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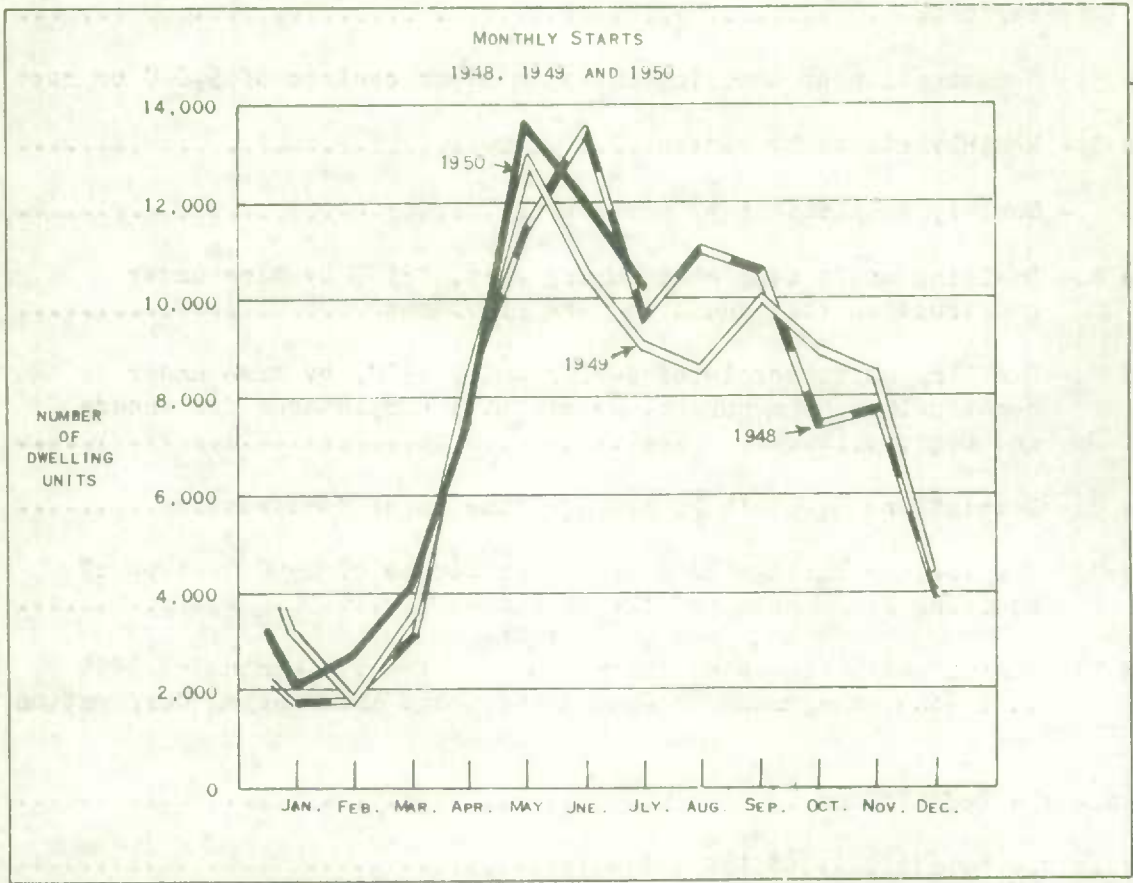
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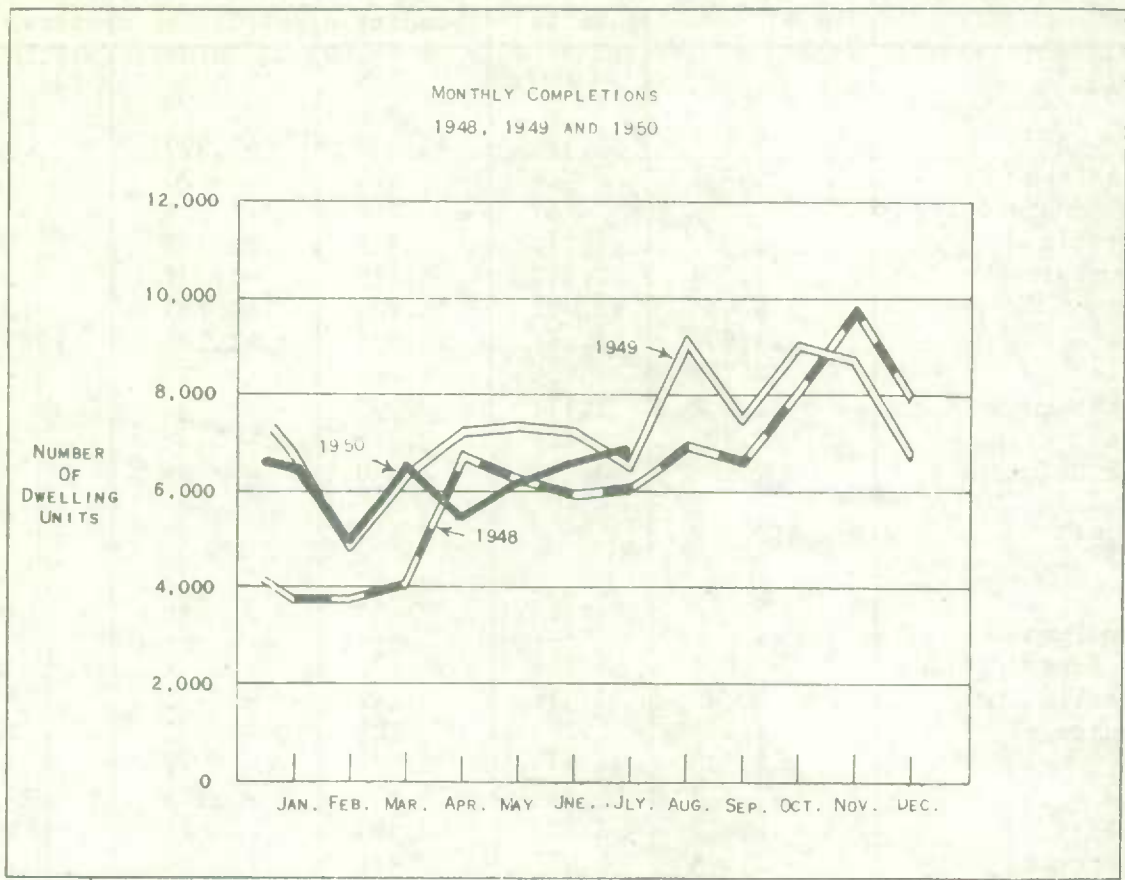
An estimated 42,821 dwelling units were completed during the first seven months of 1950. Last year at the same time an estimated 46,326 dwelling units had been completed. However, at the end of July, 1950, an estimated 67,097 dwelling units were under construction compared with last year's backlog at the end of July of 59,203 unfinished dwelling units.



Starts in new residential construction were estimated at 52,394 dwelling units at the end of July 1950, - the first seven months of 1949 saw an estimated 49,285 new residential units begun.

An average of 7.1 months was required to build a dwelling unit completed during the months of July of this year. This is slightly less than last year's average of 7.3 months at the same time.

Approximately 27.7 per cent of the completions occurring from January 1st to July 31st, 1950 were for rental purposes. This figure compares with last year's rental approximation of 30 per cent.



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.

A column headed "Adjustments" appears in Table 1. 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 July 31		Adjustments	Under construction July 31
		Started	Completed		
<u>1950</u>					
Canada	59,503	52,394	42,821	-1,979	67,097
Newfoundland	1,334	814	461	- 20	1,667
Prince Edward Island	292	267	266	+ 14	307
Nova Scotia	2,326	1,410	1,302	+ 9	2,443
New Brunswick	1,274	1,440	1,149	- 7	1,558
Quebec	14,984	18,091	13,903	- 763	18,409
Ontario	23,585	16,157	14,936	-1,103	23,703
Manitoba	2,781	2,165	1,790	- 11	3,145
Saskatchewan	1,452	1,771	1,005	- 30	2,188
Alberta	4,309	5,425	3,770	- 3	5,961
British Columbia	7,166	4,854	4,239	- 65	7,716
<u>1949</u>					
Canada	56,456	49,285	46,326	- 212	59,203
Newfoundland	..	..	..	..	..
Prince Edward Island	203	119	175	-	147
Nova Scotia	2,748	1,318	1,849	- 1	2,216
New Brunswick	1,069	1,114	703	- 1	1,479
Quebec	13,848	14,233	12,775	- 79	15,227
Ontario	21,112	17,943	16,411	- 101	22,543
Manitoba	2,632	2,565	2,423	- 23	2,751
Saskatchewan	1,853	1,913	1,468	-	2,298
Alberta	5,262	4,661	4,813	- 5	5,105
British Columbia	7,729	5,419	5,709	- 2	7,437
<u>1948</u>					
Canada	42,215	49,452	36,601	+ 620	55,686
Newfoundland	..	..	..	..	..
Prince Edward Island	209	108	110	- 1	206
Nova Scotia	2,161	1,676	1,015	+ 23	2,845
New Brunswick	736	1,520	693	- 13	1,550
Quebec	9,076	13,855	9,755	- 1	13,175
Ontario	17,243	15,923	13,810	+ 149	19,505
Manitoba	2,315	2,939	2,182	- 3	3,069
Saskatchewan	1,469	1,825	1,279	+ 68	2,083
Alberta	2,310	4,224	2,167	+ 270	4,637
British Columbia	6,696	7,382	5,590	+ 128	8,616

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

	1950			1949		
	Jan. 1 to July 31		Under construction July 31	Jan. 1 to July 31		Under construction July 31
	Started	Completed		Started	Completed	
Canada	52,394	42,821	67,097	49,285	46,326	59,203
urban	43,308	35,633	51,748	35,818	38,627	43,017
5000 or more	39,277	31,711	43,724	31,559	33,391	37,235
under 5000	4,031	3,922	8,024	4,259	5,236	5,782
rural	9,086	71,88	15,349	13,467	7,699	16,186
non-farm	6,991	5,695	12,337	10,304	5,774	12,569
farm	2,095	1,493	3,012	3,163	1,925	3,617
Newfoundland	814	461	1,667	..	..	..
urban	208	170	188	..	..	..
5000 or more	208	170	188	..	..	..
under 5000	-	-	-	..	..	..
rural	606	291	1,479	..	..	..
non-farm	524	285	1,247	..	..	..
farm	82	6	232	..	..	..
Maritime Provinces	3,117	2,717	4,308	2,551	2,727	3,842
urban	2,027	1,970	2,235	1,216	1,853	1,719
5000 or more	1,543	1,442	1,507	1,037	1,699	1,313
under 5000	484	528	728	179	154	406
rural	1,090	747	2,073	1,335	874	2,123
non-farm	839	386	1,442	897	715	1,370
farm	251	361	631	438	159	753
Quebec	18,091	13,903	18,409	14,233	12,775	15,227
urban	15,968	12,846	15,401	11,887	11,585	12,171
5000 or more	15,271	11,305	14,341	10,998	10,803	10,746
under 5000	697	1,541	1,060	889	782	1,425
rural	2,123	1,057	3,008	2,346	1,190	3,056
non-farm	1,778	814	2,630	1,872	918	2,608
farm	345	243	378	474	272	448
Ontario	16,157	14,936	23,703	17,943	16,411	22,543
urban	13,570	11,407	17,963	11,597	12,861	15,024
5000 or more	12,324	10,602	15,264	10,264	11,446	13,389
under 5000	1,246	805	2,699	1,333	1,415	1,635
rural	2,587	3,529	5,740	6,346	3,550	7,519
non-farm	2,026	2,919	4,916	5,609	2,851	6,573
farm	561	610	824	737	699	946

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

	1950			1949		
	Jan. 1 to July 31		Under construction July 31	Jan. 1 to July 31		Under construction July 31
	Started	Completed		Started	Completed	
Prairie Provinces	9,361	6,565	11,294	9,139	8,704	10,154
urban	7,213	5,723	8,987	6,897	7,531	7,712
5000 or more	5,821	4,891	6,593	5,403	5,155	6,104
under 5000	1,392	832	2,394	1,494	2,376	1,608
rural	2,148	842	2,307	2,242	1,173	2,442
non-farm	1,292	569	1,380	748	416	992
farm	856	273	927	1,494	757	1,450
British Columbia	4,854	4,239	7,716	5,419	5,709	7,437
urban	4,322	3,517	6,974	4,221	4,797	6,391
5000 or more	4,110	3,301	5,831	3,857	4,288	5,683
under 5000	212	216	1,143	364	509	708
rural	532	722	742	1,198	912	1,046
non-farm	532	722	722	1,178	874	1,026
farm	-	-	20	20	38	20

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

	1950			1949		
	Jan. 1 to July 31		Under construction July 31	Jan. 1 to July 31		Under construction July 31
	Started	Completed		Started	Completed	
Newfoundland						
Bell Island	25	14	19	..	..	..
Corner Brook	-	-	16	..	..	..
Grand Falls	29	3	26	..	..	..
St. John's	154	153	127	..	..	..
Prince Edward Island						
Charlottetown	39	19	53	26	47	32
Summerside	130	163	142	9	2	17
Nova Scotia						
Amherst	14	11	15	10	45	14
Halifax	453	377	383	311	565	275
New Glasgow	8	16	17	9	62	32
Springhill	-	9	9	9	10	14

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 July 31		Under construction July 31	Jan. 1 to July 31		Under construction July 31
	Started	Completed		Started	Completed	
Nova Scotia - con.						
Stellarton	8	5	8	4	68	10
Sydney	285	235	356	153	214	312
Truro	28	19	24	32	83	26
Yarmouth	54	25	53	26	38	41
New Brunswick						
Campbellton	9	4	5	8	35	7
Edmundston	34	15	23	22	19	19
Fredericton	41	31	55	35	224	42
Moncton	341	242	315	175	122	186
Saint John	99	271	49	208	165	286
Quebec						
Asbestos	68	26	54	28	61	21
Chicoutimi	76	36	120	66	49	39
Drummondville	164	62	132	88	76	65
Grandby	149	75	124	68	32	61
Grand'Mere	86	27	77	56	32	66
Hull	215	140	172	67	106	91
Joliette	110	118	72	87	85	92
Jonquière	58	14	59	47	45	33
Kenogami	61	12	52	11	16	8
Lachute	69	13	60	10	6	10
La Tuque	54	26	55	34	38	36
Magog	84	22	72	50	14	44
Montreal	11,973	8,700	11,540	8,451	8,710	8,426
Quebec	620	1,026	377	731	639	650
Rimouski	100	29	100	13	49	13
Riviere du Loup	17	33	17	5	14	4
Rouyn	-	8	68	-	-	36
St. Hyacinthe	112	81	86	54	57	48
St. Jean	102	125	92	127	119	117
St. Jerome	88	99	100	68	43	58
St. Joseph d'Alma	65	22	93	57	10	69
St. Joseph de Grantham	22	10	12	19	10	13
Shawinigan Falls	91	25	76	52	82	40
Sherbrooke	246	242	151	231	151	199
Sorel	12	6	13	5	14	11
Thetford Mines	62	28	53	36	24	30
Trois Rivieres	388	207	349	396	265	340
Valleyfield	122	59	108	87	23	71
Victoriaville	57	34	57	54	33	55

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

	1950			1949		
	Jan. 1 to July 31		Under construction July 31	Jan. 1 to July 31		Under construction July 31
	Started	Completed		Started	Completed	
Ontario						
Barrie	70	112	54	79	62	94
Belleville	66	182	144	33	190	184
Brampton	28	22	39	11	14	25
Brantford	252	367	176	326	259	297
Brockville	40	40	35	54	37	64
Chatham	95	131	89	101	120	161
Cobourg	10	13	21	11	79	27
Collingwood	11	26	11	15	35	19
Cornwall	99	79	81	55	65	63
Dundas	21	17	28	12	35	1
Fort Erie	24	14	21	17	49	20
Fort Frances	13	45	13	21	31	22
Fort William	87	146	113	241	217	233
Galt	83	140	72	61	69	89
Guelph	75	82	92	91	143	127
Hamilton	1,041	718	1,307	911	1,009	1,088
Hawkesbury	15	13	13	5	13	4
Ingersoll	25	12	34	25	19	28
Kenora	-	-	26	-	-	28
Kingston	140	150	77	73	125	96
Kitchener	429	503	414	325	465	568
Leamington	21	24	22	16	26	28
Lindsay	16	20	25	34	27	34
London	801	878	874	737	703	871
Midland	18	21	11	6	14	5
Niagara Falls	55	101	107	172	222	241
North Bay	45	33	49	41	76	48
Orillia	43	35	36	30	73	26
Oshawa	165	94	178	131	137	135
Ottawa	1,656	846	1,498	433	724	498
Owen Sound	31	18	37	36	60	38
Parry Sound	15	8	14	7	-	7
Pembroke	83	47	73	53	106	49
Peterborough	205	249	212	217	268	256
Port Arthur	102	125	119	169	190	137
Port Colborne	30	12	32	21	23	20
Port Hope	14	38	27	11	40	22
Preston	28	10	27	21	21	24
Renfrew	29	13	25	12	62	10
St. Catharines	124	163	140	149	263	247
St. Thomas	19	35	33	38	98	60
Sarnia	80	59	170	188	357	309
Sault Ste. Marie	297	112	311	303	138	301
Simcoe	15	17	20	26	51	23

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

	1950			1949		
	Jan. 1 to July 31		Under construction July 31	Jan. 1 to July 31		Under construction July 31
	Started	Completed		Started	Completed	
Ontario - con.						
Smith's Falls	49	33	29	13	19	15
Stratford	34	73	51	51	100	74
Sudbury	224	87	240	191	140	165
Thorold	22	24	23	18	89	22
Timmins	15	10	33	6	12	30
Toronto	4,436	3,799	6,958	3,870	3,301	5,470
Trenton	205	36	194	14	61	25
Welland	49	54	43	81	140	110
Whitby	35	23	29	36	20	37
Windsor	671	638	696	609	710	760
Woodstock	68	55	68	57	139	54
Manitoba						
Brandon	133	54	105	84	143	60
Portage la Prairie	17	37	42	25	3	25
Winnipeg	1,457	1,541	1,942	1,841	1,831	2,076
Saskatchewan						
Moose Jaw	36	26	64	40	98	77
North Battleford	24	19	23	15	59	15
Prince Albert	65	91	79	54	100	57
Regina	363	260	464	461	193	494
Saskatoon	273	200	306	221	131	239
Swift Current	8	16	22	52	45	109
Weyburn	8	5	10	12	52	13
Yorkton	42	11	48	58	72	90
Alberta						
Calgary	1,384	892	1,308	892	1,125	916
Edmonton	1,721	1,417	1,849	1,437	955	1,640
Lethbridge	206	261	231	146	208	195
Medicine Hat	84	61	100	65	140	98
British Columbia						
Kamloops	29	37	31	54	20	71
Kelowna	74	54	63	76	85	82
Nanaimo	87	113	197	183	155	205
Nelson	22	10	23	5	10	9
Prince George	17	8	22	7	1	6
Prince Rupert	11	9	13	2	-	7
Trail	47	48	44	88	130	206
Vancouver	3,307	2,483	4,410	2,821	3,261	4,187
Vernon	31	24	22	11	49	11
Victoria	485	515	1,006	610	577	899

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	2,300	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	3,535	..	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
April	7,422	52	386	3,268	1,644	1,225	847
May	13,647	77	793	4,748	4,196	2,872	961
June	12,065	99	1,004	3,392	3,915	2,524	1,091
July	10,245	425	593	3,111	2,936	2,141	1,039

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
April	5,397	17	329	1,832	1,784	847	588
May	6,171	206	338	1,593	2,371	999	664
June	6,527	67	482	2,086	2,324	941	627
July	6,853	89	359	1,883	2,687	946	889

Note - Newfoundland included only in 1950.

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

	Total	Months				Over 1 year	Unknown
		1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12		
Canada	6,853	2,198	1,184	1,439	1,193	839	-
Newfoundland	89	47	3	26	13	-	-
Prince Edward Island	52	-	-	-	52	-	-
Nova Scotia	130	26	17	61	19	7	-
New Brunswick	177	92	18	4	7	56	-
Quebec	1,883	705	475	463	198	42	-
Ontario	2,687	882	238	405	636	526	-
Manitoba	329	55	9	121	107	37	-
Saskatchewan	237	136	1	16	48	36	-
Alberta	380	107	141	67	52	13	-
British Columbia	889	148	282	276	61	122	-

Table 7.- Dwelling units completed during July, 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	
Canada	%	%	%	%	%	%
Canada	100	32	17	21	18	12
Newfoundland	100	53	3	29	15	-
Maritime Provinces	100	33	10	18	22	17
Quebec	100	37	25	25	11	2
Ontario	100	33	9	15	24	19
Prairie Provinces	100	31	16	22	22	9
British Columbia	100	16	32	31	7	14

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
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
June	7.9	7.7	9.2	5.9	8.5	7.4	11.6
July	7.1	5.3	7.6	5.4	7.9	6.9	8.1

Note - Newfoundland included only in 1950.

Table 9.- Completions during the first seven 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	42,821	32,447	3,738	42	6,506	88
Newfoundland	461	461	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	266	255	4	-	7	-
Nova Scotia	1,302	1,276	6	-	20	-
New Brunswick	1,149	974	110	4	58	3
Quebec	13,903	5,770	3,360	36	4,698	39
Ontario	14,936	13,768	74	2	1,073	19
Manitoba	1,790	1,625	26	-	139	-
Saskatchewan	1,005	1,005	-	-	-	-
Alberta	3,770	3,487	42	-	223	18
British Columbia	4,239	3,826	116	-	288	9

Table 10.- Rental units completed during the first seven 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	3,366	3,346	12	-	8	-
Newfoundland	50	50	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	143	143	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	272	272	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	274	274	-	-	-	-
Quebec	195	187	8	-	-	-
Ontario	1,266	1,262	4	-	-	-
Manitoba	384	384	-	-	-	-
Saskatchewan	162	162	-	-	-	-
Alberta	154	154	-	-	-	-
British Columbia	466	458	-	-	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) Types 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 or 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
April	111.0	108.2	112.1	111.3	110.4(1)	108.5
May	112.1(1)	108.9	114.1	111.9	110.6(1)	108.9
June	112.4(1)	108.8	114.5	112.3	110.9(1)	108.9
July	112.8	108.8	114.7	112.9	111.0	109.2
August	113.0	108.6	114.8	113.2	111.2	109.5

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