

Materials of Construction.—In the nature of things, houses constructed of wood have been the prevailing type in Canada, but there is a wide difference in such matters as permanence of construction and size between the rural as compared with the urban dwelling. For instance, 86·6 p.c. of rural dwellings were constructed of wood in 1931 as compared with 53·6 p.c. of the urban, but 37·4 p.c. of urban dwellings were of brick and brick veneer construction as against only 9·2 p.c. of rural dwellings.

35.—Dwellings Classified According to Materials of Construction, Rural and Urban, by Provinces, 1931.

Province, etc.	Total Dwellings.	Number Built of—					
		Wood.	Brick. ¹	Stone.	Stucco.	Cement Brick.	Other. ²
Prince Edward Island.....	18,521	18,329	96	9	72	3	12
Rural.....	14,390	14,294	18	3	67	1	7
Urban.....	4,131	4,035	78	6	5	2	5
Nova Scotia.....	101,630	100,178	556	267	95	388	146
Rural.....	59,734	59,565	35	10	33	10	81
Urban.....	41,896	40,613	521	257	62	378	65
New Brunswick.....	72,197	70,436	1,196	120	96	230	119
Rural.....	51,431	51,110	121	42	31	74	53
Urban.....	20,766	19,326	1,075	78	65	156	66
Quebec.....	387,052	253,293	110,829	14,361	4,409	2,311	1,849
Rural.....	175,833	161,985	8,780	2,195	1,393	426	1,054
Urban.....	211,219	91,308	102,049	12,166	3,016	1,885	795
Ontario.....	745,889	345,210	330,148	13,761	44,106	9,794	2,870
Rural.....	304,589	198,186	80,579	8,536	10,433	4,859	1,996
Urban.....	441,300	147,024	249,569	5,225	33,673	4,935	874
Manitoba.....	134,663	118,483	7,393	1,160	6,537	549	541
Rural.....	78,787	73,727	1,908	324	2,068	296	464
Urban.....	55,876	44,756	5,485	836	4,469	253	77
Saskatchewan.....	192,752	179,897	3,746	529	7,072	366	1,142
Rural.....	131,188	128,121	713	307	1,102	166	779
Urban.....	61,564	51,776	3,033	222	5,970	200	363
Alberta.....	165,366	156,442	3,606	398	3,748	207	965
Rural.....	105,508	103,618	361	260	542	37	690
Urban.....	59,858	52,824	3,245	138	3,206	170	275
British Columbia.....	166,216	151,627	2,076	786	9,970	240	1,517
Rural.....	80,937	77,252	225	207	1,837	77	1,339
Urban.....	85,279	74,375	1,851	579	8,133	163	178
Canada ³	1,984,286	1,393,895	459,646	31,391	76,105	14,088	9,161
Rural.....	1,002,397	867,858	92,740	11,884	17,506	5,946	6,463
Urban.....	981,889	526,037	366,906	19,507	58,599	8,142	2,698

¹Includes brick veneer.

²Includes 3,460 dwellings of which material of construction was not specified.

³Exclusive of Yukon and Northwest Territories.