

Whitehall, November 16, 1934.

The following Address was presented to The KING on the occasion of the opening by His Majesty of the new building of the Royal Institute of British Architects on the 8th November, 1934.

PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH ARCHITECTS.

To The KING's Most Excellent Majesty:

May it please Your Majesty:

The Members of the Royal Institute of British Architects gratefully acknowledge the signal honour which has been conferred upon them by Your Majesty in graciously consenting to open this building, and by Her Majesty the Queen, in being present with Your Majesty.

The objects of the Royal Institute are defined in the first Royal Charter granted to it by King William IV in which it is stated that it is formed "for the general advancement of Civil Architecture and for promoting and facilitating the acquirement of the knowledge of the various Arts and Sciences connected therewith". The record of a hundred years makes it clear that those objects have been faithfully and successfully pursued.

The Royal Institute has been the principal agency in creating the complete system of architectural education which now exists in this country and in fostering the development of similar systems in the Dominions overseas.

Its prizes and scholarships play an important part in stimulating the energy of the ablest students and in assisting those of inadequate means.

Its Code of Professional Practice sets a standard which is observed by all the best elements in the profession.

Beginning as a small Society in London it has developed into a great Imperial Organization which has 100 architectural Societies and Branches working in alliance with it in every part of the British Empire. More than 18,000 persons are now included in the field of its influence.

Its library is the finest and most comprehensive of its kind in the world.

It has always taken a prominent part in all useful movements for the benefit of the community in which its special knowledge and qualifications can be of value.

For 86 years it has been privileged to be the adviser of the Crown in the award of the Royal Gold Medal for Architecture.

Compelled by the growth of its membership and activities to abandon the old premises in which it worked for seventy years, it has, in a time of profound economic depression, carried through the task of erecting a new Headquarter building. It is this building which we have the honour to request Your Majesty to open.

To which address His Majesty was pleased to return the following Gracious Answer:—

The Queen and I are glad to be with you on this occasion, when the Royal Institute of British Architects enters its new home. In thanking you for your loyal Address I heartily congratulate the Institute on this year celebrating its Centenary.

To-day, as the importance of co-ordination in the whole field of building becomes ever more clearly recognised, it is the great task

of the Royal Institute to make the profession of Architecture increasingly useful to the community. In an age when millions of men and women spend their lives in a world of streets, the shaping of these calls for thought, skill and imagination. Every building, whether it be a cathedral or a factory, a shop or a city hall, forms part of a prospect on which many eyes will rest; and the designer of the humblest dwelling has a duty, not only to those who live in it but to those who pass by.

The provision of better homes for very many of my People is an urgent social need, in which the Institute has taken a deep interest. The subject is one for experts with wide knowledge and a broad outlook.

Your Members have also given consideration to the problems raised by the rapid spread of building along new roads and in country places of special beauty. To focus the collective thought of the profession on questions such as these is one of the many services rendered by the Institute.

The Royal Institute has now completed a century of useful work. The enterprise of its Members in providing this new centre for its activities shows that they are preparing for still greater responsibilities and greater successes in the future.

I warmly congratulate the Architect who designed this beautiful building, which I now have much pleasure in declaring open.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,
Buckingham Palace.*

16th November, 1934.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint Lady Mary Dorothea Hope to be a Lady in Waiting to Her Royal Highness Princess Marina of Greece.

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOCAL LOANS.

NOTICE.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Public Works Loans Act, 1897 (60 and 61 Vict., c. 51), the Public Works Loans Act, 1917 (7 and 8 Geo. 5. c. 32), the Public Works Loans Act, 1918 (8 and 9 Geo. 5, c. 27), the Housing Act, 1925 (15 Geo. 5, c. 14), and the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1925 (15 Geo. 5, c. 15), They have been pleased to direct by Their Minute of the 16th November, 1934, that on loans advanced from the Local Loans Fund, on and after the 16th November, 1934, there shall be chargeable in lieu of the rates fixed by the Treasury Minute of the 25th September, 1934, the following rates of interest:—

I.—HOUSING LOANS.

*Rate of
Interest.*

- (1) Loans to Local Authorities secured on Local Rates for any purpose of the Housing Acts and the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts, 1926 and 1931:—

Any period 3½ per cent.