

Electric home heating is bound to grow here

Residential electrical heating, reported to have been introduced to Prince Edward Island for the first time this year, is a field which is expected to grow according to a spokesman for the Maritime Electric Company Ltd.

The idea of residential electrical heating has to date been employed in about six island homes and structures. These include homes owned by Edward Cudmore, Oyster Bed Bridge, Charles Fraser of Montague and G. Stewart Mackay, of Charlottetown. Two island motels are equipped with electrical heating, the Shore Acres Motel and Robert Dawson's Motel at Hampton.

News has been just released in addition of a modern, high rise electrically heated apartment block, to be constructed in Charlottetown by G. Stewart Mackay Real Estate of Charlottetown.

The Maritime Electric Ltd. spokesman said it was believed residential electrical heating had been in use in the United States and parts of Canada for some time. This included Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick.

The electric company spokesman said residential electrical heating is slightly more expensive than conventional heating, however not as high as people might believe.

For best results it is desirable that a home be properly insulated, more so than with conventional heating, said the electric company spokesman. Also, with electrical heating in the introductory stage it is not wholly recommended for adaptation to older homes, said the Maritime Electric spokesman.

Installation of electrical heating compares favorably, costwise, with conventional heating, he said. Operating costs vary according to the unit, and contractors design an adequate heating system for each, it was stated.

The spokesman noted that electricity, as fuel costs go, was one of the few commodities that has decreased in price through the years.

Other advantages of electrical heating, said the Maritime Electric spokesman, is that there is no odor or waste as with conventional fuels.

The spokesman said that residential electrical heating was harmless as far as hazards go, for it is supposed to be closely regulated by safety controls. If anything should go wrong, the heating system automatically shuts off, he said.

With electrical heating, each room is individually controlled, similar to the action of a thermostat. There is no central heating unit, such as a furnace, but electric wiring and a heating unit in each room, explained the Maritime Electric Company Ltd. spokesman.

Canadian cost is seen lower

There are over one million electrically heated homes in the United States at present.

A large proportion of the homes in the United States are in milder climates, and it has been assumed that no such development will be possible in Canada.

In the Southern and Central United States the price of natural gas is about one-half what it is in the most heavily populated sections of Canada.

In the Southern and Central United States, however, the price of electricity is twice or more the price in Canada. As a result the much better competitive position of electricity in Canada creates a different marketing situation.



PARKDALE PIONEER is this new home built by Stu MackKay in Parkdale has electric heating, and so will the new high rise 8-storey apartment block Mr. MackKay is to erect on Kent Street. There are other electrically heated new homes planned in the Charlottetown area, and several area motels have already adopted this furnace-free system.

M.P. says tragedy fishermen can't earn a living

By ALEX MORIN

OTTAWA (CP)—After a day of praise for Canada's fisheries department, M.P.s of all parties started casting about Thursday for its shortcomings. They hauled in their quota of big ones and little ones.

They capped the day of criticism in the Commons with passage of estimates for the current fiscal year totalling \$24,811,000.

It was a Liberal from industrial Ontario who had the most sweeping criticism to offer. Steve Otto, MP for York East, called it a tragedy that fishermen could not earn a decent living despite all their efforts.

The trouble wasn't a lack of fish — "foreign fishing vessels from all over the world come to our shores." It wasn't for lack of hard work either.

The department itself was not entirely to blame because it wasn't accorded sufficient importance. "The fault seems to be ours. We seem to be satisfied with having a mediocre fishing industry. We cannot imagine that we can do better."

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Another Liberal member sounded the same note. C. W. Carter of the Newfoundland riding of Burin-Burgess said the department was deluding itself if it thought a national program

Experiments with wood foretell cheaper homes

OTTAWA (CP)—An experimental wood house incorporating unusual design features which could some day reduce house-building costs in Canada was formally unveiled today.

The project, fourth in a series of research houses, is testing such things as radiation-treated wood, a basement built of wooden walls and footings, plastic plumbing and a toilet that doesn't need sewer connections.

Sponsored jointly by the federal government and the National House Builders Association, the experimental house known as Mark IV—cost \$31,100 to develop. Some of its low-cost features will be introduced in post-house construction if they prove successful.

Postmaster - General Nicholson, whose portfolio includes housing matters, officially opened the split-level bungalow and made special mention of the radiation-treated wood used in it.

A piece of lumber in the front door sill and plywood panels beneath some of the windows were impregnated with plastic and then exposed to gamma rays. Researchers of the federal forestry department say the resulting product is resistant to decay and abrasion and has better stability.

SAYS PROCESS EXCITING

Mr. Nicholson said this process has "very exciting possibilities."

Another matter under consideration was legislation to permit foreign druggers to land fish in Canadian ports for processing—a practice prohibited at present. The main consideration in allowing such a trade would be the increased capacity it would give the druggers for fishing Canadian waters.

A. M. A. McLean (Charlottetown) was apprehensive about the future of the sardine industry in Charlottetown and Passamaquoddy counties of New Brunswick. The sardines had been running for 80 years but scientists could say little about the cause or prospects for the future.

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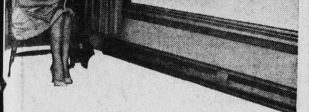
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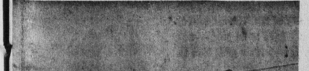


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Recipe given for longer life

VANCOUVER (CP)—A fairly common belief that if you keep busy in old age you may live longer is given scientific support here.

An experimental program involving patients in three Vancouver nursing homes was described by Dr. L. E. Rania, medical director of Vancouver General Hospital, in a talk to a convention of hospital officials.

Dr. Rania said the patients were divided into two groups. One was given normal nursing-home care. The other was given an "activation program" in which they were urged to feed and dress themselves and to indulge in activities instead of staying in bed and being waited on. Handicrafts and hobbies were introduced.

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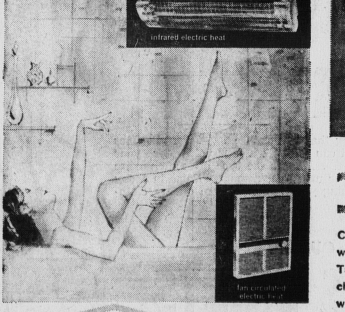
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