

A FACT (rather than an opinion)  
BASIS, and thorough-going action  
on that basis, necessary :

"In all the work planned up to this date we have endeavored to realize a living condition and environment worthy of Canadian citizens and of which we hope all Canadian citizens may ultimately be able to avail themselves. Building at a lower level might lend itself to establishing or perpetuating a condition neither desirable nor productive of lasting advantage to the community. A less desirable development may be justified, the conditions of thousands of our citizens being what it is. I would strongly urge, however, that for every dollar spent in providing housing accommodation of a less desirable type than we have yet planned, **two dollars should be spent by the city, Province or Dominion (or by all combined) in seeking, finding and remedying the causes that have brought about that lower level of living.** It will be a lasting discredit to Canada if we permit the reproduction here of the evils from which the countries of the old world are suffering."

*G. Frank Beer, President,  
Toronto Housing Co., Ltd.*

## EFFECTIVE CITIZEN CO-OPERATION

WHAT IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS SHOULD  
BE EACH BODY'S BUSINESS

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# IS THE SOLUTION OF THE HOUSING PROBLEM A CIVIC DUTY?

## A Citizen

in response to Bulletin No. 2 writes:

"Read 'Stories of a Mean Street' by Arthur Morrison and you will wonder if they (slum dwellers?) are worth housing."

## The Honorable W. J. Hanna

writes in the foreword of the first annual report of the Toronto Housing Company Limited:

"Society is responsible for the slums and society must pay for their removal, which will require something in the nature of a surgical operation on the body politic. **But better housing has a far wider application than the slum problem.** It means better living conditions for the great masses of wage earners. I agree with the statement that **every Canadian workman of steady habits should be able to own his own home.**"

## The first concrete planned step towards solution

has been made possible through citizen co-operation.

The Toronto Housing Company, acting under Provincial Statute, has already completed or entered upon work (within the city limits) involving an outlay of \$550,000.

Houses for 38 families have been built;

Cottage flats for 106 families are nearing completion;

Tenders have been called for 86 additional cottage flats;

Tenders for 50 self-contained houses will soon be called for;

A garden suburb outside the city limits is projected.

## The validity of the co-operation principal again recognized:

In co-operation with the National Council of Women and with two other organizations, plans are being considered for the erection of:

A large boarding house for women;

Two combination lodging and boarding houses for men.