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It is estimated that 29,441 new dwelling units were completed in Canade during the first five months of 1950. In the same period, an estimated 30,084 new dwelling units were started and at May 31, 1950, there were an estimated 58,130 units in various stages of construction.

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IN NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION FIRST FIVE MONTHS. 1948. I944 AND I950


The number of new dwelling units started in the first five months of 1950 was a little higher than for the corresponding period in 1949. However, there were about 3,000 fewer completions from Januery to May in 1950 than in 1949. Activity this year, as compared with the same period last year, fell off in all provinces except Quebec and New Brunswick both of which showed substantial increases.

Average length of time under construction for dwelling units completed in May, 1950, was estimated to be 8.5 months.

From the types of dwelling units built it is estimated that $28 \%$ of the units completed in the first five months of 1950 were intended for rental.


These estimates, as well as other statistics contained in this bulletin are the results of a nation-wide survey carried out mach month by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics with the co-operation of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. All metropolitan areas and urban centrea with a population of 5,000 or more are onumerated completely. Approximately 400 sample areas lying outside these municipalities are also chosen for complete enumeration.

A colum headed "Adjustmentr" appears in Table 1. Theee 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 contein more or less dwelling units then were roported when construction commenced.

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

|  | Under construction Jan. 1 | Jan. 1 to May 31 |  | Adjustments | Under construction May 31 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Started | Completed |  |  |
| Canada | 59,503 | 30,084 | 29,441 | - 2,016 | 58,130 |
| Newfoundland | 1,334 | 290 | 305 | + 26 | 1,345 |
| Prince Edward Island | 292 | 34 | 154 | + 14 | 186 |
| Nova Scotia | 2,326 | 612 | 1,042 | + 9 | 1,905 |
| New Brunswick | 1,274 | 834 | 680 | - 7 | 1,421 |
| Quebec | 14,984 | 11,588 | 9,934 | - 745 | 15.893 |
| Ontario | 23,585 | 9,306 | 9,925 | - 1,221 | 21,745 |
| Manitoba | 2,781 | 954 | 1,146 | - 13 | 2,576 |
| Saskatchewan | 1,452 | 690 | 648 | - 12 | 1,482 |
| Alberta | 4,309 | 3,052 | 2,884 | - 2 | 4,475 |
| British Columbia | 7,166 | 2,724 | 2,723 | - 65 | 7,102 |
| Canada | 56,456 | 29,671 | 32,451 | - 143 | 53,533 |
| Newfoundland | - 2 | $\cdots$ | -i12 | - | -135 |
| Prince Edward Island | 203 | 44 | 112 | - | 135 |
| Nove Scotia | 2,748 | 761 | 1,255 | - | 2,254 |
| New Brunswick | 1,069 | 524 | 407 | 1 | 1,185 |
| Quebec | 13,848 | 8,486 | 8,768 | - 9 | 13,557 |
| Ontario | 21,112 | 11,291 | 11,605 | 106 | 20,692 |
| Manitoba | 2,632 | 1,385 | 1,736 | 21 | 2,260 |
| Saskatchowan | 1,853 | 775 | 650 | 1 | 1,977 |
| Alberta | 5,262 | 2,959 | 3,748 | 6 | 4,467 |
| British Columbia | 7.729 | 3,446 | 4,170 | + 1 | 7,006 |
| Canada | 42,215 | 26,359 | 24,582 | + 580 | 44,572 |
| Newfoundland | - | .. | - | - | - 175 |
| Prince Edward Island | 209 | 45 | 78 | 1 | 175 |
| Nova Scotia | 2,161 | 856 | 571 | + 23 | 2,469 |
| New Brunswick | 736 | 690 | 424 | 12 | . 990 |
| Quebec | 9,076 | 8,015 | 6,132 | + 5 | 10,964 |
| Ontario | 17,243 | 8,410 | 9,609 | + 161 | 16,205 |
| Manitoba | 2,315 | 1,314 | 1,482 | 79 | 2,147 |
| Saskatchewan | 1,469 | 654 | 918 | 79 | 1,284 |
| Alberta | 2,310 | 1,631 | 1,642 | 243 $+\quad 82$ | 2,542 |
| British Columbia | 6,696 | 4,744 | 3,726 | + 82 | 7,796 |

Note Newfoundland included only in 1950.

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

|  | 1950 |  |  | 1949 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jan. 1 to May 31 |  | Under cone struction May 31 | Jan. 1 to May 31 |  | Under construction May 31 |
|  | Started | Completed |  | Started | Completed |  |
| Canada | 30,084 | 29,441 | 58,130 | 29,671 | 32,451 | 53,533 |
| urban | 25,194 | 25,018 | 44,560 | 21,019 | 26,814 | 40,100 |
| 5000 or more | 23,379 | 22,194 | 37,648 | 18,921 | 23,128 | 34,929 |
| under 5000 | 1,815 | 2,824 | 6,912 | 2,098 | 3.686 | 5,171 |
| rural | 4,890 | 4,423 | 13,570 | 8,652 | 5,637 | 13,433 |
| non-farm | 4,001 | 3,699 | 10,983 | 6,835 | 4,506 | 10,368 |
| farm | 889 | 724 | 2,587 | 1,817 | 1,131 | 3,065 |
| Newfoundland | 290 | 305 | 1,345 | - | - | - |
| urban | 83 | 76 | 203 | -. | .. | . |
| 5000 or more under 5000 | 83. | 76 | 203 | $\cdots$ | - | - |
| rural | 207 | 229 | 1,142 | - | - | -. |
| non-farm | 203 | 229 | 982 | . | - | . |
| farm | 4 | - | 160 | - | - |  |
| Maritime Provinces | 1,480 | 1,876 | 3,512 | 1,329 | 1,774 | 3,574 |
| urban | 956 | 1,458 | 1,676 | 513 | 1,514 | 1,556 |
| 5000 or more | 731 | 1,008 | 1,129 | 462 | 1,288- | 1,150 |
| under 5000 | 225 | 450 | 547 | 51 | 26 | 406 |
| rural | 524 | 418 | 1,836 | 816 | 460 | 2,018 |
| non-farm | 458 | 210 | 1,237 | 552 |  | 1,416 |
| farm | 66 | 208 | 599 | 264 | 136 | 602 |
| Quebec | 11,588 | 9,934 | 15,893 | 8,486 | 8,768 | 13,557 |
| urban | 10,553 | 9,340 | 13,510 | 7,440 | 7,748 | 11,631 |
| 5000 or more | 10,207 | 8,061 | 12,539 | 7,012 | 7,302 | 10,331 |
| under 5000 | 346 | 1,279 | 971 | 428 | , 446 | 1,300 |
| rural | 1,035 | 594 | 2,383 | 1,046 | 1,020 | 1,926 |
| non-farm | 878 | 556 | 1,988 | 878 | 880 | 1,652 |
| farm | 157 | 38 | 395 | 168 | 140 | 274 |
| Ontario | 9,306 | 9,925 | 21,745 | 11,291 | 11,605 | 20,692 |
| urban | 7,493 | 7,842 | 15,693 | 6,590 | 8,955 | 13,918 |
| 5000 or more | 7,024 | 7,470 | 13,332 | 5,992 | 7,914 | 12,644 |
| under 5000 | 469 | 372 | 2,361 | 598 | 1,041 | 1,274 |
| rural | 1,813 | 2,083 | 6,052 | 4,701 | 2,650 | 6,774 |
| non-farm | 1,435 | 1,918 | 5,066 | 4,245 | 2,263 | 5,797 |
| farm | 378 | 265 | 986 | 456 | 2, 387 | 977 |

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 May 31 |  | Under construction May 31 | Jan. 1 to May 31 |  | Under construction May 31 |
|  | Started | Completed |  | Started | Completed |  |
| Prairie Provinces | 4,696 | 4,678 | 8,533 | 5,119 | 6,134 | 8,704 |
| urban | 3,689 | 4,111 | 7,080 | 3,810 | 5,349 | 6,807 |
| 5000 or more | 2,950 | 3,461 | 5,157 | 2,925 | 3,637 | 5,144 |
| under 5000 | 739 | 650 | 1,923 | 885 | 1,712 | 1,663 |
| rural | 1,007 | 567 | 1,453 | 1,309 | 785 | 1,897 |
| non-farm | 723 | 354 | 1,026 | 400 | 355 | 705 |
| farm | 284 | 213 | 427 | 909 | 430 | 1,192 |
| British Columbia | 2,724 | 2,723 | 7,102 | 3,446 | 4,170 |  |
| urban | 2,420 | 2,191 | 6,398 | 2,666 | 3,448 | $6,188$ |
| 5000 or more | 2,384 | 2,118 | 5,288 | 2,530 | 2,987 | 5,660 |
| under 5000 | 36 | 73 | 1,110 | 136 | 461 | 528 |
| rural non-farm | 304 | 532 | 704 | $78 r$ | 722 | 818 |
| non-farm farm | 304 | 532 | 684 | 760 | 684 | 798 |
| farm | - | - | 20 | 20 | 38 | 20 |

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

|  | 1950 |  |  | 1949 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jan. 1 to Nay 31 |  | Under construction May 31 | Jan. 1 to hay 31 |  | Under construction May 31 |
|  | Started | Completed |  | Started | Completed. |  |
| Newfoundland |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Boll Island | 17 | 4 | 21 | - | - | - |
| Corner Brook | - | - | 16 | . | - | . |
| Grand Falls | 3 | - | 3 | - | - | - |
| St. John's | 63 | 72 | 163 | - | * | - |
| Prince Edward Island Charlottetown | 12 | 16 |  | 2 | 40 | 15 |
| Summersido | 8 | 68 | 115 | - | 2 | 8 |
| Nova Scotia |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aacherst | 3 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 39 | 16 |
| Halifax | 251 | 285 | 273 | 199 | 404 | 324 |
| New Glasgow | 1 | 14 | 12 | 3 | 60 | 28 |
| Springhill | - | 8 | 10 | 1 | 7 | 9 |

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|  | 1950 |  |  | 1949 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jan. 1 to May 31 |  | Under construction May 31 | Jan. 1 to May 31 |  | Under construction May 31 |
|  | Started | Completed |  | Started | Completed |  |
| Nova Scotia - Con. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stellarton | 3 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 68 | 7 |
| Sydney | 119 | 166 | 259 | 78 | 176 | 275 |
| Truro | 16 | 13 | 18 | 25 | 50 | 52 |
| Yarmouth | 10 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 35 | 34 |
| New Brunswick |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Campbellton | 4 | $\cdots$ | 4 | 1 | 35 | - |
| Edmundst on | 15 | 4 | 15 | 21 | 16 | 21 |
| Frodericton | 11 | 16 | 40 | 3 | 221 | 13 |
| Moncton | 228 | 190 | 254 | 39 | 99 | 73 |
| Saint John | 50 | 200 | 71 | 68 | 36 | 275 |
| Quebec |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Asbestos | 37 | 17 | 32 | 24 | 58 | 20 |
| Chicoutimi | 12 | 13 | 79 | 55 | 26 | 52 |
| Drumondville | 113 | 35 | 108 | 62 | 37 | 81 |
| Grandby | 84 | 46 | 88 | 34 | 26 | 34 |
| Grand 'Mère | 68 | 18 | 72 | 20 | 24 | 38 |
| Hull | 184 | 105 | 176 | 40 | 88 | 82 |
| Joliette | 75 | 108 | 49 | 28 | 47 | 71 |
| Jonquiere | 2 | 9 | 8 | 36 | 24 | 43 |
| Kenogami | 40 | 1 | 42 | 7 | 13 | 7 |
| Lachute | 18 | 4 | 19 | 8 | $=$ | 14 |
| La Tuque | 29 | 20 | 36 | 24 | 37 | 27 |
| Miagog | 48 | 11 | 47 | 21 | 7 | - 22 |
| Miontreal | 8,311 | 6,143 | 10,443 | 5,469 | 5,735 | 8,482 |
| Quebec | 448 | 770 | 461 | 394 | 517 | 435 |
| Rimouski | - | 29 | = | 13 | 44 | 18 |
| Riviere du Loup | $\bigcirc$ | 33 | 76 | 5 | 12 | 6 |
| Rouyn | 67 | 51 | 76 | $\bigcirc$ | 53 | 36 |
| St. Hyacinthe | 67 | 51 | 71 |  |  | 26 85 |
| St. Jean | 63 56 | 101 | 77 | 72 | 96 29 | 85 57 |
| St. Jerome ${ }^{\text {St }}$ | 56 20 | 71 15 | 96 56 | 53 24 | 29 5 | 57 41 |
| St. Joseph d'Alma St. Josoph de | 20 | 15 | 56 13 | 24 8 | 5 | 41 |
| St. Josoph de Grantham | 13 | - | 13 | 8 | - | 12 |
| Shawinigan Falls | 55 | 10 | 57 | 34 | 82 | 22 |
| Sherbrooke | 142 | 199 | 90 | 146 | 95 | 170 |
| Sorel | 6 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 11 |
| Thetford Mines | 36 | 21 | 34 | 33 | 10 | 41 |
| Trois Riviores | 177 | 153 | 192 | 296 | 176 | 330 |
| Valleyfield | 80 | 46 | 79 | 40 | 14 | 33 |
| Victoriaville | 23 | 26 | 31 | 34 | 33 | 35 |

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|  | 1950 |  |  | 1949 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jan. 1 to May 31 |  | Under construction May 31 | Jan. 1 to May 31 |  | Under construction May 31 |
|  | Started | Completed |  | Started | Completed |  |
| Ontario = con. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Smith's Falls | 35 | 23 | 25 | 8 | 16 | 13 |
| Stratford | 16 | 73 | 33 | 26 | 52 | 97 |
| Sudbury | 156 | 63 | 196 | 135 | 110 | 138 |
| Thorold | 13 | 13 | 25 | 11 | 43 | 61 |
| Timmins | 9 | 6 | 31 | 6 | 10 | 32 |
| Toronto | 2,336 | 2,578 | 6,075 | 2,202 | 2,301 | 4,802 |
| Trenton | 91 | 8 | 108 | 1 | 61 | 12 |
| Welland | 27 | 52 | 23 | 24 | 87 | 106 |
| Whitby | 24 | 21 | 20 | 34 | 18 | 37 |
| Windsor | 401 | 399 | 665 | 242 | 613 | 490 |
| Woodstock | 44 | 47 | 52 | 38 | 43 | 131 |
| Manitoba |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brandon |  | 31 35 |  |  |  |  |
| Portage la Prairie Winnipeg |  | 35 1,001 | 33 1,684 | 6 | 3 1,319 | 1,663 |
| Saskatchewan |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Moose Jaw | 19 | 16 | 57 | 26 | 83 | 78 |
| North Battieford | 9 | 16 | 11 | 8 | 27 | 40 |
| Prince Albert | 37 | 81 | 61 | 5 | 59 | 49 |
| Regina | 167 | 217 | 311 | 201 | 102 | 325 |
| Saskatoon | 165 | 106 | 298 | 128 | 83 | 193 |
| Swift Current | 2 | 15 | 17 | 31 | 25 | 108 |
| Weyburn | 5 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 29 | 33 |
| Yorkton | 22 | 8 | 31 | 27 | 50 | 81 |
| Al berta |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Caigary | 870 | 593 | 1,093 | 545 | 912 | 782 |
| Edmonton | 703 | 1,069 | 1,180 | 847 | 629 | 1,375 |
| Lethbridge | 139 | 227 | 198 | 78 | 151 | 184 |
| Medicine Hat | 59 | 43 | 93 | 40 | 74 | 139 |
| British Columbia Kamloops |  |  |  |  |  | 62 |
| Kamloops Kelowna | 13 49 | 30 36 | 59 | 37 57 | 55 | 94 |
| Nanaimo | 54 | 77 | 200 | 117 | 106 | 188 |
| Nelson | 15 | 5 | 21 | 4 | 8 | 10 |
| Prince George | 10 | 4 | 19 | 6 | - | 6 |
| Prince Rupert | 6 | 8 | 9 | - | - | 5 |
| Trail | 27 | 32 | 40 | 64 | 35 | 277 |
| Vancouver | 1,897 | 1,623 | 3,860 | 1,828 | 2,308 | 4,151 |
| Vernon | 16 | 14 | 17 | 9 | 34 | 24 |
| Victoria | 297 | 289 | 1,041 | 408 | 431 | 843 |

Table 4. - Monthly starts by regions


Note - Newfoundland included only in 1950.

Table 5.- Monthly completions by regions

|  |  | Canada | Newfoundland | Maritime <br> Provinces | Quebec | Ontario | Prairie Provinces | British Columbia |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1948 | January <br> February <br> March | $\begin{aligned} & 3,736 \\ & 3,778 \\ & 4,055 \end{aligned}$ | - | $\begin{aligned} & 164 \\ & 174 \\ & 158 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 564 \\ 798 \\ 1,525 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,534 \\ & 1,451 \\ & 1,113 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 610 \\ & 676 \\ & 613 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 864 \\ & 679 \\ & 646 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | April Kay June | $\begin{aligned} & 6,729 \\ & 6,284 \\ & 5,946 \end{aligned}$ | $\because$ | $\begin{aligned} & 277 \\ & 300 \\ & 432 \end{aligned}$ | 1,978 1,267 1,556 | 2,708 2,803 2,175 | $\begin{array}{r} 918 \\ 1,225 \\ 966 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 848 \\ & 689 \\ & 817 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | July August September | $\begin{aligned} & 6,073 \\ & 6,970 \\ & 6,667 \end{aligned}$ | -. | $\begin{aligned} & 313 \\ & 495 \\ & 421 \end{aligned}$ | 2,067 2,062 1,988 | 2,026 2,404 1,674 | $\begin{array}{r} 620 \\ 777 \\ 1,536 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,047 \\ & 1,232 \\ & 1,048 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | October November December | $\begin{aligned} & 8,164 \\ & 9,701 \\ & 7,994 \end{aligned}$ | - | 731 625 719 | 2,068 2,179 2,119 | 2,923 3,124 2,456 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,402 \\ & 2,916 \\ & 1,736 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,040 \\ 857 \\ 964 \end{array}$ |
| 1949 | January <br> Fobruary <br> March | $\begin{aligned} & 6,643 \\ & 4,807 \\ & 6,388 \end{aligned}$ | $\because$ | 325 358 477 | 1,591 1,159 1,866 | 2,449 1,881 2,066 | $\begin{array}{r} 932 \\ 717 \\ 1,248 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,346 \\ 692 \\ 731 \end{array}$ |
|  | April May June | $\begin{aligned} & 7,251 \\ & 7,374 \\ & 7,275 \end{aligned}$ | $\because$ | $\begin{aligned} & 413 \\ & 201 \\ & 539 \end{aligned}$ | 2,174 1,990 1,988 | 2,329 2,880 2,454 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,851 \\ & 1,386 \\ & 1,559 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 484 \\ & 917 \\ & 735 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | July August Soptember | $\begin{aligned} & 6,588 \\ & 9,109 \\ & 7,563 \end{aligned}$ | $\because$ | 414 566 398 | 2,007 2,154 1,607 | 2,352 3,614 2,571 | 1,011 1,772 2,041 | 804 1,003 946 |
|  | October <br> November <br> Docember | $\begin{aligned} & 9,059 \\ & 8,700 \\ & 6,776 \end{aligned}$ | $\because$ | $\begin{aligned} & 365 \\ & 615 \\ & 444 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,655 \\ & 2,194 \\ & 1,527 \end{aligned}$ | 3,034 3,224 2,586 | $\begin{aligned} & 2,037 \\ & 1,882 \\ & 1,358 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 968 \\ & 785 \\ & 861 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1950 | January | 6,480 | - | 490 | 1,932 | 2,112 | 1,326 | 620 |
|  | Fobruary | 4,815 | 1 | 341 | 1,925 | 1,546 | 605 | 397 |
|  | Harch | 6,578 | 81 | 378 | 2,652 | 2,112 | 901 | 454 |
|  | April | 5,397 | 17 | 329 | 1,832 | 1,784 | 847 | 588 |
|  | Hay | 6,171 | 206 | 338 | 1,593 | 2,371 | 999 | 664 |

Note - Newfoundland included only in 1950

Table 6.- Dwelling unjts completed during May, 1950 by time under construction for Canada and the provinces

|  | Total | Months |  |  |  | Oror <br> 1 year | Unknown |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1-3 | 4-6 | $7-9$ | 10-12 |  |  |
| Canada | 6,171 | 468 | 1,640 | 2,405 | 919 | 646 | 93 |
| Newfouncland | 206 | 10 | 79 | - | - | 24 | 93 |
| Prince Edward Island | 38 | - | - | 28 | 3 | 7 | - |
| Nova Scotia | 203 | 33 | 39 | 103 | 24 | 4 | - |
| New Brunswick | 97 | 2 | 13 | 37 | 45 | - | - |
| Quebec | 1,593 | 56 | 519 | 738 | 204 | 76 | - |
| Ontario | 2,371 | 244 | 559 | 846 | 448 | 274 | - |
| Manitoba | 151 | 10 | 10 | 108 | 20 | 3 | - |
| Saskatchewan | 183 | 10 | 9 | 122 | 35 | 7 | - |
| Alberta | $665$ | 83 | $250$ | 233 | 93 | 6 | - |
| British Columbia | 664 | 20 | 162 | 190 | 47 | 245 | - |

Table 7. Dwolling units completed during May, 1950 by time undor construction as a percontage of total completions for Canada and regions.

|  | Total | Months |  |  |  | Over <br> 1 year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1-3 | 4-6 | 7-9 | 10-12 |  |
|  | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% |
| Canada | 100 | 8 | 27 | 39 | 15 | 11 |
| Nowfoundland | 100 | 9 | 70 | - | - | 21 |
| Maritime Provinces | 100 | 10 | 16 | 50 | 21 | 3 |
| Quebec | 100 | 3 | 33 | 46 | 13 | 5 |
| Ontario | 100 | 10 | 24 | 36 | 19 | 11 |
| Prairie Provinces | 100 | 10 | 27 | 46 | 15 | 2 |
| British Columbia | 100 | 3 | 24 | 29 | 7 | 37 |

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

|  |  | Canada | Newfoundland | Maritime <br> Provinces | Quebec | Ontario | Prairie <br> Provinces | British <br> 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 |
|  | Februery | 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 |
|  | Juiy | 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 | $\cdots$ | 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 |
|  | April | 7.6 | 2.0 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 8.0 | 7.1 | 8.6 |
|  | May | 8.5 | 9.4 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 7.2 | 12.2 |

Note - Newfoundland included only in 1950.

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

|  | Total | One-family detached | $\begin{gathered} \text { Two-family } \\ \text { detached } \end{gathered}$ | Row or terrace | Apartment or flat | Other |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Canada | 29,441 | 21,909 | 2,682 | 42 | 4,738 | 70 |
| Newfoundland | 305 | 305 | - | - | - | - |
| Prince Edward Island | 154 | 145 | 2 | - | 7 | - |
| Nova Scotia | 1,042 | 1,025 | - | - | 17 | - |
| New Brunswick | 680 | , 511 | 106 | 4 | 58 | 1 |
| Quobec | 9,934 | 3,867 | 2,472 | 36 | 3,526 | 33 |
| Ontario | 9,925 | 9,147 | 64 | 2 | 693 | 19 |
| Manitoba | 1,146 | 1,034 | 4 | - | 108 | - |
| Saskatchowan | 648 | 648 | - | - | - | - |
| Alberta | 2,884 | 2,704 | 22 | - | 150 | 8 |
| British Columbia | 2,723 | 2,523 | 12 | - | 179 | 9 |

Table 10.- Rental units completed during the first five months of 1950 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 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Canada | 2,200 | 2,180 | 12 | - | 8 | - |
| Newfoundland | 50 | 50 | - | - | - | - |
| Prince Edward Island | 50 | 50 | - | - | - | - |
| Nova Scotia | 263 | 263 | - | - | - | - |
| New Brunswick | 209 | 209 | - | - | - | - |
| Quebec | 99 | 91 | 8 | - | - | - |
| Ontario | 779 | 775 | - | - | - | - |
| Manitoba | 224 | 224 | - | - | - | - |
| Saskatchewan | 132 | 132 | - | - | - | - |
| Alberta | 109 | - | - | - | - |  |
| British Columbia | 285 | 277 | - | - | 8 | - |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | - |

## 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 detacheds 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 terraces
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 units, or (b) a structure used for business purposes which contains one or more dwelling units (eog., living quarters in an office building or factory, living quarters over a store, etc.); and
any type of dwelling which does not fall into one of the above classifications.
(c) For the purpose of this survey, a dwelling unft 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 untts in a atructure 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 aubject 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, thase 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 orror. A complete count by the same enumerators would contain the same enumerative error.

## Appondix 3 : Metropolitan areas

Some cities in Canada have reasonably wellodefined 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 motropolitan areas is given in Housing Bulletin No. $12 \mathrm{pp} .17-19$

## Appendix 48 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 noxt month. With a matched sample such as this, variations dus to changes in the sample and to nonoresponse 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 regardlese of minor changes in the services provided.

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

|  | MONTH | Total | Maritime <br> 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 |
| 1.948 | 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 |
|  | Soptembes | 103.7 | 104.5 | 103.3 | 104.5 | 103.6 | 103.2 |
|  | Oetober | 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 |
|  | April | (1) 111.0 | 108.2 | 112.1 | 111.3 | 110.4 (1) | 108.5 |
|  | May | (1) 112.2 | 108.9 | 114.1 | 111.9 | 110.6 (1) | 108.9 |
|  | June | (1) 112.5 | 108.8 | 114.5 | 112.3 | 111.0 (1) | 108.9 |

(1) Preliminary figures not including Manitoba.

