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Date of Construction: 1914
Building Permit: UNKNOWN
Architect: Unknown
Contractor: Unknown

ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST:

Another of the large, 2½-storey single-family dwellings built in this area, Crescentwood, in the pre-World War I era – well built and modestly designed.

The front (east) façade is symmetrical; the centrally located main entrance is topped by a curved and bracketed overhanging roof. The two oriel windows of this level, as well as the upper storey openings, are set in plain wood frames in rectangular openings. Dark brick is used to clad some of the ground floor and also to construct a large flower/shrub garden on both sides of the main steps. The modestly overhanging eaves of the gable roof include oversized wood brackets in the middle and at each end. Two hipped-gable dormers with windows interrupt the front slope of the building. The rest of the structure has been stuccoed.
The home stands on its original location and appears to be in good structural condition. The stuccoing is the main alteration from the original design.

HISTORICAL INTEREST:

The Sprague Lumber Company appears to have built this home as an investment property but by the early 1920s, it is owned by Ralph H. Moore, vice-president and general manager of the National Elevator Company. He, his wife Gertrude and their children John and Robert remain in the home until ca.1935. Charles D. Roblin, president of Consolidated Motors, is listed as the occupant in 1945.
RECOMMENDATION TO HISTORICAL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE:

Under the Historical Buildings By-law, this building meets a number of important criteria:

- its historical importance - one of the oldest warehouses in the Exchange District and its illustration of the expansion of business that occurred in the City and especially in the Exchange District throughout much of the pre-World War I era;
- its associations - its long-term connections to R.H. Moore;
- its design - N/A;
- its architect - N/A;
- its location - contributes greatly to the historic streetscape of two major arteries within the Exchange District; and
- its integrity - its main façades continue to display many of their original elements and design.

ENDNOTES:

1 City of Winnipeg Assessment Rolls, Roll No. 12-042033000, 1920-1950.