

REAL ESTATE BUBBLE

HAS BURST IN VANCOUVER WITH GOOD EFFECT.

Many Are Now Land Poor and Will Turn to Farming, Putting Vacant Land to Use.

The full effects of the world-wide financial stringency and business depression have been felt in Vancouver. In no city in the west was the real estate specialist so active, and in no city of the world did he so discount the future.

Some got in on bed-rock, others on the pinnacle of the boom, some who bought on margin, unable to carry out their contracts, have lost, but the vast majority are holding on, borrowing, waiting, economizing, to meet their obligations and save their property.

Merchants, mechanics, lawyers, doctors, accountants, and even clergymen were in real estate and are now pinching themselves to meet taxes and interest and instalments. In boom times there was plenty of money for theatres, candy, cigars, suppers and trips to fashionable resorts, and new gowns and automobiles were as plentiful as roses in May.

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Developments all over the northwest are more promising and satisfactory than they have been for twenty years. Hence, the money stringency has been an immense boon to the American and Canadian northwest.

Property owners in the west, who can carry their land and real estate holdings, look to the future developments with the utmost confidence. Men like J. J. Hill and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, who found the great valleys of the Red River, the Missouri, the Saskatchewan and the Columbia part of the American desert or wilderness and have helped to transform them into the richest and most prosperous countries ever given to sons of men, cannot lose faith or confidence in the possibilities and golden promise of the mighty west.

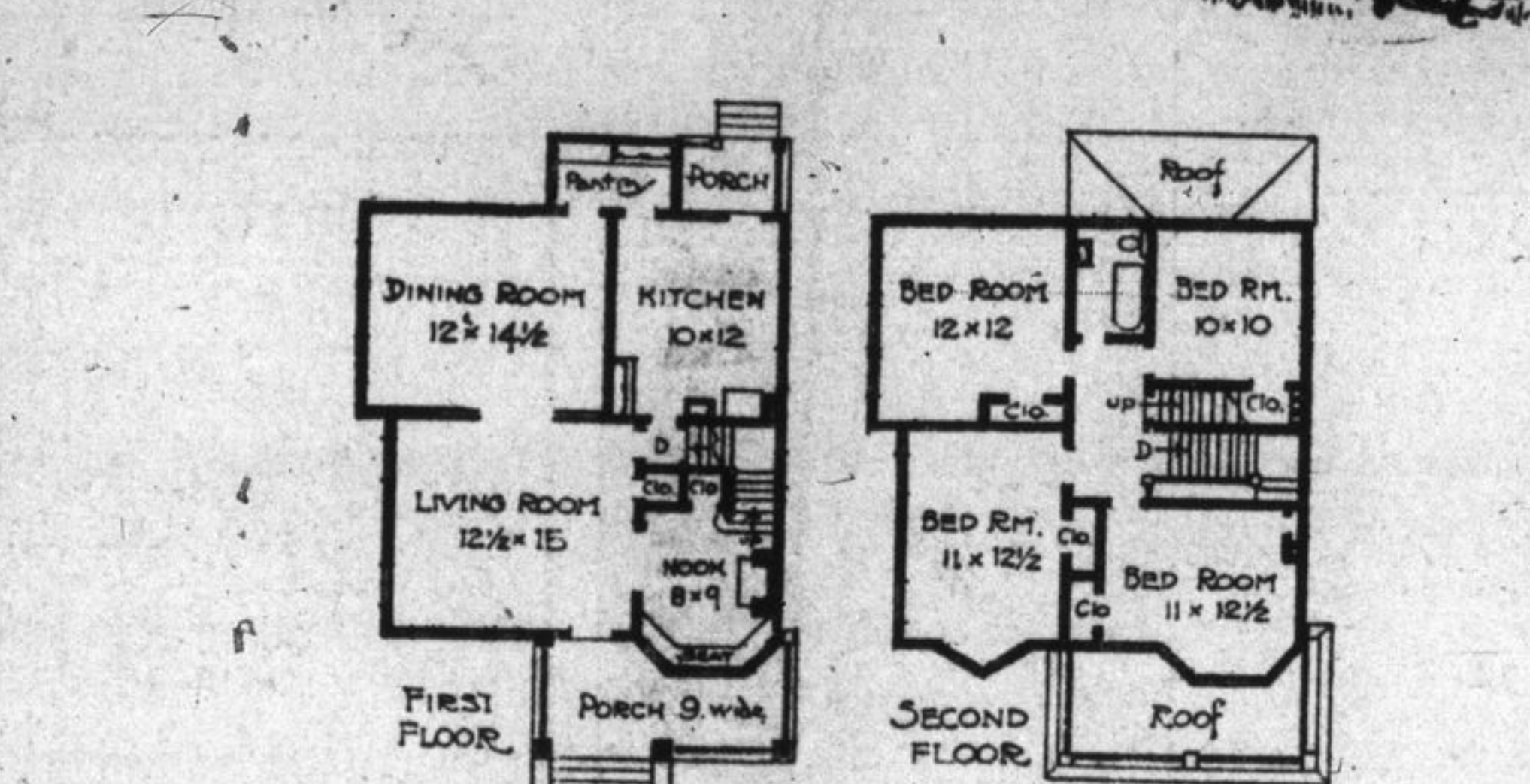
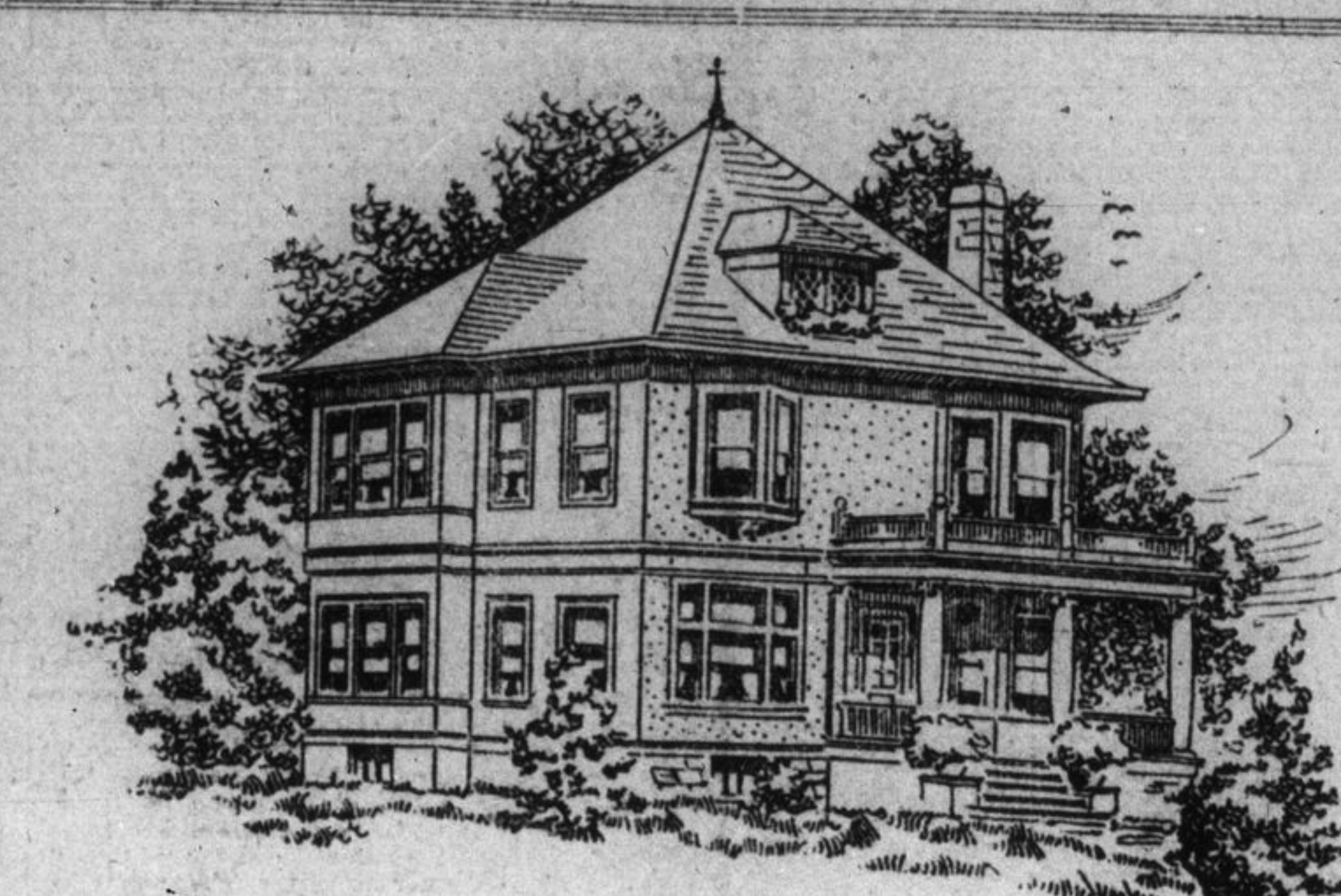
The two great problems of the statesmen of to-day lies in the providing of money enough and food enough for the abounding activities and the teeming populations. The richer the world grows the bigger its appetites. Sixty years ago one million tons of sugar supplied the whole world, now it is a necessity of life. Sixty years ago all the peoples of the earth did not spend a hundred millions a year for tobacco; now the people of the United States pay a thousand millions a year for smoke.

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AN ATTRACTIVE HOME



The design here given is of an attractive type of suburban cottage with exterior of stucco. The interior is admirably laid out and the living room with bay window containing seat and fireplace is very homelike and artistically arranged.

On the second floor are four bedrooms and bath. Both front bedrooms have bay windows and all rooms contain closets. Cellar under whole house.

Table listing estimated costs for construction items: Excavation, Millwork, Lumber, Stonework, Carpenter work, Plumbing, etc., Painting and Glazing, Brickwork, Hardware, Stairs, Hot air heating, Range, Total.

Chill, the Argentine and New Zealand were nearer to the immigrants of central Europe than British Columbia, and the Panama Canal will reverse all this.

SENSIBLE CLOTHES

Elena looked disconsolately at her bedraggled gown. In the morning it had been a dainty, fresh pink affair. Now it was a rain-soaked rag. Well, she had no one to blame but herself.

Even though the man who has an office across the corridor is going to leave town that very night, not to come back, and you would like to have him see you just once in the kind of clothes that you ought to wear, you have no business to take the money that you have spent five months saving for a sensible workaday dress and invest it in a far from sensible party dress that the rain will turn to tissue paper.

As a matter of fact, she hadn't the shadow of an excuse for being "dressed up." The man who had the office across the corridor never had given any indication that it concerned him whether the slim, pale cheeked little stenographer in his friend's office wore gunny sack or one of Salome's veils.

The morning was gray. And the office door across the corridor was not opened. At noon it drizzled. The drizzle increased to a cold, grim downpour—not the spasmodic, fierce and then slackening rain that gives promise of wearing itself out before the next day, but that slow, steady, solemn, drip-drip-drip that is good for seventy-two hours at the very least.

"Good-by," yawned Bixley. Elena would not believe that a friend could be so callous! "Drop me a card. Look me up if you happen to come back. Rotten weather, isn't it?"

"Good-by," said the man to Elena, very carelessly. There was no reason of course, for saying it carefully.

"Good-by," smiled Elena. She was glad she had spent the money for the dress—she didn't care if she had to skip six months more to get the sensible one she needed.

think or do anything but gaze wide-mouthed, like a perfectly senseless person, the man who had an office across the corridor, hustled her back through the crowd, downstairs, and into a taxicab.

And there he explained that while he was standing at the window to buy a ticket back to the farm he had frilly, pinky, slinky dress trying to get through the rain-swept streets.

"How did you know what elevated station?" she began breathlessly. "I knew a long time ago," he said, thoughtfully. "Only when a chap can't make any headway, it's foolish to suppose that he can support two people."

"I don't mind," said Elena quickly. "I mean—how I am supported. I could be happy on very little. You—I suppose to-morrow you will go back to the farm?"

The men grinned foolishly. "Can't," he said blithely. "After I pay this taxicab's pilot's charge I won't have enough left for my ticket. I don't mind, though." And he put his arm around Elena's shoulder.

"If you had been wearing a sensible cloth affair—which I will see that you do wear in the future—I would not have felt obliged to hurry back to see."

"I'm glad I wore it," said Elena, foolishly. "And I'm glad it rained." "So am I," said the man from across the corridor. "If I can't make it go here after another ally—only I will—would you mind the farm?"

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SWEARING WOMEN

Man's Excuse for Stopping Train on English Railway

The Potteries staidiary had something to say on the uses of railway communication chains during the hearing of a case at Hauley, in which John Lunt, of Hamil road, Burslem, was summoned for making use of the communication cord in a North Staffordshire train without reasonable cause.

LAST OF CRIMEA NUNS

Funeral of Mother St. George in Norwood Convent Grounds

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