

HOUSE PROBLEM GROWING ACUTE

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CHISHOLM, Dec. 10.—The housing problem confronting this village is growing to be a serious one, and it is reliably reported that many people are prevented from coming here on account of not being able to find suitable places for their families. Carpenters by the score have been busy all summer and the village recorder's office reports that 60 houses are without numbers at this time, which is taken as proof positive that that number of dwellings have been built since the last house numbering canvass was made about a year ago, and yet the congestion is still pronounced.

One contractor states that he has now promises for contracts for 14 new buildings as soon as spring work opens up and a number of others still pending. This same contractor built three houses this fall after the ground began freezing and finished the inside of the last one only last week.

The coming to Chisholm of a large crew of men on the Monroe stripping contract has added to the problem, and the many men to be employed there will be forced to either board for the present or be forced to go back and forth to their homes, a great many of which are in Hibbing, until such time as they can be taken care of here. The emergency relief houses that were built after the big fire and which were discarded last year for better quarters, have again come into use and are all filled. The houses are small, but comfortable, and will find occupants while the scarcity exists, but men who are receiving good salaries will only consent to occupy them temporarily.

Many residences ranging upwards of \$2,500 have been constructed the past season. The finest, and one which is just receiving the finishing touches is that of Dr. A. B. Kirk of the Kirk-Hood hospital, which will cost, when completed, close to \$10,000.

Carpenters are now enclosing the Jewish synagogue and the shingling will be finished this week. This is the last building started and will keep a set of carpenters busy for several weeks.

The Masonic Temple was not started until after frost came and no further work will be done on it until early spring, although the foundation is ready for the bricklaying.