

Construction Trend Upward in October

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TORONTO — Construction contracts in Canada in October were higher in value than in October last year, thus reversing the downward trend of the year to date.

The October total was \$191,054,200, an increase of \$51,911,700. The 10-month total is \$1,561,199,700, down \$455,978,600 from the same period last year.

By categories, the October figures, as compared with October last year were:

Residential \$51,635,500, up \$22,452,000; business \$63,348,000, up \$22,868,100; industrial \$17,201,200, down \$8,472,000; engineering \$58,869,100, up \$15,063,900.

By regions the October figures were:

Maritimes and Newfoundland \$11,969,400, up \$6,090,600; Quebec \$31,810,100, down \$9,844,100; Ontario \$98,183,200, up \$37,136,500; West \$46,091,500, up \$18,528,700.

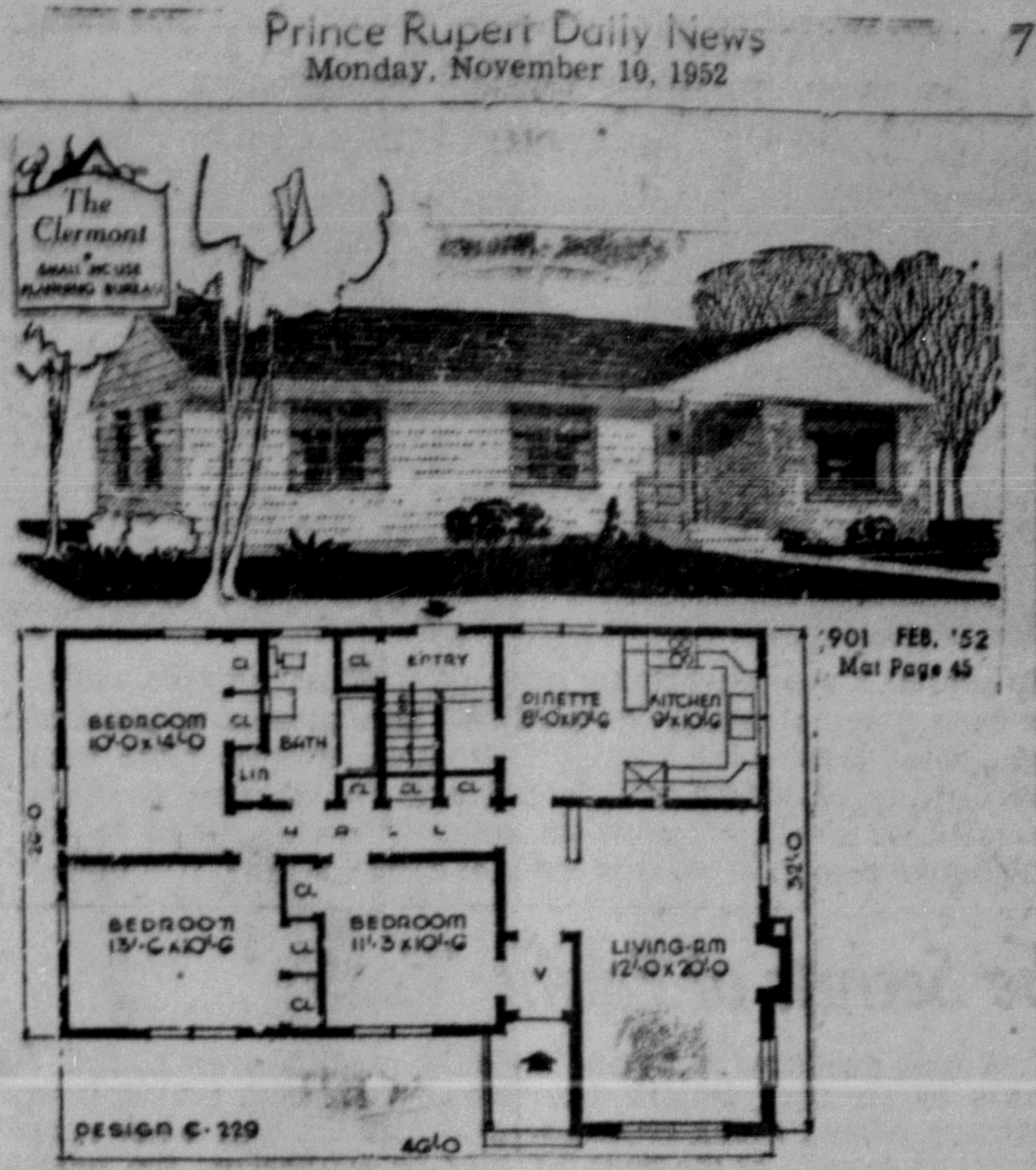
Big jobs included:

Maritimes: housing project, Halifax, \$1,397,249.

Quebec: bridge, Sherbrooke, \$1,250,000; sewer \$1,585,728, and office building \$1,000,000, both Montreal.

Ontario included: ore dock, Port Arthur \$2,500,000 and cantilever hangar at Uplands, Ottawa, \$4,000,000.

West: Cantilever hangar at Winnipeg and at Namoos and Cold Lake in Alberta, respectively \$3,730,386, \$4,100,000 and \$4,400,000; telephone exchange, Regina, \$1,844,167; chemical plant, Duvernay, Alta., \$3,000,000; railroad work, Kitimat, B.C., \$4,000,000; federal building, Whitehorse, Y.T., \$1,696,329.



THE CLERMONT has many interesting points to study. For instance there are ten closets, three of them in the bedroom hall, with space-saving wardrobe closets in the bedrooms. By placing a door from the vestibule to the front bedroom this room can be used as a den, study or office, with privacy from the balance of the house.

The front entrance is convenient to the kitchen and all rooms can be reached from the front hall.

Other features include an efficient kitchen with snack bar and dinette, shelves screening kitchen door, picture window, recessed tub and covered entrance.

Exterior finish is wide siding and asphalt shingles, stone facing of living room.

Dimensions are 45 feet by 32. Area is 1,274 square feet, cubage 24,765.

For further information about **THE CLERMONT**, write the small House Planning Bureau, of Canada, Box 1193, Saint John, New Brunswick.

Prepare Heating System For Active Slugging in Winter

A pre-winter inspection and tune-up is as important to the home heating system as it is to the family automobile.

The first cold days of winter are not too many weeks away and it is wise to have a last minute check-up made of your home heating system to be certain that it is ready for its winter-long job of keeping you and your family warm and comfortable.

Regular annual maintenance of the newer types of automatic-fired winter air conditioning systems is particularly desirable. Moving parts in stokers, oil burners, gas burners, controls, blower fan, and motors should be checked for wear and proper lubrication at least once a year.

Those home owners who have experienced winter breakdowns of their heating systems complain that it always seems to happen on the coldest days. Of course this is readily explainable in the fact that during the coldest weather the heating system is working its hardest and system frailties are bound to disclose themselves under stress.

The best way to avoid such a comfort disturbing incident is to have the system completely checked for signs of wear or deterioration before the cold weather sets in.

It is best to have this work done by an experienced furnace man who knows the correct operation of the functioning parts of the heating equipment. He will adjust your fuel burner to establish the correct combustion characteristics for which it was designed and which will give you the most economical and efficient performance. He will clean and oil the blower and motor, check the belt drive, and adjust the blower for smooth, quiet operation. He will clean the humidifier for you and make sure that it is in top operating condition. If it is necessary to clean the system, he can perform this service for you.

Also, if, during the past winter, you have been troubled with some hard-to-heat rooms, he can generally correct this situation by re-balancing the system for you. Replacement of air filters and humidifier plates should be done each fall to enable your heating system to get off to a good start in giving you the comfort you want.

The Rev. L. J. Hailes of Minnedosa, Man., is spending the week-end in Smithers where he was formerly a rector, and will be in Prince Rupert for a few days next week.

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Pointers in New Styles With Wallpaper

REGINA — Next time the man of the house finds himself tangled up in a roll of wallpaper his wife may be able to give him a few pointers in the right direction.

It may all come about through a visit of Mrs. Lilla Tillson—or Miss Kate Appelby, as she is called professionally—who is a wallpaper stylist on a western tour for the Canadian Wallpaper Association.

Mrs. Tillson, whose home is in Galt, Ont., says there's a lot of satisfaction "in doing a room yourself." Her demonstrations are to show short cuts to better home papering. She also illustrates new style trends.

For instance, Mrs. Tillson says wallpaper is very effective on ceilings. In kitchens where built-in cupboards leave little space for decoration, a gaily patterned wallpaper on the ceiling and one wall gives the room a new "zip."

The wallpaper stylist says the trend is away from plain white or cream ceilings in any room. "Colors are so much easier to live with."

Mrs. Tillson advises light pastel colors for small rooms. "Have a pattern, but one with perspective that gives a feeling of depth. Then match the woodwork to the background shade in the wallpaper for room unity."

"If the ceiling is high, a deeper color will give the required illumination. If it is too low, use a lighter shade."

In a large room "let your fancy roam and do some experimenting. Dark colors add richness and warmth and also help to furnish a large room," Mrs. Tillson says. A light shade can be used to increase the effect of airiness and spaciousness.

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