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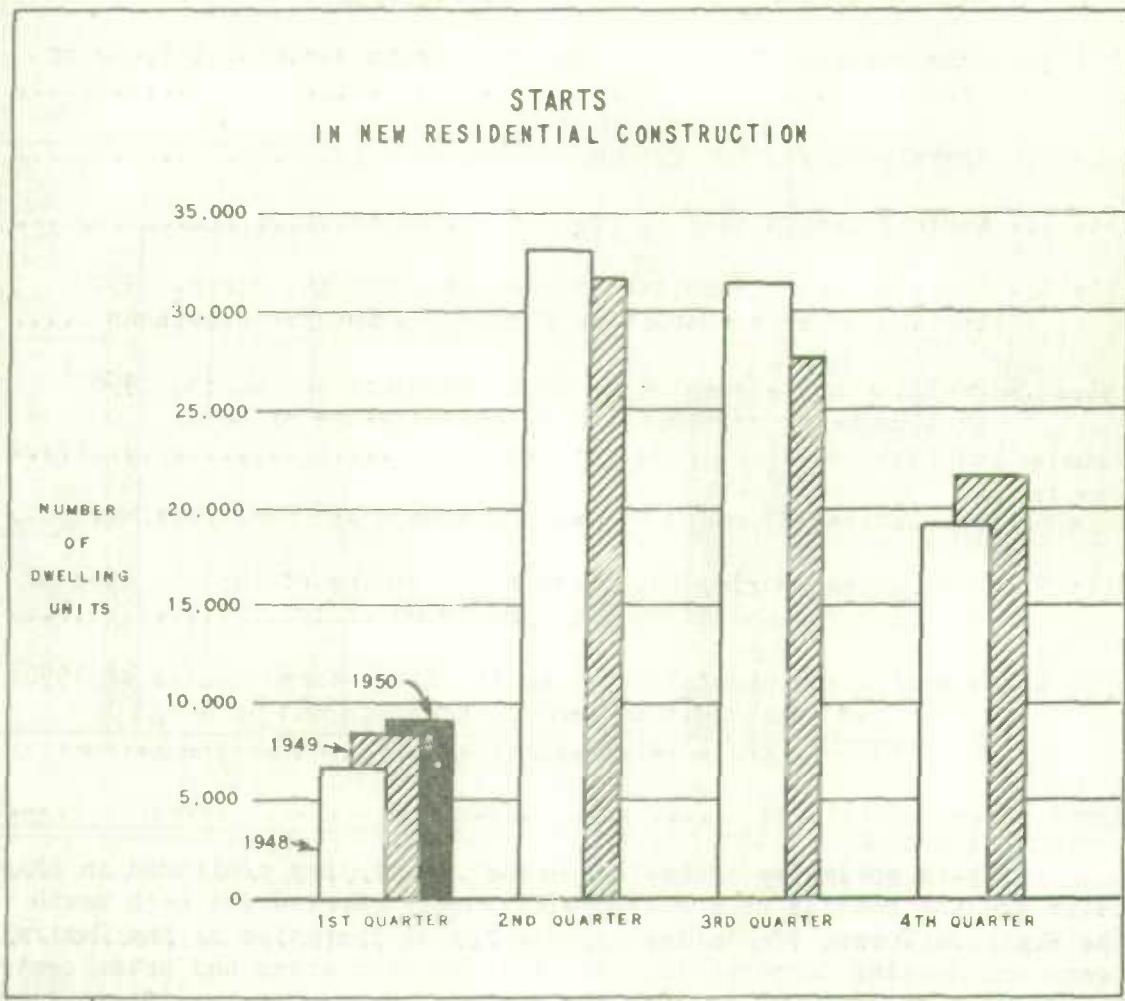
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The same level of activity in residential construction has been maintained in 1950 as in 1949, and there are no significant differences in the figures for starts and completions of dwelling units for the first quarters of the two years.

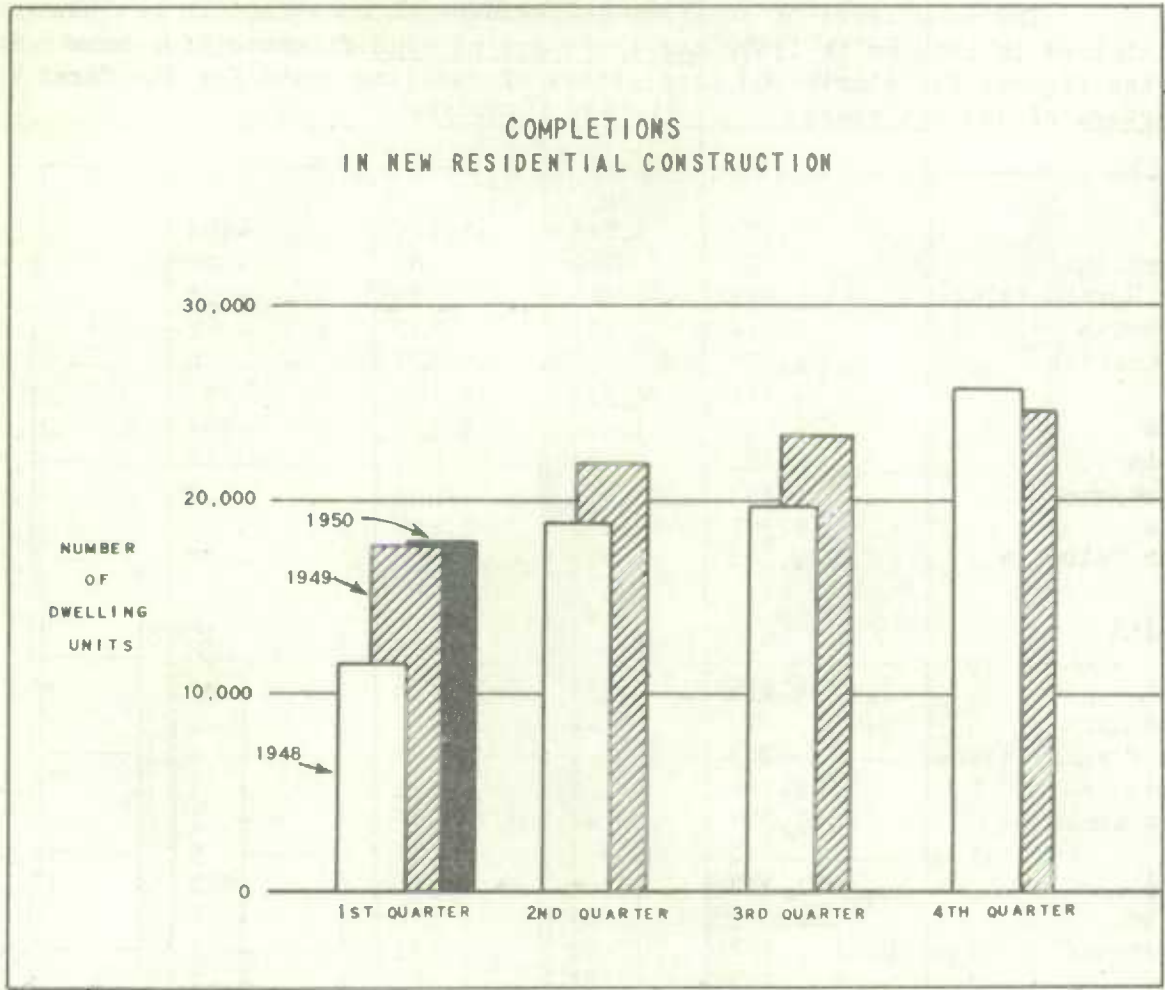


During the first quarter of 1950, an estimated 17,873 dwelling units were completed and an estimated 9,015 units were started. For the first time in this series, figures are included for Newfoundland. Completions in this province are estimated at 161 units and starts at 82 units.

At the end of March, 1950, an estimated 50,161 dwelling units were in various stages of construction. This is an increase of about 2,000 units over the estimate as at the end of March, 1949.

The average length of time required to complete a dwelling unit finished during the month of March, 1950 was estimated at 7.0 months.

From the types of dwelling units being constructed during the first quarter of 1950, it is estimated that 28% are for rental purposes, no change with the estimate for the first quarter of 1949.



These estimates, as well as other statistics contained in this bulletin are the results of a nation-wide survey carried out each month by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics with the co-operation of the Central Mortgage and Housing 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 "adjustments". These adjustments can arise in various ways. For example, after a start on a dwelling has 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 Jan. 1	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31		Adjustments	Under construction Mar. 31
		Started	Completed		
<u>1950</u>					
Canada	59,503	9,015	17,873	-484	50,161
Newfoundland	1,334	161	82	- 26	1,439
Prince Edward Island	292	14	99	+ 14	221
Nova Scotia	2,326	157	590	- 1	1,892
New Brunswick	1,274	130	520	- 6	878
Quebec	14,984	3,572	6,509	- 91	11,956
Ontario	23,585	3,466	5,770	-359	20,922
Manitoba	2,781	84	775	- 12	2,078
Saskatchewan	1,452	43	367	- 9	1,119
Alberta	4,309	472	1,690	- 19	3,072
British Columbia	7,166	916	1,471	- 27	6,584
<u>1949</u>					
Canada	56,456	8,396	17,826	-140	46,886
Newfoundland	..	..	..	..	..
Prince Edward Island	203	1	110	-	94
Nova Scotia	2,748	158	771	- 1	2,136
New Brunswick	1,069	49	279	- 1	838
Quebec	13,848	2,545	4,604	- 5	11,784
Ontario	21,112	3,284	6,396	-112	17,888
Manitoba	2,632	83	838	- 20	1,857
Saskatchewan	1,853	20	381	- 1	1,491
Alberta	5,262	687	1,678	- 2	4,269
British Columbia	7,729	1,569	2,769	-	6,529
<u>1948</u>					
Canada	42,215	6,678	11,569	-205	37,529
Newfoundland	..	..	..	..	..
Prince Edward Island	209	-	36	-	173
Nova Scotia	2,161	91	251	- 23	2,024
New Brunswick	736	14	209	- 10	531
Quebec	9,076	2,196	2,887	- 39	8,346
Ontario	17,243	1,803	4,098	+ 94	15,042
Manitoba	2,315	125	655	-	1,785
Saskatchewan	1,469	78	389	- 13	1,145
Alberta	2,310	250	855	-150	1,855
British Columbia	6,696	2,121	2,189	-	6,628

Note - Newfoundland included only in 1950.

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

	1950			1949		
	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31		Under construction Mar. 31	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31		Under construction Mar. 31
	Started	Completed		Started	Completed	
Canada	9,015	17,873	50,161	8,396	17,826	46,886
urban	8,158	15,154	38,137	6,764	15,217	37,444
5000 or more	7,903	13,261	31,844	6,305	13,138	32,305
under 5000	255	1,893	6,293	459	2,079	5,139
rural	857	2,719	12,024	1,632	2,609	9,442
non-farm	769	2,325	9,908	1,472	1,986	7,525
farm	88	394	2,116	160	623	1,917
Newfoundland	161	82	1,439	..	..	..
urban	63	49	210	..	..	..
5000 or more	63	49	210	..	..	..
under 5000	-	-	-	..	..	..
rural	98	33	1,229	..	..	..
non-farm	98	33	1,073	..	..	..
farm	-	-	156	..	..	..
Maritime Provinces	301	1,209	2,991	208	1,160	3,068
urban	253	885	1,537	131	872	1,617
5000 or more	253	588	1,062	131	872	1,236
under 5000	-	297	475	-	-	381
rural	48	324	1,454	77	288	1,451
non-farm	48	153	884	77	175	1,090
farm	-	171	570	-	113	361
Quebec	3,572	6,509	11,956	2,545	4,604	11,784
urban	3,440	6,087	10,304	2,545	4,286	10,202
5000 or more	3,304	4,997	9,354	2,545	4,058	9,112
under 5000	136	1,090	950	-	228	1,090
rural	132	422	1,652	-	318	1,582
non-farm	132	384	1,414	-	206	1,448
farm	-	38	238	-	112	134
Ontario	3,466	5,770	20,922	3,284	6,396	17,888
urban	3,051	4,452	14,720	2,465	5,297	13,445
5000 or more	3,023	4,252	12,618	2,270	4,617	12,213
under 5000	28	200	2,102	195	680	1,232
rural	415	1,318	6,202	819	1,099	4,443
non-farm	367	1,227	5,372	771	952	3,634
farm	48	91	830	48	147	809

Note - Newfoundland included only in 1950.

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

	1950			1949		
	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31		Under construction Mar. 31	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31		Under construction Mar. 31
	Started	Completed		Started	Completed	
Prairie Provinces	599	2,832	6,269	790	2,897	7,617
urban	511	2,400	5,600	510	2,487	6,373
5000 or more	427	2,106	3,976	328	1,640	4,548
under 5000	84	294	1,624	182	847	1,825
rural	88	432	669	280	410	1,244
non-farm	48	338	367	168	159	669
farm	40	94	302	112	251	575
British Columbia	916	1,471	6,584	1,569	2,769	6,529
urban	840	1,281	5,766	1,113	2,275	5,807
5000 or more	833	1,269	4,624	1,031	1,951	5,196
under 5000	7	12	1,142	82	324	611
rural	76	190	818	456	494	722
non-farm	76	190	798	456	494	684
farm	-	-	20	-	-	38

Table 3.- Construction of dwelling units in urban centres of 5000 or more

	1950			1949		
	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31		Under construction Mar. 31	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31		Under construction Mar. 31
	Started	Completed		Started	Completed	
Newfoundland						
Bell Island	-	4	4	..	..	..
Corner Brook	-	-	16	..	..	..
Grand Falls	-	-	-	..	..	..
St. John's	63	45	190	..	..	..
Prince Edward Island						
Charlottetown	-	5	28	1	38	16
Summerside	-	38	137	-	2	8
Nova Scotia						
Amherst	2	5	9	1	28	22
Halifax	101	120	278	90	243	377
New Glasgow	-	7	18	1	17	69
Springhill	-	7	11	1	-	16

Note - Newfoundland included only in 1950.

Table 3.- Construction of dwelling units in urban centres of 5000 or more - con.

	1950			1949		
	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31		Under construction Mar. 31	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31		Under construction Mar. 31
	Started	Completed		Started	Completed	
Nova Scotia - con.						
Stellarton	1	2	4	-	65	9
Sydney	14	79	241	3	141	235
Truro	4	8	11	17	36	58
Yarmouth	1	17	8	11	23	42
New Brunswick						
Campbellton	-	-	-	-	34	-
Edmundston	-	4	-	-	16	-
Fredericton	3	11	37	3	178	56
Moncton	113	180	150	1	35	99
Saint John	14	105	130	2	16	229
Quebec						
Asbestos	3	10	5	4	51	7
Chicoutimi	3	7	80	11	21	13
Drummondville	9	14	25	24	19	61
Granby	12	32	30	11	13	24
Grand'Mere	2	11	13	-	21	21
Hull	116	52	161	18	51	102
Joliette	29	17	94	8	23	76
Jonquiere	-	2	13	16	24	23
Kenogami	3	-	6	4	1	16
Lachute	1	2	4	1	-	7
La Tuque	-	4	22	10	36	14
Magog	7	6	11	1	5	4
Montreal	2,698	3,965	7,654	2,132	3,083	7,796
Quebec	282	518	547	137	378	317
Rimouski	-	13	16	-	31	18
Riviere du Loup	-	14	19	-	7	6
Rouyn	-	-	76	-	-	36
St. Hyacinthe	1	26	30	-	17	33
St. Jean	16	67	66	25	64	70
St. Jerome	11	22	100	14	20	27
St. Joseph d'Alma	3	10	44	4	3	23
St. Joseph de Grantham	1	-	1	4	-	8
Shawinigan Falls	5	8	12	7	35	42
Sherbrooke	53	41	159	50	35	134
Sorel	1	-	8	5	2	23
Thetford Mines	3	15	7	-	10	8
Trois Rivieres	37	87	118	48	104	155
Valleyfield	7	30	22	11	4	14
Victoriaville	1	24	11	-	-	34

Table 3.- Construction of dwelling units in urban centres of 5000 or more - con.

	1950			1949		
	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31		Under construction Mar. 31	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31		Under construction Mar. 31
	Started	Completed		Started	Completed	
Ontario						
Barrie	19	49	50	2	34	45
Belleville	8	37	231	6	60	287
Brampton	7	11	29	4	7	25
Brantford	60	172	183	183	97	316
Brockville	10	15	30	15	6	56
Chatham	3	51	77	33	61	152
Cobourg	2	6	20	2	8	89
Collingwood	-	12	14	2	6	35
Cornwall	27	42	46	20	47	46
Dundas	2	5	12	7	15	16
Fort Erie	12	6	17	-	30	22
Fort Frances	-	10	35	-	13	19
Fort William	1	90	83	7	102	114
Galt	17	51	95	6	32	71
Guelph	11	35	75	19	41	157
Hamilton	179	252	911	287	375	1,098
Hawkesbury	5	4	12	3	4	11
Ingersoll	7	2	27	8	8	22
Kenora	-	-	26	-	-	28
Kingston	56	59	84	15	36	124
Kitchener	90	162	413	62	226	544
Leamington	3	6	22	1	10	29
Lindsay	-	7	22	6	18	15
London	202	271	885	150	214	769
Midland	7	11	11	2	7	8
Niagara Falls	23	70	174	13	67	238
North Bay	2	16	23	-	43	39
Orillia	9	21	16	6	10	65
Oshawa	7	51	63	12	87	66
Ottawa	765	351	1,134	134	378	545
Owen Sound	4	8	20	3	43	22
Parry Sound	2	3	6	-	-	-
Pembroke	6	9	34	13	40	75
Peterborough	19	105	176	10	102	225
Port Arthur	1	63	80	18	96	81
Port Colborne	1	4	13	1	4	19
Port Hope	-	11	40	2	3	50
Preston	1	4	6	2	12	14
Renfrew	5	3	11	3	12	51
St. Catharines	28	78	240	16	64	309
St. Thomas	3	12	40	16	68	68
Sarnia	12	34	233	40	119	399
Sault Ste. Marie	10	70	66	14	63	87
Simcoe	3	10	15	10	19	39

Table 3.- Construction of dwelling units in urban centres of 5000 or more - con.

	1950			1949		
	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31		Under construction Mar. 31	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31		Under construction Mar. 31
	Started	Completed		Started	Completed	
Ontario - con.						
Smith's Falls	21	7	27	3	8	16
Stratford	-	21	69	-	12	111
Sudbury	21	45	79	10	55	68
Thorold	1	5	21	1	24	70
Timmins	1	2	27	-	6	30
Toronto	1,202	1,521	5,999	1,023	1,263	4,649
Trenton	1	-	26	1	61	12
Welland	3	33	18	1	55	114
Whitby	9	14	14	16	14	23
Windsor	134	281	516	53	412	502
Woodstock	1	34	22	9	20	128
Manitoba						
Brandon	8	10	24	1	48	77
Portage la Prairie	-	34	28	1	3	1
Winnipeg	28	659	1,394	81	563	1,582
Saskatchewan						
Moose Jaw	-	11	44	1	38	98
North Battleford	-	12	6	-	-	59
Prince Albert	2	32	75	-	18	85
Regina	21	176	206	4	73	157
Saskatoon	8	37	212	15	66	96
Swift Current	-	14	16	-	19	83
Weyburn	-	1	6	-	5	48
Yorkton	-	4	13	-	26	78
Alberta						
Calgary	137	305	631	130	411	872
Edmonton	176	598	1,124	73	250	980
Lethbridge	36	189	133	15	71	201
Medicine Hat	11	24	64	7	49	131
British Columbia						
Kamloops	6	19	26	12	5	42
Kelowna	16	21	45	27	26	93
Nanaimo	21	40	204	47	61	163
Nelson	3	3	11	-	7	7
Prince George	-	3	10	2	-	2
Prince Rupert	2	4	11	-	-	5
Trail	4	28	53	35	20	263
Vancouver	639	1,024	3,200	714	1,570	3,774
Vernon	6	6	16	2	24	27
Victoria	136	121	1,048	192	238	820

Table 4.- Monthly starts by regions

	Canada	Newfound- land	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie 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	..	487	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	..	731	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
September	10,035	..	702	2,065	4,303	1,621	1,344
October	8,964	..	552	2,182	3,883	1,667	680
November	8,434	..	340	2,157	3,455	1,817	665
December	4,249	..	200	1,556	1,451	441	601
1950 January	2,152	103	130	579	1,077	99	164
February	2,694	-	36	1,136	1,133	181	208
March	4,169	58	135	1,857	1,256	319	544

Note - Newfoundland included only in 1950.

Table 5.- Monthly completions by regions

	Canada	Newfound- land	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
1948 January	3,736	..	164	564	1,534	610	864
February	3,778	..	174	798	1,451	676	679
March	4,055	..	158	1,525	1,113	613	646
April	6,729	..	277	1,978	2,708	918	848
May	6,284	..	300	1,267	2,803	1,225	689
June	5,946	..	432	1,556	2,175	966	817
July	6,073	..	313	2,067	2,026	620	1,047
August	6,970	..	495	2,062	2,404	777	1,232
September	6,667	..	421	1,988	1,674	1,536	1,048
October	8,164	..	731	2,068	2,923	1,402	1,040
November	9,701	..	625	2,179	3,124	2,916	857
December	7,994	..	719	2,119	2,456	1,736	964
1949 January	6,643	..	325	1,591	2,449	932	1,346
February	4,807	..	358	1,159	1,881	717	692
March	6,388	..	477	1,866	2,066	1,248	731
April	7,251	..	413	2,174	2,329	1,851	484
May	7,374	..	201	1,990	2,880	1,386	917
June	7,275	..	539	1,988	2,454	1,559	735
July	6,588	..	414	2,007	2,352	1,011	804
August	9,109	..	566	2,154	3,614	1,772	1,003
September	7,563	..	398	1,607	2,571	2,041	946
October	9,059	..	365	2,655	3,034	2,037	968
November	8,700	..	615	2,194	3,224	1,882	785
December	6,776	..	444	1,527	2,586	1,358	861
1950 January	6,480	-	490	1,932	2,112	1,326	620
February	4,815	1	341	1,925	1,546	605	397
March	6,578	81	378	2,652	2,112	901	454

Note - Newfoundland included only in 1950.

Table 6.- Dwelling units completed during February and March, 1950 by time under construction for Canada and the provinces.

	Total	Months				Over 1 year	Unknown
		1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12		
<u>February, 1950.</u>							
Canada	4,815	402	2,282	1,297	371	462	1
Newfoundland	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Prince Edward Island	21	-	-	21	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	155	3	31	98	7	16	-
New Brunswick	165	54	34	47	27	3	-
Quebec	1,925	139	1,053	499	172	62	-
Ontario	1,546	130	739	362	121	194	-
Manitoba	247	7	73	141	8	18	-
Saskatchewan	16	3	8	3	2	-	-
Alberta	342	20	197	53	2	70	-
British Columbia	397	46	147	73	32	99	-
<u>March, 1950.</u>							
Canada	6,578	418	2,684	2,592	608	240	36
Newfoundland	81	23	22	-	-	-	36
Prince Edward Island	49	-	3	45	-	1	-
Nova Scotia	185	7	63	95	13	7	-
New Brunswick	144	7	19	89	27	2	-
Quebec	2,652	139	1,227	1,190	81	15	-
Ontario	2,112	179	864	587	392	90	-
Manitoba	283	4	58	166	37	18	-
Saskatchewan	142	1	41	81	13	6	-
Alberta	476	43	240	175	10	8	-
British Columbia	454	15	147	164	35	93	-

Table 7.- Dwelling units completed during February and March, 1950 by time under construction as a percentage of total completions for Canada and regions.

	Total	Months				Over 1 year
		1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	
	%	%	%	%	%	
<u>February, 1950.</u>						
Canada	100	8	47	27	8	10
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maritime Provinces	100	17	19	49	9	6
Quebec	100	7	55	26	9	3
Ontario	100	8	48	23	8	13
Prairie Provinces	100	5	46	33	2	14
British Columbia	100	12	37	18	8	25
<u>March, 1950.</u>						
Canada	100	6	41	40	9	4
Newfoundland	100	51	49	-	-	-
Maritime Provinces	100	4	22	61	10	3
Quebec	100	5	46	45	3	1
Ontario	100	8	41	28	19	4
Prairie Provinces	100	5	38	47	7	3
British Columbia	100	3	32	36	8	21

Note - Dwellings for which length of time under construction is unknown have been omitted from the calculation of percentages.

Table 8.- Completions by month by average time under construction

	Canada	Newfound- land	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
1948 average	6.5	..	6.5	5.5	6.8	6.3	7.5
1949 average	7.0	..	7.9	6.4	7.5	6.0	8.1
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	7.4	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	7.1	7.5	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	..	7.6	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	7.5	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	7.3	..	9.9	6.0	7.8	6.9	8.7
August	6.9	..	6.5	5.8	8.4	5.1	7.6
September	5.9	..	5.9	5.4	6.4	4.8	8.0
October	6.1	..	7.4	5.5	6.5	5.2	8.2
November	6.3	..	7.1	6.5	6.3	5.2	7.3
December	6.5	..	6.2	6.0	7.3	5.3	7.5
1950 January	6.8	-	8.4	5.9	7.2	6.6	7.7
February	7.2	-	7.3	6.2	7.4	8.3	9.6
March	7.0	3.0	7.5	6.4	7.2	7.1	9.6

Note - Newfoundland included only in 1950.

Table 9.- Completions during the first three months of 1950
by type of dwelling, for Canada and the Provinces.

	Total	One-family detached	Two-family detached	Row or terrace	Apartment or flat	Other
Canada	17,873	13,002	1,876	6	2,936	53
Newfoundland	82	82	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	99	90	2	-	7	-
Nova Scotia	590	586	-	-	4	-
New Brunswick	520	352	106	4	58	-
Quebec	6,509	2,508	1,714	2	2,253	32
Ontario	5,770	5,389	34	-	332	15
Manitoba	775	690	4	-	81	-
Saskatchewan	367	367	-	-	-	-
Alberta	1,690	1,576	14	-	96	4
British Columbia	1,471	1,362	2	-	105	2

Table 10.- Rental units completed during the first three months of 1950 under the management of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

	Total	One-family detached	Two-family detached	Row or terrace	Apartment or flat	Other
Canada	1,130	1,118	12	-	-	-
Newfoundland	23	23	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	24	24	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	177	177	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	90	90	-	-	-	-
Quebec	46	38	8	-	-	-
Ontario	470	466	4	-	-	-
Manitoba	79	79	-	-	-	-
Saskatchewan	74	74	-	-	-	-
Alberta	71	71	-	-	-	-
British Columbia	76	76	-	-	-	-

Appendix 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 dwelling
- (i) 1-family detached: a one-family house open on all four sides, i.e., not joined to other buildings;
 - (ii) 2-family detached: a two-family house which contains only two dwelling units, either one above the other open on all four sides, or two units side by side each open on three sides, sometimes known as a semi-detached house;
 - (iii) 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 containing three or more dwelling units, 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 which does not fall into one of the above classifications.
- (c) For the purpose of this survey, a dwelling unit is defined as a structurally separate set of living quarters having its own entrance from outside of the building, or from a common passage inside. The number of dwelling 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 must 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 municipalities of 5,000 and over. When the estimates include an element derived from the sample survey, the sampling error increases as the size of the estimate 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 within 5 per cent of the figure which would have been obtained 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 addition 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 consequent elimination of all types of respondent error. A complete count by the same enumerators would contain the same enumerative error.

Appendix 3 : Metropolitan areas

Some cities in Canada have reasonably well-defined suburban areas which, for the purposes of the survey of starts and completions of dwelling units, have been included under the name of the principal city. A list of the municipalities included in these metropolitan areas is given in Housing Bulletin No. 12 pp. 17-19.

Appendix 4 : Index of residential rents

Since November, 1947, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has been collecting data on money rents from a sample of households in conjunction with the quarterly labour force survey. The aggregate rent paid by a group of households in a given month is compared with the aggregate rent paid by the same group for the same living quarters in the next month. With a matched sample such as this, variations due to changes in the sample and to non-response are eliminated, and the index is a reliable measure of the change in rent paid for the same accommodation. Rent reported is the cash rent paid in all cases regardless of minor changes in the services provided.

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

MONTH	Total	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
1947 July	99.7	99.4	100.0	99.4	99.5	99.9
October	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1948 January	100.2	100.8	100.1	100.4	99.9	100.5
April	100.6	101.1	100.5	100.7	100.0	101.2
July	100.9	101.7	100.8	100.8	100.1	102.1
October	100.9	102.1	100.9	101.1	100.2	100.8
1949 January	101.9	102.8	101.7	102.3	101.5	102.0
February	102.0	102.9	101.7	102.4	101.6	102.1
March	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
July	103.1	104.0	102.8	103.6	103.1	102.9
August	103.3	104.4	102.9	103.8	103.4	103.1
September	103.7	104.5	103.3	104.5	103.6	103.2
October	104.1	104.7	103.6	105.0	103.9	103.2
November	104.2	104.8	103.6	105.3	104.2	103.2
December	104.5	104.4	103.9	105.7	104.6	103.3
1950 January	104.9	104.6	104.1	106.5	104.9	103.8
February	110.0	106.8	111.7	109.7	109.4	107.1
March	110.6	108.1	111.8	110.7	109.8	108.0

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