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Too Many Houses . . .

To meet the housing needs of its vast army of war workers, Seattle has built during the past four years thousands of dwellings of varying size and construction. Now the city actually faces a great surplus of "jerry-built" homes decidedly unsuited to peacetime standards, says the Journal of Commerce of Vancouver.

To overcome this condition, about 400 modern new homes are being erected each month in Seattle at a cost of about \$6500 each. The de-

mand for larger higher-priced homes is also increasing. The war-built housing projects lining the city limits are likely to be abandoned when peace comes.

Thus we have a strange comparison—too many homes in Seattle and too few homes in Vancouver. Both cities have received a proportionate increase in population, and both have been equally short of building materials. The two cities have faced identical housing emergencies. Why, then, are the present-day housing positions so different?

We dispute the arguments that red tape is all to blame here in Vancouver. Our permit system is simple in comparison with the construction gauntlet run by a prospective home owner in Seattle—the Seattle Housing Authority, King County Housing Authority, Federal Public Housing Authority, etc., etc.

The fault must lie somewhere else!

CROPS ARE VARIABLE

Weather on Prairies Erratic—British Columbia Needs Warmth

WINNIPEG, July 21 (C) — Precipitation varying from light showers to heavy downpours have improved crop conditions in some prairie areas while deterioration continues in others. Temperatures have ranged from cool in Alberta to a maximum of 100 in Manitoba, according to the weekly crop report of the department of agriculture, Canadian National Railways. Scattered hail storms have taken toll in various localities but there is no insect or rust damage. In areas where moisture is satisfactory, early fields are now headed out. Indications at this

time are that yields will be extremely variable. The need is for warm weather in some districts and rain in others.

In southern Manitoba warm days have hastened growth and heat is required. About 25 per cent of wheat is now headed out with straw of good length. Coarse grains are in the shot blade. The sugar beet crop continues to do well and the pea crop gives every indication of a heavy yield. Wheat averages 14 inches to 18 inches in height and over 50 per cent is headed out.

In southern Saskatchewan some localities report an improvement in moisture conditions while in others crops are deteriorating and immediate rains are required. There is some damage by hail. In central Saskatchewan, conditions have improved. Grain is now in the shot blade or headed out. The yield should be satisfactory. In the Rosetown territory some rainfall has occurred but grain is late and short. High winds have caused some damage. The yield will be light.

Northern Saskatchewan reports ideal weather for crop growth and wheat fields are either heading out or in the

shot blade. Prospects for a heavy crop are excellent.

In south central Alberta the weather has been very warm. Moisture conditions are variable and wheat straw is from 6 inches to 18 inches long. Some hail has wiped out crop on some farms and several thousand acres will not be cut. In northern Alberta showers improved conditions in some localities but in others the moisture situation is serious. Wheat heads are small and straw short. Later grains show more promise. Generally speaking, crops in this territory will be lighter than last year. Crop development in the Peace River area has been favorable but additional rainfall would be welcome. An average yield is expected.

In the Okanagan valley weather was hot and dry, followed by a cool spell. Cherries are coming in fast and are now moving to markets. Others fruits are maturing nicely and no damage is reported from any source. The need now is for a period of dry weather to allow cherries to be harvested without damage from splitting.

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NEW PARK IS PROJECT OF COMMUNITY

The new children's playground on Alfred Street at Ninth Ave. has been progressing rapidly during the past week and when finished will be a real monument to community effort. Contributions of labor, material and truck hauling have come from the city, the dry dock, business and trucking firms, nearby residents and American soldiers.

The dry dock supplied material to construct a merry-go-round and with the aid of the following men and women from the dry dock it is almost completed: Margaret Wanner, Josephine Capp, Nick Yablouski, Phil Czako, C. F. Larson, A. Shepherd, F. Reuther, Herb Pierce, James Thompson, Mr. Martin, Allan Storvick and others. T. J. Boulter of the dry dock has given valuable co-operation.

Cement was donated by the city and Philpott, Evitt Co. donated gravel to make a foundation for the merry-go-round. Bolts, shackles and ball bearings were donated by the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative.

This week Bert's Transfer and Hyde Transfer donated trucks and drivers and, with the assistance of a dozen neighbors, eight loads of sand were hauled to create a good playing surface on

HOWARD HILL IS PRESIDENT

At the Prince Rupert Labor Council's regular monthly meeting, H. R. Hill of the local Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees was elected president for the remainder of the year to replace D. A. Careless who resigned from his position as Canadian Congress of Labor organizer. B. Loughlan was elected vice-president.

The secretary of the council, R. H. Adcock, was delegated to attend the second annual convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor, the Congress provincial legislative arm. This convention is to take place in Vancouver on August 4 and 5.

A motion was unanimously passed, urging the city council to immediately take the steps

necessary to warrant a postal delivery service in this city.

A petition of the East End residents requesting that the city council make every effort to ameliorate the poor road conditions in that area in order to guarantee an improved bus service was supported.

The question of union organization was discussed and the council went on record as recommending that its affiliated locals stress the necessity of their membership patronizing as much as possible, only union houses and buying only union labeled goods. It was pointed out that this was perhaps the most educational and efficient method of creating union consciousness, thus ensuring a continued growth of the movement.

Hotel... arrivals

W. R. Workman, Smithers; F. M. Lavelle, Vancouver; T. B. Jackson, Vancouver; Mrs. J. N. Lucke, Sanspit; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clifford, Calgary; Miss J. E. Smith, Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Scott, Sacramento, Cal.; J. H. Cairnes, North Vancouver; Miss G. Thiele, Miss M. McGinnis, Vancouver; Miss D. Kirkham, Vancouver; Miss M. A. Gray, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gray, Vancouver; J. Balkin, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. K. Murdock, Montreal.

the grounds. Those who assisted were P. A. Switzer, J. Anderson, George Ferguson, Dan Lippett, R. McRae, Warne Peterson, Sam Ostoforoff, G. G. Anderson.

As well as setting aside the ground for park purposes, the city, with the active support of Mayor Daggett, has provided lumber, spikes, planks and the use of city trucks.

Crawley and Didrickson of the Cow Bay boat shop have also offered material and Smiles Cafe and numerous other business firms and individuals have offered assistance, including a number of American soldiers.

In the great offensives against the Pacific enemy, Canada will do her share—and more.

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The Pacific Air Force will include from fifteen to twenty squadrons, mainly bombers, with a flying and ground personnel of some fifty thousand.

The Navy will have sixty ships of all sizes, manned by fifteen thousand men. Many thousands more will maintain the vitally-needed shore bases of a fighting fleet.

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