

Ample Closet Room and Generous Window Space

Excellent Wall Spaces for Furniture; Provisions Made for Three Sleeping Rooms and Bath on Second Floor.

Every family entertains the desire and ambition for a home of their own. The original thought or dream, in most cases, is quite apt to be indefinite as to plans and requirements, and is generally a vague mental picture of the completed house as if seen through a mist—changing in form, color and style. It becomes a compilation of a dozen or more farmhouses, seen perhaps from a train window; pretty little village or city bungalows passed on a week-end motor trip, or from hurried glances through periodicals illustrating entrancing homes with inviting doorways.

The dream house from them on becomes more clear, though always changing. Sometimes it has long, low roof lines and again the sharp English gables. Another time it will have the stately Southern colonial columns and then merge into the rambling Spanish bungalow. Finally, a preconceived picture is definitely engraved on the mind which is eventually decided on as the only house to build.

This is the natural process and the only one which people building for the first time can pursue and be assured that they are selecting the home-plan that will meet their desires and ambitions. But in the final analysis the home must meet the family requirements from every angle and not exceed in cost the ability to pay without a sacrifice on other necessities and the luxuries which make life a little more pleasant and that every family is entitled to.

It is for the express purpose of assisting people who are seeking a small house plan that will meet their desires and ambitions that The Detroit News conducts this Home Building Service. A plan has been published every Sunday for the last eight years and reprints of these are kept on file for free distribution to those who select the ones which appeal to them from the sample books which are always accessible at the main office or at the Public Service Bureau in the Majestic Building.

The layout of the rooms in the house presented today shows with what care and consideration each problem of home-making and house-keeping has been solved. Windows, of which there are a generous number, have been so placed as to allow for an excellent setting of the furniture.

Although the plans for only the lower floor have been shown there is space on the second floor for three sleeping rooms and bath.

The following are the suggestions for the decorating and furnishing of the interior:

Living Room: Woodwork, to be finished in a rich sand shade; walls to be paneled with wood moldings and painted and stippled in a shade as near as possible to the woodwork; floor covering, fawn and beige small all-over pattern Wilton; glass curtains, coarse ecru fillet net; over-drapery, very dark rich rose and gold damask; furniture, sofa covered in very dark rose, with a pair of extra pillows covered in dark rose damask; armchair with seat and back covered in needlepoint tapestry; table, desk, chair for this seat covered in black and gold striped damask; octagonal table with lamp of deep old blue pottery with shade of beige georgette over taffeta and trimmed with silk braid to match the georgette; wrought iron bridge lamp with shade of plain parchment; pair of end tables each to have lamp with an Italian pottery base and shade of decorated silk in harmony; over-mantel decoration to be floral picture in dark shades; each end of mantel shelf to have pair of bronze and crystal candelabra; electric fixtures to be equipped with shades of plain parchment in pale gold shade.

Dining Room: Woodwork, pale green; walls to be paneled with simple wood molding and finished in the same tone as the woodwork; and, if desired, the moldings may have just a bit of gold rubbed in the high parts; floor covering, fawn Wilton; glass curtains, like those in the living room; over-drapery, black ground cretonne or linen with floral design in rich shades of rose, blue, amethyst, yellow and green; furniture, walnut and to consist of oblong extension table, five single chairs, one armchair, butie, and serving table; chairs to be covered in green antique satin; electric fixtures to be equipped with shades of parchment in a dull cold tone.

The archway between the living room and the dining room should be equipped with a pair of double faced portieres, dark rose on the living room side and green on the dining room side.

Kitchen: Woodwork, and walls to be finished in light ivory; floor covering, black and cream checked linoleum; furniture, yellow trimmed with Chinese red; curtains, yellow organdie bound in Chinese red.

Front Bedroom: Woodwork, cream; walls, treated with a cream ground paper containing a shadowy floral design in delicate shades of rose, yellow and green; glass curtains, fine striped cream net; over-drapery, rose taffeta trimmed with pistachio green and pale yellow frills; floor covering, plain rose; furniture, pale green trimmed with gold or yellow and to consist of full sized bed, chiffonier, dresser, single chair and upholstered chair with slip covering of rose, green and yellow striped sunfast material, piped in green; bedspread, rose taffeta trimmed with frills of green and yellow to match the draperies; dresser covers, to be of the same combination; electric fixtures to be equipped with shades of ecru chiffon over rose taffeta and trimmed with an ecru silk braid.

Rear Bedroom: Woodwork, ivory; walls, treated with silver and apricot striped paper; floor covering, turquoise blue; glass curtains, like those in the other bedroom; over-drapery, turquoise ground cretonne or chintz with bouquet design in apricot, yellow, amethyst and a touch of rose; furniture, ivory trimmed with turquoise and to consist of full sized bed, dresser, dressing table, single chair and upholstered chair with slip covering of apricot linen piped in green; bedspread, apricot linen trimmed with flounces and bands of the drapery material; dresser covers, turquoise linen edged with a cream linen lace; electric fixtures to be equipped with shades of apricot chiffon over taffeta of the same shade and trimmed with a simple silk braid to match.

Cost of House and Services

NAME of today's home—The Houston.

Plan Number, Detroit News Plan No. 415.

The home to be 37 feet 6 inches wide, 32 feet deep, not including narrow extension for vestibule entrance. Will go on 48-foot lot with side drive.

Basement walls of brick, 12 inches thick, waterproofed with cement plaster and asphalt paint. Inside course enameled.

Exterior walls on all sides, face brick veneer, at \$35 per thousand, on frame construction. Gable peaks of wide siding.

Chimney same as walls, with two tiles atop.

Roof, red cedar shingles, in variegated color.

Bathroom floor and walls, four feet high, tile; six feet around shower.

Natural fireplace of face brick with tile hearth.

Walls of living room, dining room and finish plaster painted and stippled in graduated design; kitchen and bathroom walls painted.

Bedrooms hard finish plaster painted and stippled with panel motifs.

All ceilings throughout the house painted.

Warm air heating plant with cold air returns.

Estimated cost on free and clear lot, based on estimates by local contractors, payable at one per cent a month, \$8,075.

Cost of architect-drawn specifications and blue prints, \$80.

Where plans are procurable: The Detroit News Home Building Department.

Special service available: (a) The Detroit Edison Co. (Home Lighting Division), 2000 Second boulevard.

Adequate wiring is one of the most important items in building for it makes convenience to the homemakers and efficiency to the future management of the home. This plan meets the requirements that an owner expects when building a modern up-to-date home.

The Detroit Edison Co. will check the wiring work for adequacy and proper outlet locations before the lath and plaster are put on, and if there are any corrections they may be made at this time. This service is free to the readers of The Detroit News. The Detroit Edison Co. does not sell fixtures or does not do any wiring.

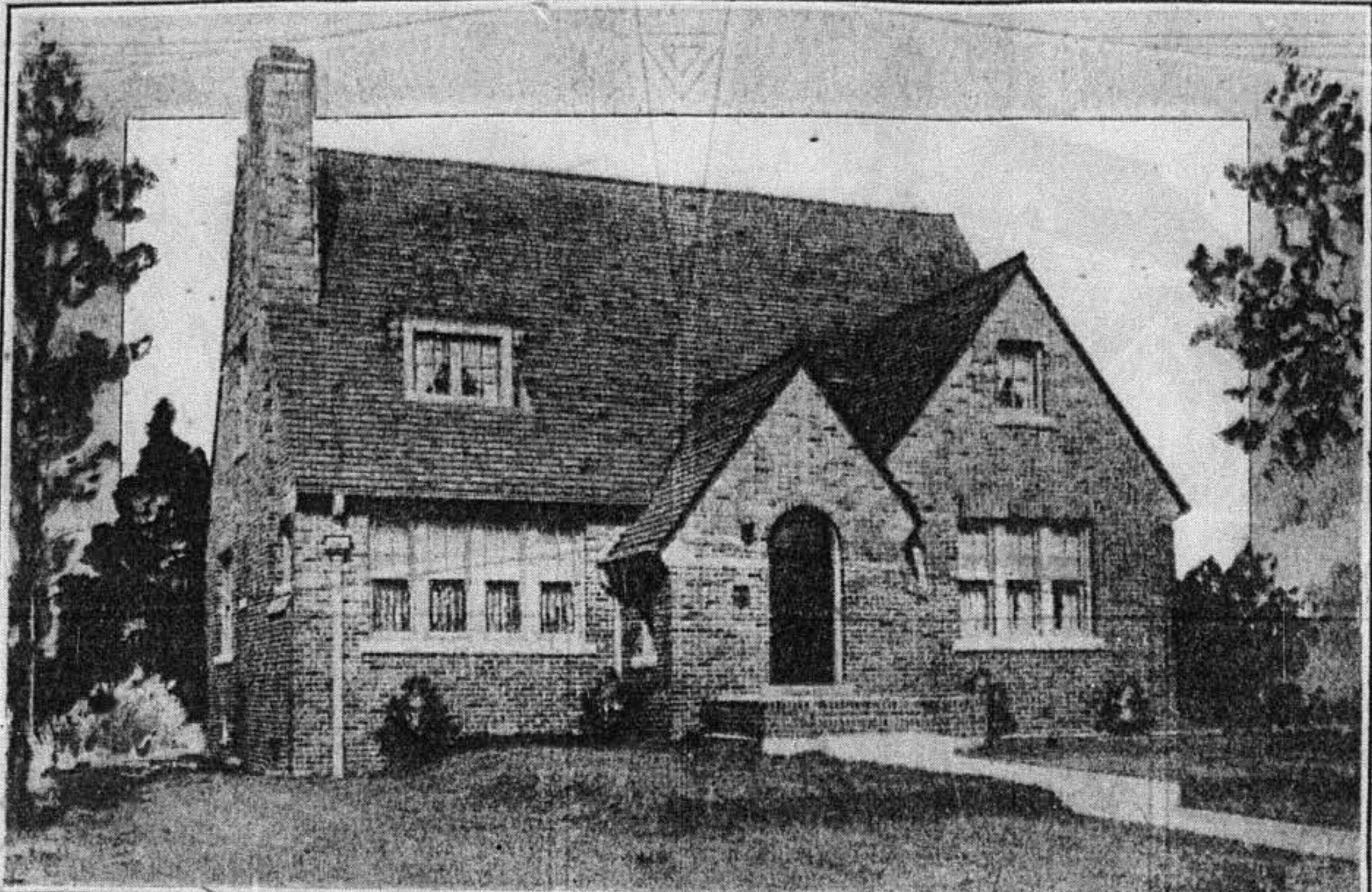
When warm air is specified, the heating survey on Detroit News floor plans, indicating the location of the heater, warm air pipes and cold air returns, is made according to the specifications of the Standard Heating & Ventilating Association.

QUEBEC LEADS PROVINCES IN BUILDING CONTRACTS

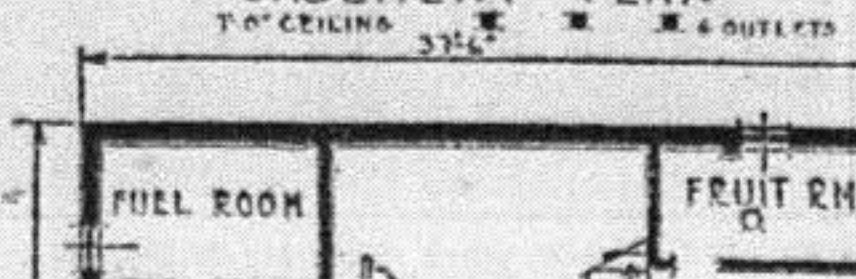
Among the Canadian provinces, Quebec received the greatest share of all construction contracts awarded in February, according to McLean Building Reports, Ltd. Quebec's part was 44.5 per cent of all construction or a total of \$11,545,700 for the month.

Ontario's share was \$7,813,000, or 30.1 per cent; that of the prairie provinces amounted to \$3,282,900, or 12.6 per cent; British Columbia reported a total of \$2,634,900, or 10.2 per cent, and the maritime provinces were low with a total of \$672,000 or 2.6 per cent.

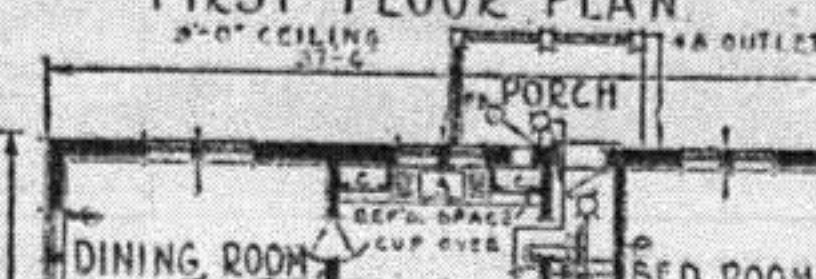
Construction contracts awarded throughout Canada during February exceeded those for January \$5,631,009, or 27.7 per cent, the report says.



BASEMENT PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



HEATING SYMBOLS
— WARM AIR PIPE
- COLD AIR PIPE
— SMOKE PIPE