

# Island Prepares to Receive Great Increase in Tourists

## Spring Survey of Home Should Be Made From Cellar Upwards

In surveying the home preliminary to making Spring repairs, it is wise to begin with the basement and conduct the inspection in a systematic manner. Among the points which should be taken into consideration are:

1. Examine the foundation walls for cracks and observe whether mortar in joints is loose or has fallen out. The floor should be examined for cracks or signs of disintegration, and any evidence of leakage through the walls or the floor should be noted.
2. If there are wooden sills on top of the walls, see whether they are sound and whether cracks between wall and sills are caulked to keep out moisture and cold air.
3. See whether there is fire-stopping on the sills between floor joists and, if so, whether it fits snugly, especially around pipe openings.

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## Architecture Seen as Useful Field For 'Career-Woman'

**HOME BUILDING INSTINCT CITED AS ONE OF MANY QUALIFICATIONS**

NEW YORK — Orderly minds and the ability to effect skillful compromises make women especially fitted for the architectural profession, according to Emond Shaw, assistant art director of the Cooper Union Art Schools, who is in charge of instruction in architecture. There is definitely a place for women in this field, he believes. Enrollment for girls in architectural classes at Cooper Union this year has reached a peak, Mr. Shaw points out, constituting 25 per cent of the total.

An instinct for orderliness and utilization of space is cited by Mr. Shaw as a special aptitude of women which can be applied in architecture. Instinctive ability to see a problem as a whole is another womanly characteristic of aid in the practice of architecture, he adds.

"Furthermore," Mr. Shaw continues, "an architect who has never cooked a meal in a kitchen, stacked linen in a closet, or arranged furniture, for instance, must depend entirely upon a book of architectural data when preparing certain of his specifications. A mistake in the book might throw his whole design awry. A woman could solve

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## Unseen Troubles Ahead for Inexperienced Home Builder

**FAMILIARITY WITH PLANNING, MATERIAL AND TRADE PROCEDURE ARE ESSENTIAL**

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A visit to any book store claiming to meet the varied public demand for periodicals will reveal the considerable display space given to magazines devoted to home building. The amount of this literature finding its way into Canadian homes must be quite large, and indicates the extent of the interest in the Dominion in home ownership. All of these periodicals deal with the various aspects of building and keeping up the home, and not a little of the space is given over to the highly important matter of ways and means of getting a house built. There are several methods of accomplishing this end, not to mention the ways that seem to lack all semblance of method.

Most of us would look upon acquiring a house as being quite a considerable undertaking; one that calls for a good deal of thinking, planning and foresight. Where these three elements are given full play the ensuing benefits are far reaching. Errors resulting from their neglect are costly to correct, and thus are often left uncorrected to the lasting inconvenience and chagrin of the owner. Rectification of mistakes may involve costly structural changes, cutting down the size of one or more rooms or of distorting their contours. An example of this kind exists where the stairs are discovered to be too steep for comfort and safety. Again, you may have visions of a splendid extra room in the basement, free from dampness and with plenty of headroom, only to discover, when too late, that badly placed piping has robbed you of the latter, and that the walls are not properly protected against damp penetration. These are typical of only one kind of avoidable trouble that confronts the inexperienced, who try to get along without competent guidance.

One way of trying to find the house you are hoping for, is to set out in search of it, among the ready made, frankly speculative houses that bid for your custom. The question here is not whether you get full value in bricks and mortar, lumber and all the rest. You may get these but are they so disposed as to give you a minimum of trouble during the passing years, and is the space planned for your particular needs and manner of living at its optimum? If no, you are not getting full value.

### ESSENTIAL SERVICES

There is another method that has been tried and found wanting by many people who, unfortunately, will not have another opportunity to try. You can always try making your own plans and overseeing the work of construction yourself. Everybody knows what kind of a client the man has who acts as his own lawyer. The man who attempts to act as his own architect stands in the same category. The extensive and intensive character of the architects' training in

### Metal Strips Offset Cracks

**CRACKS AT WALL AND CEILING JOINTS MAY BE PREVENTED**

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design as commonly understood; that is, the disposition of the various parts so as to secure pleasing form and harmonious features. A building may possess these characteristics and yet be out of harmony with nearby buildings, even to the point of being obtrusive. In other words, there is such a thing as good manners in architecture. It is the architect's office, among many other things, to guide this client through the shoals of architectural etiquette whose breach can cause ostracism of both building and owner on the score of unneighborliness.



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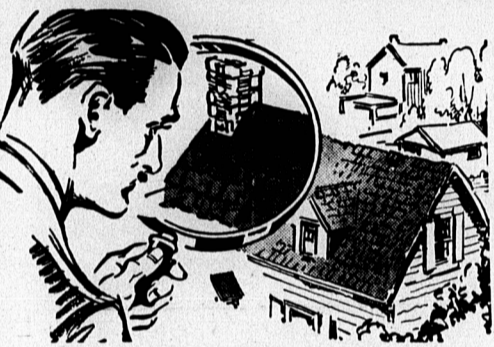
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Since it is the desire of all worthy citizens that Charlottetown may be seen at its best, the Mayor and City Councillors join in expressing the necessity for concerted effort on the part of everyone to cooperate in this Campaign.

If we wish to give our visitors a lasting impression of the beauty of our city, the work of cleaning up properties, renovating and redecorating dwellings and business premises, preparing and planning of gardens should be begun as soon as possible.

A committee has been appointed to assist and co-operate with the citizenry and persons wishing to secure the services of tradesmen, artisans, or general handy-men are invited to enquire by phone or otherwise at the City Hall. Telephone 1178.

The tax assessor has intimated that he will adhere strictly to his usual practice of refusing to regard improvement of appearance as cause for increase of valuation.

**B. ROY HOLMAN, MAYOR**

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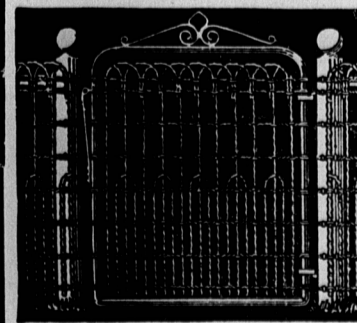


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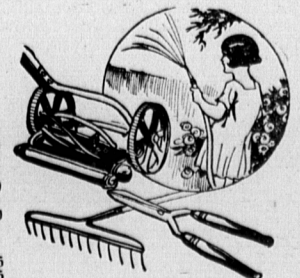
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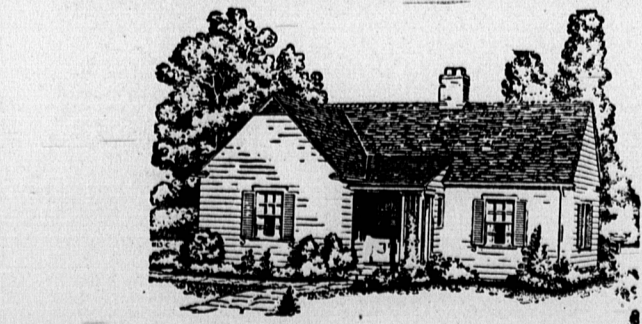
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