

HOUSING SHORTAGE IS ALMOST NATION-WIDE

J. W. Work, Regional Director of the National Real Estate Board, Makes Report at Realty Session

That practically every city in the United States of any size or importance is suffering from the same conditions of housing shortage that prevails on the north shore was the report of J. W. Work at a meeting this week of the Evanston Real Estate board.

Mr. Work has recently returned from the executive committee meeting of the National Association of Real Estate boards at which the housing situation was the chief matter under consideration. At that meeting some 300 cities all over the United States made reports as to the conditions in their districts.

All Need Money

"In practically every case the answer was the same," he said. "We could build if we could find the money and if costs would come down. Of all the 300 cities reporting there were only five that declared that operations in residence building was commensurate with their needs.

"Indianapolis, New Orleans, Kansas City and one or two others reported activity in the building of high-class homes, above 10,000 in cost. Augusta, Georgia and Superior, Wis., where the only two cities that denied having a housing shortage.

"There were 43 cities that reported no reduction in labor costs, 41 reported greater efficiency in their labor and 17 stated that labor in their cities was idle.

Report Is Optimistic

"Tulsa, Okla., reputed to have the greatest per capita wealth of any city in the United States, made the most

optimistic report. They have open shop there, no labor troubles and a world of building operations. Laborers can be had there at \$2 a day and skilled workmen at commensurate rates. They report building operations there more than sufficient to their needs. Fourteen cities reported activity in the erection of commercial buildings."

Mr. Work stated that the impossibility of getting money at a reasonable rate was another matter to which the realtors devoted a great deal of time and attention.

"It is our conclusion that the building trades will not see six per cent money for three or four years yet," he said, "in fact we'll be tickled to death for some time to come to be able to get it at seven percent."

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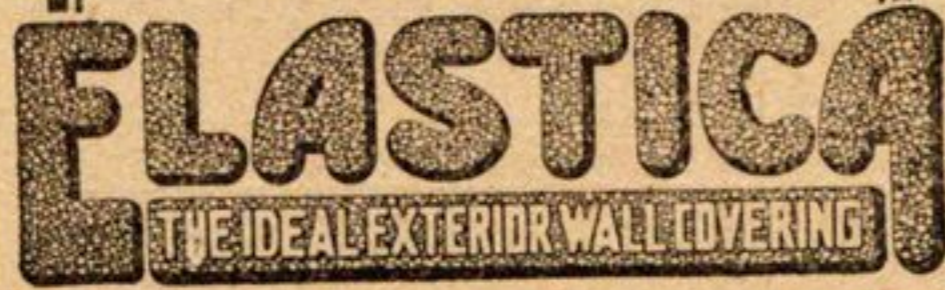


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