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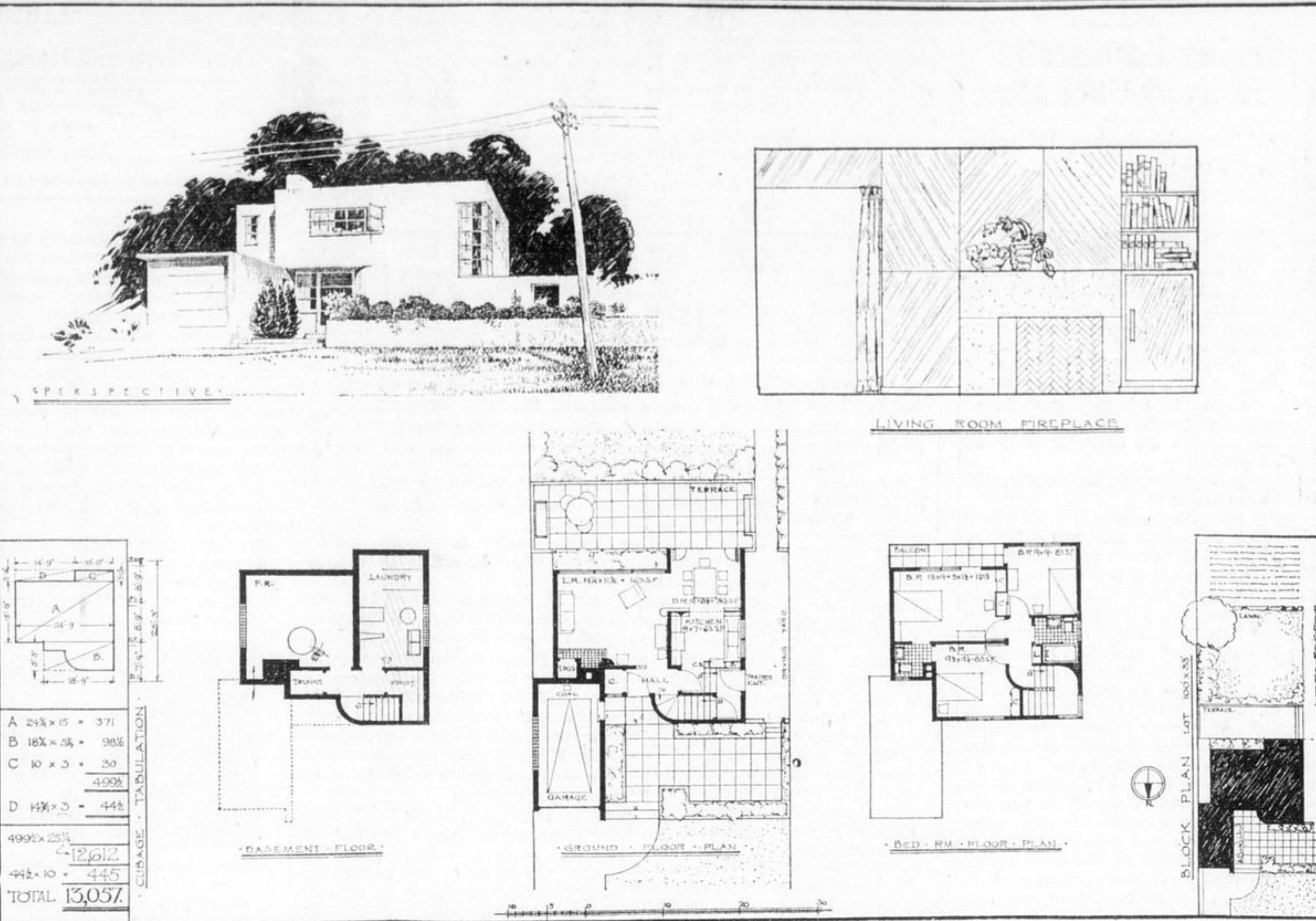
In the first three months of operation up to Jan. 31, 3,959 loans, totalling \$1,501,167, were made under the Home Improvement Plan. This announcement was made at Ottawa recently by Hon. Charles Dunning, Minister of Finance. In January alone 800 loans were made, amounting to \$302,914.

Under the plan banks and other financial institutions make loans to property owners for home improvement promissory notes without endorsement. The Government guarantees lenders against loss up to 15 per cent. on a contemplated aggregate of \$50,000,000. Number and amount of loans in the three months by Provinces were: Prince Edward Island, 35, \$11,899; Nova Scotia, 431, \$134,240; New Brunswick, 218, \$73,443; Quebec, 751, \$337,497; Ontario, 1,455, \$518,194; Manitoba, 163, \$61,586; Saskatchewan, 114, \$36,503; Alberta, 345, \$146,693; and British Columbia, 547, \$181,108.

**FAME IS SHORT**  
Margaret Sullivan on the fleetingness of the film fame: "In two years, you're a star; in four years, you're forgotten; in six years, you're back in Sweden."

## LIONS TO BUILD THIS PRIZE-WINNING HOME ON TOKE STREET AS PART OF ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

# DOMINION HOUSING ACT



This modern home will rise this spring on Toke street, overlooking Gillies Lake and will be given away to the holder of the winning ticket in a draw being held by the Lions club. Winner of the grand prize in the contest held last year under the Dominion Housing Act, this place was designed by W. Ralston, Toronto architect. The judges' report at that time said in part: It is "a well studied and straightforward arrangement of rooms best suited to the needs of the average Canadian household... the author of the winning design has displayed marked skill in the use of the modernistic treatment of his general design... no reasonable objection can be found against the flat roof. Properly insulated it is perhaps the best roof for our climate and the least difficult and costly to maintain." The home built here will be almost completely furnished when given away by the Lions.

The home shown here is peculiarly suited for Timmins needs, since every bit of space in the interior is put to good use, thus saving no small amount of fuel. While glass has not been lavishly used, plenty of light and plenty of sunshine are admitted the year round. One of the points that impressed judges who made the award is that all materials used in the construction of the home are easily obtained anywhere in Canada. Low cost was one of the primary conditions under which the contest was conducted, since designs were intended to encourage the building of such homes throughout the nation.

The house will blend particularly well with a Northern background, it is believed locally. In the whiteness of winter, it will seem to be a true part of the scenery, and in the summer, it will not bulk too large against the green of the trees. Further details appear elsewhere in this issue of The Advance.

## Dominion Housing Plan Is Now Available Here

New Houses may be Financed Under the Government Housing Plan, Insurance Company Opening Office Here to Look After the Required Loans. Brief Review of How the Plan Works.

Money is now available in Timmins, Schumacher and South Porcupine for the building of new homes under the Dominion Housing Act. It was learned here this week, following the visit of K. E. Drummond, of the Northern Life Assurance Company of Canada. The company has established an accredited agency in Timmins and is ready to make complete arrangements for the financing of home building. Applicants need only deal with the agency, Bernard Sky told The Advance, and 80 per cent. of the cost of construction will be supplied by loan. The government supplies 20 per cent. of the total, the individual 20 per cent., and the life insurance company 60 per cent. Expecting an early spring rush for loans under the Housing Act, the insurance company is prepared to meet the demands of all prospective homeowners, it was stated.

**Allot Another Half Million**  
Last year, the company put half a million dollars in real estate loans in Timmins and Kirkland Lake. This year another half million has been allotted for the two districts, entirely aside from the Housing Act financing. Two groups of buildings are possible under the company's mortgage policy: 1. private homes, costing up to \$5,000 with an amortization plan of from three to five years; 2. business buildings and apartment houses, "downtown development" up to any amount required, on a longer amortization plan, seven, eight, and nine years.

Mr. Drummond made a tour of the Porcupine while he was here and was very much impressed with the progress made in the year. Northern has been the first of the life insurance companies to help the Housing Act along in this district.

### Late Mrs. Sheppard Has Relatives in the North

The death occurred on Sunday afternoon, after several weeks' illness, of Mrs. Abraham Sheppard, at her home near Otter Lake, Que. The former Miss Annie Wilson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilson, of Leslie, Que., she was 58 years of age.

Besides her husband, she is survived by 14 children. Three daughters, Bernice, of Ottawa; May and Pansy, at home; eleven sons, Reuben, of Ottawa; Allan and Merlyn, of Noranda; George, of Connaught; Osborne, of South Porcupine; Ellwood, Wilson, Gilbert, Noble, Sydney and Marshall, at home; two sisters, Mrs. J. Craig, Port Arthur, Ont., and Mrs. J. Stevens, Quyon, Que., and five brothers, George and John, of Campbell's Bay; Herbert, of Quyon; Isaac, of Oba, Ont., and Archie, of South Porcupine.

The funeral was held from her late home Tuesday afternoon for service at St. James' Anglican Church, Otter Lake, and interment was made in the church cemetery.

## Arrival of Tractors at Porquis Junction

Hydro Power Co. Preparing for Building Dam at High Falls. Other Porquis Jct. Notes.

Porquis Junction, Ont., March 10th, 1937, Special to The Advance. Mrs. Tompson and two daughters spent Friday visiting in Englehart. Mr. and Mrs. C. Kirkwood (nee Ruby Ballod) returned home from an extended visit to the United States and Mexico.

Miss Eva Richardson was taken to the Anson hospital at Iroquois Falls, suffering from appendicitis. Archdeacon and Mrs. Woodall spent Thursday visiting their daughter Mrs. E. G. Arnett, of Porquis Junction.

Tractors and other equipment for use by the Hydro Co. in building the dam at High Falls, arrived on Friday. The tractors attracted the attention of all mechanical minded people being capable of heavy hauling and unhindered by snow drifts.

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church held a baking sale and afternoon tea on Friday. The ladies were pleased and satisfied with the afternoon's success.

### BUFFALO BILL'S SUCCESSOR

Dexter Fellows, noted press agent:—"Woe betide a generation that prefers Clark Gable to Buffalo Bill."

## Concert This Evening by Reginald Stewart

Canadian Concert Association Presenting First of Series of Notable Musical Events in Timmins. Free Recital for Advantage of High School Pupils To-morrow. C. C. A. Plan Proving Big Success Here and at Sudbury and North Bay.

Reginald Stewart, eminent concert pianist and conductor, is due to arrive in Timmins this (Thursday) afternoon to open, this evening, the first of the series of concerts to be held by the Porcupine Canadian Concert Association recently formed here under the leadership of Mrs. N. H. Russell. On Friday morning he will introduce the first of the Collegiate recitals, giving a performance for the benefit of the students, gratis. This is the educational phase of the work being carried on by the Canadian Concert Association of which the Porcupine association is now an important branch.

In this connection Mr. Stewart has been requested to play one or two pieces which piano students here may be studying.

The inauguration of fine concerts in Timmins marks a forward step in the advancement of the Association's work throughout Canada. Since introducing the plan here, the director has introduced the series in following suit. Although the membership campaign in Sudbury was not to begin until March 8th, between 90 and 100 memberships had been taken out several days in ad-

vance and it is expected that the membership will be filled before the end of the campaign week. Another organization is now being formed in North Bay where interest is exceptionally keen.

With Sudbury and North Bay linked to the Porcupine Association it is quite possible that co-operation on the part of each association will result in the securing of artists who could not possibly be financed by either association, individually. Should it develop that Kirkland Lake enters the northern circuit, still greater developments may be anticipated.

The Reginald Stewart recital, this evening, brings to Timmins one of Canada's most distinguished musicians and one who is well known internationally as a pianist and conductor. He comes here direct from his New York recital in Town Hall where he scored another great triumph. Mr. Stewart was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. Musical from earliest childhood, he was sent to Austin Conradi at the age of 17 and later continued his studies with Isidor Philipp in Paris, Mark Hambourg in London and Arthur Friedheim, the German pianist and pupil of Liszt. Harmony, Counterpoint and Orchestration were further studied with Nadia Boulanger.

Mr. Stewart became conductor of the Canadian Operatic Society in 1919, the Director of Music at Hart House, University of Toronto in 1921, and the pianist of the Hamburg trio the same year. In 1925 he was engaged as pianist to play at Bournemouth, England, during the Easter Festival with Sir Dan Godfrey. While there he gave his first London recital at Wigmore Hall. In 1930 Mr. Stewart returned to England to conduct the London Symphony Orchestra during the Celebrity Series at Albert Hall. Of his reading of the Tschaiakowsky Sixth Symphony on this occasion the Morning Post said: "Not for years has so incisive an account, free of any trace of mawkishness, yet packed with proper emotion, been heard."

Three years ago Mr. Stewart founded the now famous Promenade Symphony Concerts in Toronto. Last year he was engaged as the Canadian representative to conduct the General Motors Symphony Orchestra in New York.

### WELSH WIZARD SAYS

"The European herque is being carried comfortably and speedily by a trade wind toward the rocks of war."—David Lloyd George at 74, remains the champion phrase maker of the English speaking world.

Jobs and Mail—Research in the porcupine field leads to announcement that if pigs be taken for a brisk walk before slaughter the bacon will be better. But shouldn't piggie be given a hint as to the meaning of this sociable saunter?

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