to a large number of requests for the extending of the V.O.N. nursing system to Timmins.

In The Advance of Feb. 25th, 1926, the following paragraph was published under the heading:—"Unique Presentation Made to E. S. Noble."—"On Friday evening last a number of the friends of Mr. E. S. Noble gathered at his residence to show their appreciation of him and their regret at his expected departure from town. A feature of the evening was the unique presentation made. Mr. Noble was given a latest type of radio, the set being installed in record time at his home. Immediately after the radio was installed, it was found that Sandy Falls was broadcasting an address of appreciation and farewell to Mr. Noble, the staff of the Northern Canada Power Co. being all very desirous of expressing their sincere regard for the manager and their regret at the severing of his connection with the company here, as well as their best wishes for the future of himself and family. Mr. M. J. Cavaney, at Sandy Falls, and Mr. B. E. Martin at Timmins, and others on the company's staff had arranged matters so cleverly that everything went on schedule and was most interesting. The address from Sandy Falls was unusually well done and interesting. Many radio fans listened in and were greatly pleased and interested. After the presentation a very pleasant social evening was enjoyed at Mr. Noble's home. Mr. Noble is still in charge here, but may leave at any time, and the staff and his friends took no chances by undue delay in missing the opportunity to express their high regard and good wishes."

There was a report current in town ten years ago to the effect that R. Edleston and Guy McChesney had been lost in a snow storm on the trail from Red Lake. The Advance gave denial to the report, and was supported in this by Guy McChesney himself who arrived in town when the reports were at their height. "Why don't you read The Advance?" was his reply to friends who asked about him being lost.

"At the Kiwanis Club luncheon on Tuesday afternoon, the President, Mr. R. Dye, occupied the chair and effectively conducted the interesting meeting," said The Advance ten years ago. "The chief feature of the day was the address by Mr. T. F. Sutherland, Chief Mining Inspector for Ontario. Mr. Sutherland spent some time last year studying mining conditions, etc., in South Africa, and to the Kiwanis Club he gave a very interesting informative account of his visit, touching on many matters that proved of decided interest to his audience, all finding the address attractive and well worth while. The address of the Chief Inspector of Mines for Ontario is considered one of the outstanding addresses given at the Kiwanis Club luncheons."

A. L. Petty, of Winnipeg, president of the Life Underwriters' Association of Canada, and J. A. McCamus, Toronto, the secretary, were entertained at Timmins ten years ago by the local Life Underwriters' Association.

Dr. McInnis and E. G. Dickson were nominated for mayor, and all the old council as well as five others were nominated ten years ago for the new election made necessary by the decision of the judge that the 1926 election had been irregular.

Mrs. Moffat who conducted the Cairns private hospital at Timmins for a number of years, left here ten years ago to open a new hospital at Rouyn. Previous to leaving here Mrs. Moffat was presented with an address and purse as a mark of appreciation and regard. The address was signed by many prominent citizens including several of the leading medical men.

The Advance ten years ago had the following:—"A very pretty wedding took place at the St. Matthew's Anglican church on Saturday last, February 20th, at 5 p.m., when Miss Gladys, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ormston, was united in the bonds of holy matrimony to Mr. Sidney Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Bailey of Yorkshire, England. Rev. R. S. Cushing, rector of St. Matthew's, officiated at the ceremony. Miss Cushing played the wedding march. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly gowned in silver beaded white Georgette, and carried a bouquet of sweet peas and carnations. The wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ormston, Balsam street, only the immediate relatives and friends being present. In the evening a reception was given by the bride's parents at the Hollinger Recreation hall, about seventy-five couples being gathered and a delightful evening being spent. The large number of beautiful and costly

presents testified to the esteem in which the couple are held. One table at the hall was piled high with gifts, and in addition there was a further array of presents at the house. The music for the evening's dancing was supplied by the A.S.D. orchestra, with Mr. Wilkins playing with them. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins and Messrs Bridges and Hale also played for some dances. The music during the evening was specially pleasing. Vocal selections of very attractive kind were also given by Messrs A. J. Downie, Joe Ormston and Jas. Cowan. Mr. S. Wheeler acted as master of ceremonies, and on behalf of the guests thanked the hosts and hostesses for the delightful evening enjoyed and also extended to the bride and groom the sincerest good wishes. When Mr. Bailey responded he was greeted with the hearty singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," right to the last verse and additions. Each guest was given a portion of the wedding cake at luncheon. The bride has been a popular resident in town for three years past, and the groom for four years, for the past two years and a half being on the staff of the Hollinger Stores. The best wishes of hosts of friends will be extended to them. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have taken up residence on Laurier avenue."

Wednesday evening, Feb. 17th, 1926, the new Presbyterian hospital at South Porcupine was formally opened, with many church officials present from out of town. Rev. Sanderson, Moderator of the Temiskaming Presbytery, presided for the occasion. Miss Chambers was the first superintendent.

Ten years ago there were reports to the effect that placer mining had been started in the Kamiskotia area but prospectors coming out from that area said they had not heard of it, although in one township there had been a start made.

The Advance ten years ago had the following:—"Last week Mr. Neh Faulkenham, well-known old-time prospector of this North Land, returned from Red Lake to Hudson, making the trip by dog team and by shank's mare. Those who know Neh have an idea of all the fun he had when they read the story published in The Toronto Star one day last week. There is a column about the old prospector, but it takes only about five lines to tell all that Neh said in actual words to the enterprising reporter who interviewed him at Hudson. Neh created something of

a sensation by casually walking in alone apparently from the back end of nowhere. He explained that his dog team was tired out from the hard trip from Red Lake, and that he had left them about two miles out. He walked back that evening as a matter of course with food for his dogs, stayed the night with them, and brought them in safely in the morning. Neh was one of the very first to make the trip in to Red Lake during the recent rush. When the reporter became eloquent about the romance and glorious adventure of the trip, Neh quietly remarked that the Indian guide he had was the finest of fellows and deserved all of any credit due. No doubt if the newspaperman asked Neh what took him into the Red Lake area in the first place he would reply: "Oh, I just went in there to see a man about a dog." After getting new dog teams Neh started back again for Red Lake taking with him the equipment and supplies for the Mining Recording office to be established at the new camp."

Among the locals in The Advance of ten years ago were the following:—"Two candidates—Messrs Geo. Bannerman and I. P. Wilson—are in the field for the reeveship of Whitney township. The recent death of Reeve MacGregor made a new election necessary. "A lending library has been established at the English public school. The growing number of libraries in the North Land are pleasing indication of the growth of the country along right lines." "The dance given in the Hollinger hall last Friday evening by the Lancashire Football Club was successful and pleasing from all viewpoints. The attendance was especially large and all present found the evening a decidedly enjoyable one. A neat sum was netted for the Lancashire Football Club in addition to the happy time enjoyed by all attending the event. The A.S.D. orchestra furnished the best of music. Refreshments were served during the evening. The committee in charge were generally complimented for the evening's pleasant success." "The owners of the Hunter block property recently destroyed by fire at Cobalt have been notified that unless steps to clean up the debris are taken by the owners within the next few days, the matter will be turned over to the Fire Marshal of Ontario with a request that he issue an order compelling a start without further delay." "A survey party went out last week from Mileage 68 north of Cochrane on the T. & N. O. extension. It is understood that the party is being sent out by the T. & N. O. Railway with a view to having surveys all ready and details in hand all complete to take advantage in short order of any developments that may occur in regard to the china clay or gypsum deposits in the North." "The death of Neil Aldo, aged 21, a native of Finland, who died last week in a camp in Catharine township, is being investigated by the police, there being a

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suspicion that the death was due to poison. An inquest was held at Halleybury last week. Witnesses could give no reason why the young man should poison himself, or how it could have occurred accidentally." "Mr. L. Henning is in Winnipeg, where he was called by the illness of his father." "Constable Jas. Cushing, of Schumacher, was called to his home in Manitoulin Island last week owing to the death of his father." "Born—in Timmins, Ont., on Feb. 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. William Carpenter—a son." "Born—in Timmins, Ont., on Wednesday, Feb. 24th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Langdon—a daughter, (Joanne Elizabeth)." "Mr. J. Morrison is in Toronto this week as a representative from Northern Lights Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, at the Grand Chapter meeting being held in the city." "Inspector Boyd, Provincial detective is assisting in the search for the murderer of Harry Jones at Porcupine Junction." "Hosts of friends will be pleased to hear that Mr. Frank J. Curnow showed much improvement in health during the week-end and is continuing along this good line this week." "Mr. E. Montfort, of Ansonville, councillor of the township of Calvert, was a visitor to Timmins this week on business for the municipality." "Mr. I. D. Smith, formerly manager of the Empire Hotel, Timmins, is now manager of the Reta Hotel, Welland, Ont., a large and well-equipped modern hotel. The Reta hotel is an imposing 4-storey structure on a prominent corner in Welland." "Many friends in Timmins learned with the sincerest regret of the sudden death on Feb. 11th, of Mr. Guy Hennessey, of Iroquois Falls. The late Mr. Hennessey was known to many here, being interested in many of the district's affairs. He was a man of very pleasant and agreeable disposition, cheerful ever, and always dependable." "The T. & N. O. Musical Society of North Bay, with a membership of 200, has organized a brass band and expects the bandshe is living now.

Huntingdon Gleaner:—"Although she has been married three times, Mrs. Etta Richardson, Woodland, Calif., has borne this name since her first marriage. All three of her husbands were brothers. When her first husband, George Richardson, died, she married his brother, Alfred. After Alfred's death, she married a third brother, John, with whom

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