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The emphasis in residential construction has shifted from starts to completions. Contractors are now putting their efforts into reducing the backlog of houses under construction rather than commencing new dvellings. Completions in August exceeded atarts by more than 500, a reversal of the trend

|  | 1949 | 1948 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Completions during the first eipht months | 55.435 | 43.571 |
| Completions during August ....... | 9.109 | 6.970 |
| Starts during the first eight months | 57,827 | 60,465 |
| Starts during August ..... | 8,542 | 11,013 |
| Under construction at the end of August | 58,677 | 59.732 |
| Average length of time under construction for dwellings completed in August (months) ................ | 6.9 | 6.2 |

experienced at this time last year. There is also a seasonal decrease in the length of time required to complete a house.

During the first eight months of $1949,55,435$ dwelling units were completed compared with 45.572 in the same period in 1948. On the other hand, starts totalled 57,827 units, only about 3,000 less then in 1948.

The percentage of dwelling units built for rental purposes showed no perceptable difference between August 1949 and the same month ir 1948, the former being $29 \%$ and the latter $28 \%$.

These estimates, $2 s$ well as other statistics contained in this bulletin are the results of a astion-wide survey carried out each month by

the Dominion Dureau of Statistics with the co-operation of the Central Mortgage and Housinf, Corporation. All metropolitan areas and urban centres with a population of 5,000 or more are enumerated completely. Approximately 400 sample areas lying outside these municipalities are also chosen for complete enumeration.

In some of the tables, there appears a column headed "adfustments." These adjustments can arise in various ways. For example, after a start on a dwelling bas been made, construction may cease, or a structure when completed may contain more or less dwelling units than were reported when construction commenced.

Table 1.- Construction of dwelling units in Canada
and the provinces

|  | Under construction January 1 | January 1 to August 31 |  | Adjustments | Under construction August 31 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Started | Completed |  |  |
| Canada 1949 | 56,456 | 57.827 | 55,435 | - 171 | 58,677 |
| Prince Edward Island | 203 | 143 | 206 | - | 140 |
| Hova Scotia | 2,748 | 1,634 | 2,052 | - 1 | 2,329 |
| New Brunswick | 1,069 | 1,452 | 1,035 | - 1 | 1,485 |
| Quebec | 13.848 | 16,236 | 14,929 | - 79 | 15.076 |
| Ontario | 21,112 | 20,931 | 20,025 | - 65 | 21,953 |
| Manitoba | 2,632 | 3,220 | 2,909 | - 20 | 2,923 |
| Saskatchewan | 1,853 | 2,249 | 1.952 | - | 2,150 |
| Alberta | 5,262 | 5,550 | 5,615 | - 5 | 5,192 |
| British Columbia | 7.729 | 6,412 | 6,712 | - | 7,429 |
| Canada 1948 | 42,215 | 60.465 | 43.571 | + 623 | 59,732 |
| Provinces: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prince Edward Island | 209 | 201 | 138 | - 1 | 271 |
| Nova Scotia | 2,161 | 2,354 | 1,293 | $+22$ | 3,244 |
| New Brunswick | 736 | 1,696 | 882 | - 13 | 1,537 |
| quebec | 9,076 | 16,125 | 11,817 | - 16 | 13,368 |
| Ontario | 17,243 | 19,284 | 16,214 | + 167 | 20,480 |
| Manitoba | 2,315 | 3,894 | 2,483 | - 4 | 3,722 |
| Saskatchewan | 1,469 | 2,341 | 1,453 | $\pm 64$ | 2,421 |
| Alberta | 2,310 | 5,843 | 2,469 | + 270 | 5.954 |
| British Columbia | 6,696 | 8,127 | 6,822 | + 134 | 8,735 |

Table 2.- Construction of dwelling units in rural and urban areas by regions

|  | 1949 |  |  | 1948 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jenuery 1 to August 31 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under con- } \\ & \text { struction } \\ & \text { August } 31 \end{aligned}$ | January 1 to August 31 |  | Under construction August 31 |
|  | Started | Completed |  | Started | Completed |  |
| Canada | 57, 827 | 55,435 | 58.677 | 60,465 | 43.571 | 59,732 |
| urban | 41.857 | 44,407 | 43.317 | 45,313 | 33,901 | 46,470 |
| 5000 or more | 37.041 | 38,391 | 37.760 | 37,043 | 28,503 | 38,016 |
| under 5000 | 4,816 | 6,016 | 5,557 | 8.330 | 5,398 | 8,454 |
| rural | 15,970 | 11,028 | 15,360 | 15,092 | 9,670 | 13,262 |
| non-farm | 11,848 | 8,206 | 11,681 | 11, 347 | 7.694 | 10,015 |
| farm | 4,122 | 2,822 | 3,679 | 3,745 | 1.976 | 3,247 |
| Maritime Provinces | 3.229 | 3,293 | 3,954 | 4,251 | 2,313 | 5,052 |
| urban | 1,476 | 2,079 | 1,753 | 2,142 | 1.371 | 2,592 |
| 5000 or more | 1,274 | 1,880 | 1,369 | 1,701 | 1,052 | 2,067 |
| under 5000 | 202 | 199 | 384 | 441 | 319 | 525 |
| rural | 1.753 | 1,214 | 2,201 | 2,109 | 942 | 2,460 |
| non-farm | 1,226 | 892 | 1.522 | 1,598 | 820 | 1,792 |
| farm | 527 | 322 | 679 | 511 | 122 | 668 |
| Quebec | 16,236 | 14,929 | 15,0.6 | 16,125 | 11, 817 | 13,368 |
| urban | 13.678 | 13,161 | 12,386 | 12,983 | 9,291 | 11,592 |
| 5000 or more | 12,789 | 12,201 | 11,139 | 10,992 | 7.653 | 9,621 |
| under 5000 | 889 | 960 | 1,247 | 1.991 | 1,638 | 1.971 |
| rural | 2.558 | 1.708 | 2,690 | 3,142 | 2,526 | 1,776 |
| non-farm | 2,084 | 1.476 | 2,262 | 2,620 | 1.922 | 1,632 |
| farm | 474 | 292 | 428 | 522 | 604 | 144 |
| Ontario | 20,931 | 20,025 | 21,953 | 19,284 | 16,214 | 20,480 |
| urban | 13,480 | 14,969 | 14.835 | 13.500 | 11,309 | 15,071 |
| 5000 or more | 11,982 | 13,296 | 13.295 | 11,712 | 9,362 | 13,199 |
| under 5000 | 1,498 | 1,673 | 1.540 | 1,788 | 1.947 | 1,872 |
| rural | 7,451 | 5,056 | 7,118 | 5.784 | 4.905 | 5.409 |
| non-farm | 6,208 | 4.144 | 5.879 | 4,658 | 4.030 | 4.498 |
| farm | 1,243 | 912 | 1.239 | 1,126 | 875 | 911 |
| Prairie Provinces | 11,019 | 10,476 | 10,265 | 12.078 | 6.405 | 12,097 |
| urban | 8,199 | 8,664 | 7.884 | 9,009 | 5,640 | 9.354 |
| 5000 or more | 6,511 | 6,001 | 6.369 | 5.978 | 4,641 | 6.266 |
| under 5000 | 1,688 | 2,663 | 1.515 | 3.031 | 999 | 3,088 |
| rural | 2,820 | 1,812 | 2,381 | 3.059 | 765 | 2,743 |
| non-farm | 962 | 554 | 1,068 | 1.521 | 390 | 1. 257 |
| farm | 1,858 | 1,258 | 1,313 | 1.548 | 375 | 1.486 |
| British Columbia | 6,41.2 | 6.712 | 7.429 | 8.727 | 6,822 | 8.735 |
| urban | 5,024 | 5.534 | 6,459 | 7.739 | 6,290 | 7.861 |
| 5000 or more | 4.485 | 5.013 | 5,588 | 6,660 | 5.795 | 6,863 |
| under 5000 | 539 | 521 | 871 | 1.079 | 495 | 998 |
| rural | 1,388 | 1.178 | 970 | 988 | 532 | 874 |
| non-farm | 1,368 | 1.140 | 950 | 950 | 532 | 836 |
| farm | 20 | 38 | 20 | 38 | - | 38 |

Teble 3.- Monthly starts by regions

|  | Canada | Maritime Provinces | Quebec | Ontario | Prairie <br> Provinces | British Columbia |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1948 January | 1,675 | 53 | 251 | 610 | 179 | 582 |
| February | 1,894 | 12 | 590 | 397 | 140 | 755 |
| March | 3,109 | 40 | 1,355 | 796 | 134 | 784 |
| April | 8,274 | 1487 | 2,800 | 2,845 | 591 | 1.551 |
| May | 11,407 | 999 | 3.019 | 3.762 | 2,555 | 1,072 |
| June | 13,409 | 982 | 3,613 | 3.740 | 3.564 | 1,510 |
| July | 9,684 | 131 | 2,227 | 3.773 | 1,825 | 1,128 |
| August | 11,013 | 947 | 2,270 | 3,361 | 3.090 | 1.345 |
| September | 10,651 | 686 | 3.079 | 3.673 | 2,314 | 899 |
| October | 7.437 | 280 | 2,075 | 2.759 | 1.511 | 812 |
| November | 7.795 | 287 | 2,282 | 2,974 | 1,636 | 616 |
| December | 3.846 | 208 | 1.421 | 1,286 | 352 | 579 |
| 1949 January | 3.066 | 37 | 624 | 1,248 | 478 | 679 |
| February | 1,745 | 43 | 535 | +781 | 127 | 259 |
| March | 3.585 | 128 | 1,386 | 1,255 | 185 | 631 |
| April | 8,466 | 304 | 2,416 | 3.066 | 1,790 | 890 |
| May | 12,809 | 817 | 3.525 | 4.941 | 2,539 | 987 |
| June | 10,528 | 613 | 3,042 | 3.497 | 2,391 | 985 |
| July | 9,086 | 609 | 2,705 | 3,155 | 1.629 | 988 |
| August | 8,542 | 678 | 2,003 | 2,988 | 1,880 | 993 |

Table 4.- Monthly completions by regions


Table 50- Dwelling units completed during Autisit. 1949 by time under construction for Canada and the provinces

|  | total | MONTES |  |  |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{ll} 1 & \text { year } \\ \text { or } & \text { more } \end{array}\right\|$ | unknown |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1-3 | 4-6 | 7-9 | 10-12 |  |  |
| CANADA | 9,109 | 2,800 | 2,414 | 1.370 | 1,270 | 1,149 | 106 |
| Provinces: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prince Edward Island | 31 | 26 | - | - | 1 | 4 | - |
| Nova Scotia | 203 | 45 | 32 | 18 | 23 | 51 | 34 |
| New Brunswick | 332 | 156 | 51 | 3 | 12 | 67 | 43 |
| Quebec | 2,154 | 777 | 597 | 459 | 225 | 96 | - |
| Ontario | 3,614 | 716 | 1,022 | 548 | 579 | 721 | 28 |
| Manitoba | 486 | 284 | 130 | 24 | 39 | 8 | 1 |
| Se.skatchewan | 484 | 367 | 35 | 5 | 50 | 27 | - |
| Alberta | 802 | 195 | 287 | 90 | 197 | 33 | - |
| Rritish Columbia | 1,003 | 234 | 260 | 223 | 144 | 142 | - |

Table 6- Donling uhits completed during August, 1949 by time under construction, as a percentage of total completions for Canada and regions\#

|  | total | MONTHS |  |  |  | 1 year or more |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $1-3$ | 4-6 | 7-9 | 10-12 |  |
|  | \% | 8 | \% | \% | \% | \% |
| canada | 100 | 31 | 27 | 15 | 14 | 13 |
| Regions: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maritime Frovinces | 100 | 47 | 17 | 4 | 7 | 25 |
| Quebec | 100 | 36 | 28 | 21 | 11 | 4 |
| Ontario | 100 | 20 | 29 | 15 | 16 | 20 |
| Prairie Provinces | 100 | 48 | 25 | 7 | 16 | 4 |
| British Columbia | 100 | 23 | 26 | 22 | 15 | 14 |

* Dwellings for which the leneth of time under construction is unknown have been omitted from the calculation of percentages.

Table 7.- Completions by month by averape time under construction

|  |  | Canada | Meritime Provinces | Quebec | Ontario | Prairle <br> Provinces | British Columbia |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1948 | average | 6.5 | 6.5 | $5 \cdot 5$ | 6.8 | 6.3 | 7.5 |
| 1948 | January | 7.7 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 8.7 | 6.7 | 8.1 |
|  | February | 6.8 | 7.5 | 4.5 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 8.2 |
|  | March | 7.1 | 9.5 | 6.0 | $7 \cdot 4$ | 7.6 | 8.0 |
|  | April | 7.2 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 8.0 |
|  | May | $7=2$ | 6.1 | 7.1 | 6.7 | 8.1 | 8.1 |
|  | June | 6.8 | 7.6 | 6.2 | $7 \cdot 1$ | $7 \cdot 5$ | 6.6 |
|  | July | 6.1 | 6.4 | 4.5 | 7.4 | 6.9 | 7.0 |
|  | August | 6.2 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 7.7 |
|  | September | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 7.0 | 4.9 | 6.3 |
|  | October | 6.1 | 6.1 | 5.1 | 6.6 | 5.1 | 7.7 |
|  | November | 6.0 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 7.8 |
|  | December | 6.4 | 6.7 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 7.5 |
| 1949 | January | 7.0 | 1.6 | 7.7 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 7.6 |
|  | February | 7.3 | 8.6 | 6.6 | 8.0 | 6.4 | 6.6 |
|  | March | 7.9 | 9.9 | 6.9 | 8.2 | 7.4 | 8.7 |
|  | April | 7.9 | 9.4 | 7.6 | 8.0 | $7 \cdot 5$ | 8.3 |
|  | May | 8.0 | 8.5 | 7.0 | 8.5 | 7.3 | 9.7 |
|  | June | 7.4 | 7.9 | 6.4 | 8.2 | 6.6 | 8.5 |
|  | July | $7 \cdot 3$ | 9.9 | 6.0 | 7.8 | 6.9 | 8.7 |
|  | August | 6.9 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 8.4 | 5.1 | 7.6 |

Table 8.- Completions during the first eight months of 1949 by type of dwelling for Canada and the provinces

|  | total | one-family <br> detached | two-family <br> detached | row or <br> terrace | apartment <br> or flat | other |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CANADA | 55,435 | 42,692 | 4,800 | 365 | 7,333 | 245 |
| Provinces: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prince Edward Island | 206 | 200 | 6 | - |  |  |
| Nova Scotia | 2,052 | 2,027 | 2 | - | 23 | - |
| New Brunswick | 1,035 | 874 | 4 | 8 | -146 | - |
| Quebec | 14,929 | 5,487 | 4,256 | 357 | 4,753 | 76 |
| Ontario | 20,025 | 18,315 | 376 | - | 1,316 | 18 |
| Manitoba | 2,909 | 2,564 | 70 | - | 275 | - |
| Saskatchewan | 1,952 | 1,582 | 6 | - | 364 | - |
| Blberta | 5,615 | 5,290 | 38 | - | 139 | 148 |
| British Columbia | 6,712 | 6,353 | 42 | - | 317 | - |

Table 9.- Rental units completed during the first eight months of 1949 under the management of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation

|  | total | one-family <br> detached | two-family <br> detached | row or <br> terrace | apartment <br> or flat | other |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CAivanA | 6,128 | 5,619 | 198 | 8 | 303 | - |
| Provinces: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prince Edward Island | 29 | 29 | - | - |  |  |
| Nora Scotia | 407 | 407 | $\cdots$ | - | - | - |
| New Brunswick | 386 | 236 | - | 8 | 142 | - |
| Quebec | 350 | 150 | 198 | - | - |  |
| Ontario | 2,638 | 2,484 | - | - | 154 | - |
| Manitoba | 851 | 851 | - | - | - |  |
| Saskatchewan | 413 | 413 | - | - | - | - |
| Alberta | 483 | 483 | - | - | - | - |
| British Columbia | 571 | 566 | - | - | 5 | - |

Table 10.- Construction of dwelling units in urban centres of 5000 or more

|  | 1949 |  |  | 1948 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | January 1 to August 31 |  | Under construction August 31 | January 1 to Augret 31 |  | Under construction August 31 |
|  | Started | Completed |  | Started | Completed |  |
| Prince Edward Island: Charlottetown Summerside | 29 30 | 47 19 | 35 21 | 66 | 61 | 64 |
| Nova Scotia: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amherst | 20 | 47 | 22 | 55 | 6 | 58 |
| Halifax | 347 | 608 | 268 | 490 | 281 | 484 |
| New Glasgow | 15 | 65 | 35 | 25 | 12 | 45 |
| Springhill | 21 | 15 | 21 | 25 | 5 | 29 |
| Stellarton | 7 | 74 | 7 | 70 | 6 | 73 |
| Sydney | 177 | 232 | 318 | 156 | 170 | 518 |
| Truro | 35 | 89 | 23 | 82 | 76 | 73 |
| Yarmouth | 30 | 45 | 38 | 37 | 7 | 48 |
| New Brunswick: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Campbellton | 8 | 35 | 7 | 8 | 91 | 8 |
| Edmundston | 22 | 19 | 19 | 39 | 36 | 21 |
| Fredericton | 42 | 228 | 45 | 239 | 107 | 244 |
| Moncton | 236 | 142 | 227 | 199 | 101 | 195 |
| Saint John | 255 | 215 | 283 | 201 | 86 | 196 |
| Quebec: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Asbestos | 30 | 71 | 13 | 76 | 38 | 51 |
| Chicoutimi | 83 | 51 | 54 | 68 | 27 | 56 |
| Drummondville | 112 | 103 | 62 | 88 | 87 | 46 |
| Granby | 76 | 48 | 53 | 79 | 118 | 46 |
| Grand 'Mere | 66 | 52 | 56 | 129 | 57 | 95 |
| Hul1 | 79 | 117 | 92 | 89 | 111 | 85 |
| Joliette | 91 | 98 | 83 | 90 | 83 | 11 |
| Jonquiere | 64 | 56 | 39 | 70 | 34 | 72 |
| Kenogami | 13 | 16 | 10 | 23 | 5 | 22 |
| Lachute | 10 | 11 | 5 | 61 | 18 | 32 |
| La Tuque | 34 | 43 | 31 | 1 | 9 | 7 |
| Magog | 61 | 19 | 50 | 29 | 23 | 16 |
| Montreal | 9,640 | 9,727 | 8,598 | 7.914 | 5,341 | 7.030 |
| Quebec | 952 | 714 | 796 | 489 | 712 | 597 |
| Rimouski | 13 | 49 | 13 | 89 | 47 | 75 |
| Riviere du Loup | 5 | 14 | 4 | 19 | 20 | 17 |
| Rouyn | - |  | 36 | - | - | 36 |
| St. Hyacinthe | 89 | 73 | 67 | 92 | 61 | 78 |
| St.Jean | 158 | 133 | 134 | 66 | 34 | 60 |
| St.jerome | 84 | 51 | 66 | 94 | 55 | 68 |
| St.Joseph d'Alma | 68 | 25 | 65 | 65 | 10 | 65 |
| St.Joseph de Grantham | 19 | 10 | 13 | 93 | 40 | 62 |


|  | 1949 |  |  | 1948 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | January 1 to August 31 |  | Under construction August 31 | January 1 to August 31 |  | Under construction August 31 |
|  | Started | Completed |  | Started | Completed |  |
| Quebec: (concl'd) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shawinigan Falls | 55 | 87 | 38 | 138 | 77 | 109 |
| Sherbrooke | 339 | 193 | 265 | 351 | 235 | 246 |
| Sorel | 7 | 14 | 13 | 5 | 12 | 4 |
| Thetford Mines | 55 | 36 | 37 | 35 | 13 | 26 |
| Trois Rivieres | 432 | 302 | 339 | 538 | 186 | 441 |
| Valleyfield | 87 | 35 | 59 | 66 | 43 | 49 |
| Victoriaville | 67 | 53 | 48 | 135 | 157 | 59 |
| Ontario: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Berrie | 94 | 78 | 93 | 95 | 60 | 85 |
| Belleville | 46 | 191 | 196 | 228 | 115 | 229 |
| Bramptoa | 24 | 18 | 34 | 21 | 45 | 23 |
| Brantford | 368 | 306 | 292 | 147 | 210 | 165 |
| Brockville | 54 | 59 | 42 | 17 | 27 | 18 |
| Chatham | 116 | 128 | 168 | 122 | 117 | 148 |
| Cobourg | 15 | 84 | 26 | 28 | 31 | 26 |
| Collinewoud | 1.5 | 39 | 15 | 22 | 88 | 16 |
| Cornwall | 81 | 88 | 66 | 102 | 83 | 83 |
| Dundas | 12 | 37 | 3 | 21. | 12 | 20 |
| Fort Erie | 19 | 50 | 19 | 59 | 15 | 62 |
| Fort Frances | 25 | 31 | 26 | 29 | 25 | 26 |
| Fort William | 317 | 242 | 284 | 230 | 110 | 2.44 |
| Galt | 66 | 78 | 85 | 80 | 154 | 98 |
| Guelph | 105 | 111 | 113 | 84 | 148 | 99 |
| Hamilton | 967 | 1.150 | 1.003 | 812 | 746 | 1.045 |
| Hawkesbury | 5 | 13 | 4 | 19 | 9 | 15 |
| Ingersoll | 27 | 19 | 30 | 17 | 23 | 24 |
| Kenora | $\square$ | - | 28 | 21 | 38 | 32 |
| Kingiton | 86 | 137 | $9 \%$ | 120 | 139 | 136 |
| Kitchener | 388 | 675 | 452 | 385 | 293 | 519 |
| Leamington | 19 | 28 | 29 | 42 | 46 | 35 |
| Lind say | 36 | 27 | 36 | 34 | '99 | 29 |
| London | 866 | 796 | 907 | 658 | 550 | 645 |
| Midland | 13 | 15 | 11 | 23 | 73 | 20 |
| Niagara Falla | 191 | 252 | 230 | 206 | 189 | 194 |
| North Bey | 81 | 88 | 76 | 109 | 40 | 112 |
| Orillia | 38 | 75 | 32 | 63 | 45 | 57 |
| Oshawa | 137 | 148 | 130 | 170 | 163 | 162 |
| Ottawa | 481 | 752 | 518 | 772 | 781 | 958 |
| Owen Sound | 45 | 64 | 43 | 112 | 115 | 85 |
| Parry Sound | 7 | $\square$ | 7 | 9 | 2 | 10 |
| Pembroke | 56 | 112 | 46 | 49 | 26 | 46 |
| Peterborough | 230 | 291 | 246 | 286 | 158 | 290 |
| Fort Arthur | 206 | 214 | 150 | 219 | 105 | 21.1 |
| Port Colborne | 22 | 25 | 19 | 15 | 15 | 22 |
| Port Hope | 17 | 46 | 22 | 22 | 78 | 18 |
| Preston | 21 | 23 | 22 | 9 | 37 | 14 |


|  | 1949 |  |  | 1948 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | January 1 to August 31 |  | Under construction August 31 | Jenuary 1 to August 31 |  | Under construction August 31 |
|  | Started | Completed |  | Started | Completed |  |
| Ontario: (concl 'd) |  |  |  |  | 10 |  |
| Renfrew | 15 | 63 | 12 | 22 | 10 | 22 |
| St.Catharines | 167 | 286 | 242 | 403 | 274 | 416 |
| St. Thomas | 42 | 105 | 57 | 122 | 35 | 122 |
| Samia | 254 | 394 | 338 | 343 | 240 | 318 |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 303 | 153 | 286 | 219 | 219 | 188 |
| Stmeoe | 33 | 59 | 22 | 42 | 47 | 35 |
| Smith's Falls | 17 | 22 | 16 | 24 | 6 | 27 |
| Stratford | 87 | 117 | 93 | 49 | 50 | 51 |
| Sudbury | 191 | 155 | 150 | 143 | 99 | 106 |
| Thorold | 21 | 96 | 18 | 63 | 33 | 65 |
| Timmins | 10 | 12 | 34 | 25 | 121 | 10 |
| Toronto | 4.576 | 4,166 | 5.314 | 3.815 | 2,488 | 4.790 |
| Trenton | 14 | 61 | 25 | 112 | 107 | 115 |
| Welland | 84 | 145 | 108 | 163 | 110 | 144 |
| Whitby | 39 | 21 | 39 | 19 | 43 | 21 |
| Windisor | 762 | 746 | 877 | 553 | 411 | 677 |
| Woodstock | 73 | 145 | . 64 | 78 | 81 | 71 |
| Manitoba: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brandon Portage la Prairie | 106 25 |  | 69 25 | 128 | 84 26 |  |
| Winnipeg | 2.168 | 2,073 | 2,164 | 1,956 | 1.857 | 2,195 |
| Saskatchewan: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Moose Jaw | 46 | 109 | 72 | 116 | 94 | 132 |
| North Battleford | 15 | 59 | 15 75 | 5 | 44 | 75 107 |
| Prince Albert | 72 | 100 | 75 | 110 | 64 | 107 |
| Regina | 521 | 237 | 510 | 169 | 322 | 177 |
| Saskatoon | 298 | 160 | 287 | 440 | 436 | 426 |
| Swift Current | 54 | 59 | 97 | 66 | 68 | 56 68 |
| Weyburn | 15 | 52 | 16 | 69 | ${ }^{8}$ | 68 |
| Yorkton | 63 | 85 | 82 | 115 | 54 | 120 |
| Alberta: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Calgary | 1,012 | 1,318 | 843 | 1,084 | 671 | 1,119 |
| Edmonton | 1,836 | 1,191 | 1,803 | 1,330 | 632 | 1,275 |
| Lethbridge | 201 | 238 | 226 | 198 | 158 | 213 |
| Medicine Het | 73 | 161 | 85 | 162 | 123 | 215 |
| British Columbia: | 59 | 39 | 57 | 30 | 59 | 24 |
| Kelowa | 82 | 101 | 72 | 121 | 145 | 78 |
| Naneino | 233 | 182 | 228 | 128 | 145 | 60 |
| Nelson | 10 | 10 | 14 | 20 | 17 | 19 |
| Prince George | 7 | 1 | 6 | 22 | 108 | 27 |
| Prince Rupert | ${ }^{2}$ | - | 7 138 | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| Trail | 94 | 204 | 138 | 61 | 67 | -94 |
| Vancouver | 3,273 | 3.775 | 4,125 | 5,312 | 4,369 | 5,315 |
| Vernon Victoria | 18 | 50 | 17 | 160 | 58 | 148 |
| Victoria | 707 | 651 | 924 | 805 | 821 | 993 |

## Appendst 1 : Definitions

(a) The count of dwellings which are started, completed and under construction includes only new residential construction intended for year-round occupancy. Seasonal dwellings such as summer cottages, ski shacks, etc., are not counted. Dwellings which are occupied, even if unfinished, are regarded as completed for the purposes of this survey.
(b) Type of duelling
(1) I-family detached: a one-famlly house open on all four sides, 1.e., not joined to other bulldinge:
(ii) 2-family detached:
a two-family house which containg only two dwelling units, either one above the other open on all four sides, or two units side by side each open on three aldes, sometimes known as a semi-detached house;
(1i1) row or terrace:
a one-family or two-family house in a row of three or more attached houses with common or adjacent walls;
(iv) apartment or flat:
an apartment or flat is (a) a residential structure con taining three or more dwelling unita, or (b) a structure used for business purposes which contains one or more dwelling units (e.g., living quarters in an office building or factory, living quarters over a store, etc.): and
(v) other: any type of dwelling wich does not fall into one of the above classifications.
(c) For the purpose of this survey, a dwelling unit is defined as the living quarters occupied by one household or family. The mumber of dvelling units in a structure will be the number of households the structure is intended to accommodate.
(d) For the purpose of this survey, a farm mast contain at least one acre and must yield agricultural produce valued at $\$ 50$ or more per year.

## Appendix 2: Reliability of the estimates

Since the estimates in this report are partially based on a sample survey, they are subject to sampling variability. This sampling variability is not present in the data on the manicipalities of 5,000 and over. When the estimates include an element derived from the sample survey, the sampling error increases as the olze of the estmate decreases. Care should be taken, therefore, in interpreting the precision of some of the estimates. The estimate of unfinished dwellings for the whole of canada should be winin 5 per cent of the figure which would have been obtalned from a complete count.

The estimates presented in the tables are shown to the last digit instead of being rounded, not because they are assumed to be accurate to the last digit, but rather for convenience in summation and economy in processing the tabulations.

In addftion to sampling variation, all the estimates are subject to errors of enumeration. However, these should be very small as the survey for the most part can be carried on without interview with a consequeat elimination of all types of respondent error. A complete count by the same enumerators would contain the same enumerative error.

## Appendix 3- Motropolitan aroas

Some citios in Canada have reasonably well-dofined suburban areas which, for the purposes of the survey of starts and completions of dwolling units, have beon included under the namo of the principal city. A list of the municipalities includod in these motropolitan areas is given in Housing Bullotin No. $12 \mathrm{pp} \cdot 17-19$.

## Appendix 4 : Index of residential rents

Sinco November, 1947, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has boen collecting data on money ronts from a sample of households in conjunction with tho quarterly labour force survey. Tho aggrogate ront paid by a group of houscholds in a given month is compared with tho aggregate ront paid by the same group for the same living quarters in tho next month. With a matched sample such as this, variations due to changes in the sample and to non-response are oliminated, and the index is a raliable moasure of the chango in ront paid for the samo accommodation. Ront reported is the cash rent paid in all cases rogardless of minor changes in the services provided.

Index of non-farm residential rents in Canada, by rogion
(October, $1947=100$ )

|  | Month | Total | liaritime Provinces | Quobee | Ontario | Frairie <br> Provinces | British Columbia |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1947 | July | 99.7 | 99.4 | 100.0 | 99.4 | 99.5 | 99.5 |
|  | Aucust | 99.8 | 99.5 | 100.1 | 99.6 | 99.7 | 100.1 |
|  | Septomber | 99.9 | 99.7 | 100.1 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 100.0 |
|  | October | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
|  | jovomber | 100.1 | 100.6 | 100.0 | 100.3 | 99.9 | 100.2 |
|  | December | 100.2 | 100.6 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 99.8 | 100.2 |
| 1986 | January | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.1 | 100.4 | 99.9 | 100.5 |
|  | February | 100.3 | 100.8 | 100.1 | 100.4 | 99.9 | 100.5 |
|  | March | 100.6 | 101.0 | 100.5 | 100.7 | 100.0 | 101.2 |
|  | April | 100.6 | 101.1 | 100.5 | 100.7 | 100.0 | 101.2 |
|  | Hay | 100.8 | 101.4 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 100.1 | 101.9 |
|  | Junc | 100.9 | 101.5 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 100.1 | 102.0 |
|  | July | 100.9 | 101.7 | 100.8 | 100.3 | 100.1 | 102.1 |
|  | August | 100.9 | 101.8 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 100.2 | 102.3 |
|  | Septomber | 100.9 | 101.8 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 100.2 | 101.6 |
|  | October | 100.9 | 102.1 | 100.9 | 101.1 | 100.2 | 100.8 |
|  | l.ovember | 101.1 | 102.2 | 101.0 | 101.3 | 100.8 | 100.9 |
|  | December | 101.5 | 102.5 | 101.4 | 101.7 | 101.0 | 101.5 |
| 1049 | January | 101.9 | 102.8 | 101.7 | 102.3 | 101.5 | 102.0 |
|  | Fobruary | 102.0 | 102.9 | 101.7 | 102.4 | 101.6 | 102.1 |
|  | Larch | 102.1 | 103.0 | 101.8 | 102.5 | 101.6 | 102.2 |
|  | April | 102,3 | 103.1 | 102.0 | 102.7 | 102.1 | 102.3 |
|  | May | 102.5 | 103.7 | 102.4 | 102.8 | 102.1 | 102. 4 |
|  | June | 102.9 | 104.0 | 102.7 | 103.2 | 102.7 | 102.7 |

