

British Buyers Enthusiastic Over Canadian-Built Homes

By DON MacLACHLAN
 CALGARY (CP)—The British critics generalized, are used to living in spartan, poorly-heated brick and stone homes without the fancy fittings.

and the buyers came running with cash in their hands. After 19 months, engineered Buildings (Calgary) Ltd. has doubled output at its Abercraze plant and estimates it will be turning out 160 prefabricated homes a month by next spring. Built of Canadian lumber, the homes have attracted buyers with features held commonplace in Canada: Central heat-

ing, full basements, fitted cabinets, light fixtures, broodroom, insulated double-pane windows. Prepared by about 80 ex-miners, most laid off from closed mines, the homes sell for \$9,000 to \$40,000 in 25 models.

HOUSES APPROVED
 Two-thirds of the British orders have come from public housing authorities. The U.K. government has approved engineered home models for subsidized "council house" low-rental projects.

About 125 single-family homes have been sold to individual buyers. Some 250 units

have been built for low-rental schemes and plans for 1,250 more are awaiting housing authority approval.

Critics said the miner-builders wouldn't know a shingle from a shoe box, a mass production setup would founder on workers' low productivity, wooden homes would rot in the damp British climate.

And Engineer's British subsidiary did lose money for many months. Then the first rush of buyers came to the show homes with cash for homes to be built "somewhere, sometime, when we let you know."

and Housing Corp. or a National Housing Act.

If needed, financing usually is handled through banks or building societies—similar to Canadian credit unions—and interest rates run about one half per cent higher than NHA rates in Canada.

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Steel Outlook Is Brightened By Auto Industry

CLEVELAND (AP)—The U.S. automobile industry, the country's No. 1 steel user, helped brighten the outlook of the steel industry last week, Steel magazine says.

For several months, the auto industry has been buying steel sparingly, relying on its inventories until it saw how the 1967 models were selling, the magazine says.

Now buying is picking up and the metalworking weekly comments that this is an unusual time for the auto industry to be buying. Usually, orders came at mid-month, rather than at the end.

One steel mill reported orders from auto-makers last week were 2½ times greater than those of the previous week.

The magazine said passenger car production has risen each week, except one, since 1967 model production began in mid-August.

Another bright spot last week was the continuing high-production level for steel ingots. Steel's estimate for the week's production was 2,540,000 tons, down 6,000 tons from the previous week. But it brought production for the year to date are about eight per cent below 1965 because of higher employment costs and new equipment.

Holiday Season Food Prices To Be Checked

OTTAWA (CP)—Prices of popular Christmas-season foodstuffs will be checked now and periodically over the next two months by anonymous shoppers from the Consumers Association of Canada, co-chairman Ron Basford of the parliamentary prices committee has announced.

He said the housewives organization volunteered to check prices on a list of Christmas goods, and send them periodically to Ottawa where they will be fed into a government computer for analysis.

The committee as a result will be alerted to any unusual change in food prices that takes place between now and the New Year.

Precise details of the price-checking plan are being kept secret, Mr. Basford told the committee. The survey, however, will be nation-wide, and will be to see whether there is "any evidence of prices being marked in the Christmas rush."

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SAUSAGE FOR THE PM

Stan Daniels and John Samson of the Hobbema Indian Reserve started hitchhiking to Ottawa Monday with two pounds of beef sausage purchased at the Fox Lake Indian Reserve, 350 miles north-

west of Edmonton, for \$2.50. Beef sausage sells in Edmonton for about 30 cents a pound. Mr. Daniels was refunded \$2 Thursday. The two men hope

to present the sausage to Prime Minister Pearson as an example of prices paid by natives at Fox Lake. (CP Wirephoto)

Water In Everglades Killing All Wild Life

Written for The Associated Press By MARY COLLETT FARRIS
 ANDY TOWN, Fla. (AP)—On an island in the watery Florida Everglades, deer skeletons gleamed white against the black muck. Among the bones, a fresh carcass lay.

graceful animals. On this day, only two were there. One stood motionless, so weak not even the ancient fear of man could force him to move.

The other, a two-pronged buck, struggled a few steps through the water, collapsed and rose to stagger on again. By now, probably, he has died among the bones.

Last spring, a noisy boat approaching the island would have scattered many of the

The herd, which numbered 6,000 in the spring, chanced to live in a part of the Everglades known as Conservation Area III, which was made a water storage area for the central and south Florida Flood-control district.

Water poured in relentlessly all summer long, getting deeper and deeper. In September, conservationists threatened to shut down the flood gates by force if officials refused to act.

The gates were closed. But the water still lies in a lake measuring 900 square miles. The few islands poking above the flood are stripped of everything a deer can eat. The animals cannot lie down to rest.

"There won't be a live deer left out there in two months," said Ormas Morris, president of the Palm Beach County Conservation Club. "The deer have been in water over two feet for five months."

Richard Potter of Miami, secretary of the Air-Boat Association of Florida, says the water level is too high for any form of wildlife to survive.

"It's too deep for the ducks," he said. "They're bottom feeders and have to dive to live. It's too deep for the egrets and blue herons that walk on the bottom."

The sky used to be covered with birds, millions of them. But there just aren't any out there now.

The water is too deep even for the alligators. They build their nests on high ground and there is no longer any high ground.

AREA NOT NEEDED
 Conservationists say that the desolation of such a large wild-life management area was needless, that Conservation Area III is a storage basin without a purpose. It supplies no farms, no cities, they say.

The flood-control district pumps water into the area from farmlands to the north and says if this were not done, heavy rains might flood the fields and cause millions of dollars damage.

The district says the area is suffering a natural, not a man-made flood. Yet, rainfall in the months of July through September, it is stated in U.S. Army Corps of Engineer records, was 707 inches below normal. It is stated in U.S. Army Corps of Engineer records.

Attempts to feed the hard corn have been abandoned. The deer won't eat anything but tender plants, now long under water.

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