

**EFFECTIVE CITIZEN CO-OPERATION**  
**WHAT IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS SHOULD**  
**BE EACH BODY'S BUSINESS**

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**What will the Toronto Bureau  
of Municipal Research do?**

Among other things, it will act as a clearing house for suggestions from any interested citizens as to methods of improving housing conditions in Toronto.

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**DO YOU CARE  
HOW THE  
OTHER FELLOW  
IS HOUSED ?**

## Existing Housing Conditions

"People around Toronto are crazy for houses. They are living doubled up, trebled up, four families under a roof."

*Toronto, World, March 12, 1914.*

"There are 714 so called lodging houses in Toronto, 546 of which are in an overcrowded condition. At the time of a recent survey these buildings housed 2,930 persons in excess of what the Public Health Act permits. The increase in overcrowding in these buildings since last October was 1,128. **Unless a definite step is soon taken the consequent increase of crime and immorality will prove very expensive to the city.**"

*Dr. Chas. J. Hastings, M.O.H.,  
March 11, 1914.*

## Is this the cause?

"There is no doubt whatever that the freedom of taxation of vacant land in comparison with the assessment on all improvements causes the capitalist to button up his pocket and leave the building to be done or to be charged to the man who absolutely needs house room."

*Toronto World, March 12, 1914*

## What the recent Civic Survey said:

"If, 20 years ago, Toronto had recognized that the way to stimulate building was to subsidize improvements through a reduction in the rate of taxation on improvements, it might not be facing to-day a condition where the city may be forced to furnish the capital for providing decent housing conditions."

## What the Board of Health does:

At its meeting of March 12th, on motion of Controller McCarthy, the Board of Health constituted itself a Commission to study and solve the housing problem.

## What are the Citizens going to do

to help the Board of Health solve the problem of furnishing "from 10,000 to 20,000 families of working men" with suitable homes in uncongested districts and providing decent accommodation for "3,000 lodgers"?