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#### Outdoor Fireplace Will Add a Touch of Charm to Home

Room for Individuality in Building.

A writer in Canadian Homes and Garden points out that there seems to be some inherited trait in human nature which makes us all enjoy cooking and eating out of doors. That this is true can be readily verified by the increasing popularity of the outdoor fireplace. These are no longer hit-ormiss affairs which are hastily assembled out of odds and ends that happen to be available, but, rather, efficient fireplaces built to dimensions that have been found satisfactory, and designed to serve a practical purpose. The efficiency of such fireplaces is greatly increased by the use of a few simple pieces of hardware and other equipment which are now available.

For anyone who has large grounds around the home there is a wide range in the choice of the type of fireplace outside. In the article referred to some formal and some unusual types of outdoor fireplaces are shown. They all have one point in common; they are all attractive as well as of use. Some are equipped with regular ovens and other conveniences. In fact the usefulness of the outdoor fireplace may only be limited by the amount that is set aside to be spent on it.

In the article in Canadian Homes and Gardens warning is given of the fact that fireplaces have a habit of not drawing properly. It is pointed out that this is chiefly due to faulty design of the smoke shelf, the throat or the flue. Proper care will avoid any of these troubles.

An outdoor fireplace becomes the centre for jolly, informal entertaining, says the article. For some deep-rooted reason, a stranger feels at home if invited to your kitchen. This is not always possible inside the house, but it is a simple matter to achieve outside. Participation in the actual process of cooking not only makes your guests feel more at ease, but it also stimulates the appetite. No meal tastes better than one cooked over the fire and eaten outside, particularly if you have had a hand in the cooking. Here is one place where too many cooks make the broth.

The outside fireplace, it is scarcely necessary to add, also makes it possible on occasion to avoid heating the house even for meals in the ultra warm days.

#### Important Notice to the Purchasers of N.H.A. Plans

(From Dr. H. A. Branch)

The only method by which it is possible to determine the actual or even approximate cost of a proposed house is to secure competitive tenders from responsible builders. In order to do this it is necessary to have complete and accurate working plans and specifications. The specifications supplied by the Housing Administration must be completely filled in, otherwise an accurate knowledge of the owner's requirements cannot be known.

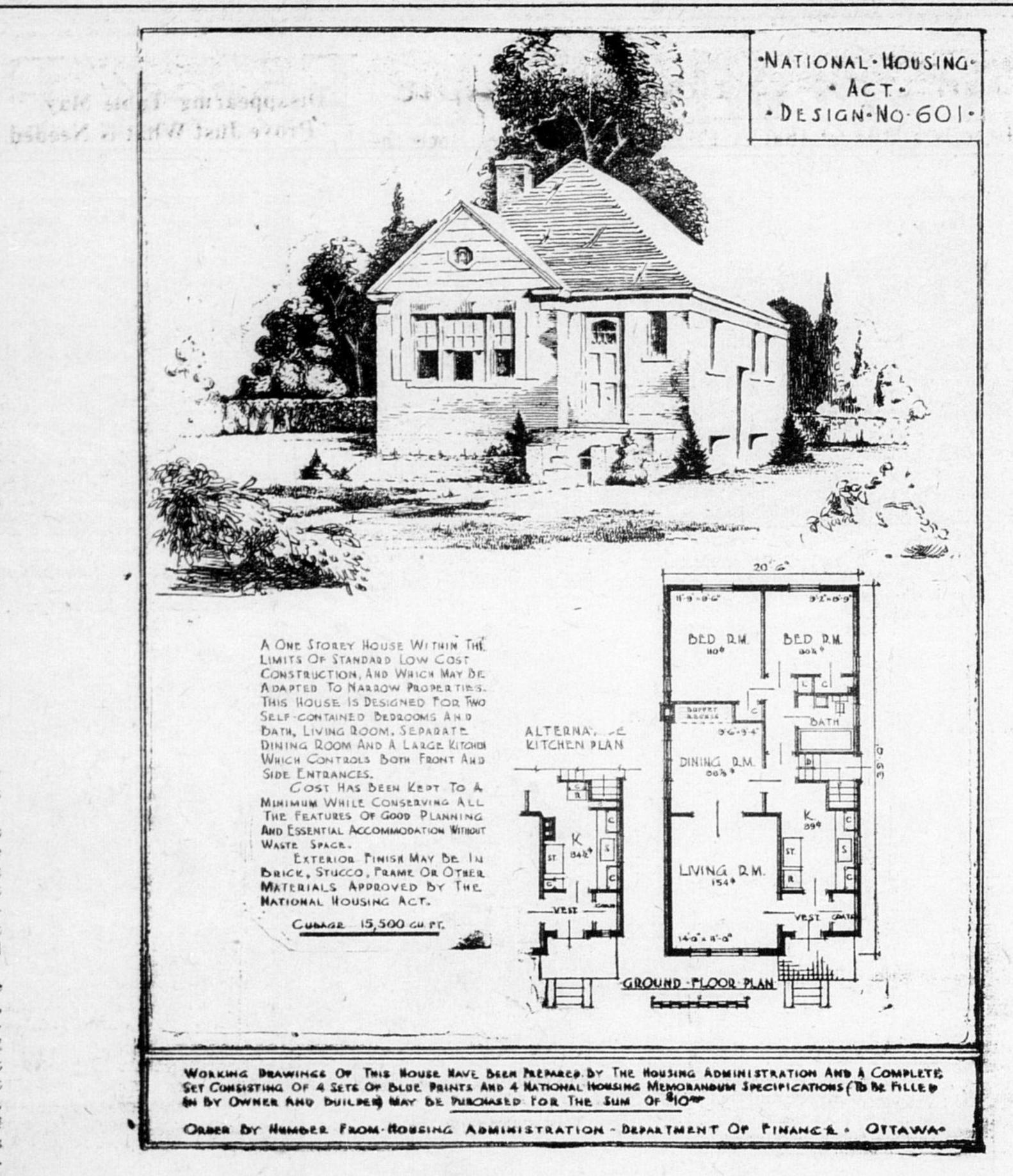
The plans supplied by the Housing Administration are complete and will enable a competent builder to estimate accurately the various quantities of material.

Should an owner wish to make minor changes in these plans he may do so provided the changes are completely shown and noted on all the plans and comply with National Housing Act Minimum Standards of Construction.

#### Protect Storm Sash from Both Rust and Weather

When removing the storm sash with the advent of warm weather, it is advisable to clean and oil hinges or similar fastenings to protect them from rusting or deteriorating during the spring and summer . . . Fastenings left on the house should be firmly secured to the buildings and a protective coat of paint or varnish applied, if necessary Then when the home owner is ready to use them again in the autumn, there will be no delays or expensive repairs.

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