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House Building Slowdown

Extent to which the building of houses is slowing down in Vancouver, after a seemingly insatiable demand, is revealed in the survey of Pacific Northwest building by the Equitable Savings and Loan Association of Portland, Oregon.

The situation is not peculiar to Vancouver. The Pacific Northwest building data survey, which embraced the 44 leading cities in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and B.C., showed an average decline of 26 per cent—exactly the same as that of Vancouver—for the 44 cities.

The report reveals that the slump does not seem to have hit Victoria, where the value of new dwellings rose by 25 per cent for the period, and the dollar value of new dwelling permits rose 33 per cent.

The statistics for Vancouver and the northwest average corroborate what was already common knowledge—that building is going into a slump. The demand, urgent as it may have seemed to be, is not adequate to support present prices.

Permits for new dwelling construction have tobogganed even more. Value of Vancouver's dwelling permits taken out for the first three months of this year was only \$3,065,150 as against \$8,998,550—a drop of almost 66 per cent.

The Massey Collection

Vancouver has the pleasure today, and for the next three weeks, of viewing, at the Art Gallery, the 75 canvases gathered by Hon. Vincent and Mrs. Massey during his time as Canadian High Commissioner in London.

The Massey family has a long record of cultural gifts to the people of Canada. They have used their wealth in a spirit of public service to enrich the life of this country.

Citizens of Vancouver interested in the arts should not miss the opportunity of benefiting from the most recent of the Massey contributions.

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Although prolonged association with some of the leftist groups in the CBC may be some excuse for this fuzzy thinking, it still casts some doubt on the professor's I.O. Any one of his first year students could

tell him that competition is the antithesis of monopoly; and that monopoly is the concentration of power in the hands of a few.

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Under the present system, business is answerable to government, which can clamp down at any time if power is misused. Under the socialist state which the professor wants for us, the government runs everything, and is answerable to no one.

As William Yeaman points out in "The Common Problem," misuse of power under the present system is a possibility; under socialist totalitarianism it is a certainty.

Japanese Property Losses Explained by Vancouver Custodian

By CHESTER A. BLOOM OTTAWA. Some of the harassments suffered by the custodian of Japanese property in trying to handle the effects of the 25,000 Japanese who were evacuated during the war from the Pacific Coast are being graphically pictured in a report to the committee of the house by F. G. Shears, director of the Vancouver office of the custodian.

bread slices, bread wrappers, tables, dressers, chairs, kitchen chair and mat, 45 cents; lantern, 25 cents; kitchen utensils, 60 cents; bowl, 60 cents; two pots, 35 cents.

But Mr. Shears said that if adequate guarding were to be given to 7,000 units of chattels throughout the protection area, the custodian would have needed 7,000 watchmen.

It was a fact that in some cases, before a representative of the custodian could take possession of the Japanese property, "other" people had been there before him.

The Japanese were compelled to turn in all radios, cameras, firearms and motor cars. But these were turned over to the R.C.M.P. The R.C.M.P. turned them in to the custodian who sold them.

Typical prices received from the sale of chattels were given in the case of one Naonichi Karatsu: Spring, \$1.25; two springs and bed, 35 cents; kitchen utensils, 35 cents; broken gramophone, \$1.10; kitchen chair and mat, 45 cents; lantern, 25 cents; kitchen utensils, 60 cents; bowl, 60 cents; two pots, 35 cents.



Bill of Rights for Canadians

By BRUCE HUTCHISON

No sooner does the parliament of Canada resolve to consider the protection of individual liberty among Canadians than it encounters the Canadian constitution and our system of power divided between federal and provincial governments.

The only safe and satisfactory method of establishing a national Bill of Rights is to graft it into the organic body of the national constitution, where it could be varied only by a constitutional amendment.

DEFINING RIGHTS

Toward such a constitutional amendment parliament is working. It. Hon. Ian Mackenzie, who spoke for the government, warned against "the impulse to put freedom in a straitjacket" by seeking to define it in words.

DIFFERENT HERE

In Canada, however, while power is divided between the national and state governments. But even in combination these governments cannot repeal certain basic individual liberties because they are guaranteed by the constitution, under a series of amendments called the Bill of Rights.

The people and parliament of Canada are beginning to think that the intangible safeguards of the constitution, the great body of precedent and custom, are in fact providing inadequate against the encroaching power of some government.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

For a Pen Friend

I am looking for pen friends, and would like to correspond with any person who may be interested to do so.

Schemes of slum clearance are excellent provided they avoid the inadvertent dangers which so often beset them.

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