

families to expand into separate or larger dwelling units. These two factors, coupled with unprecedented marriage rates during the war years and the months immediately following, compounded an already critical shortage of living quarters throughout the Dominion.

The Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.—To provide co-ordination in the housing field, the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation was incorporated by an Act of the Twentieth Parliament (December, 1945). Briefly, its purpose and functions are: (1) to administer the National Housing Act, 1944, and earlier housing legislation; (2) to provide facilities for the rediscounting of mortgages by lending institutions; and (3) to administer the Emergency Shelter Regulations.

As a result of further consolidation of the Dominion Government's operations in the housing field, the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation also directs the activities of Wartime Housing Limited.

Wartime Housing Limited.—Wartime Housing Limited, a Crown Company, was formed on Feb. 28, 1941. By the end of 1946, more than 25,000 houses had been built across Canada by the Company, exclusive of the many auxiliary buildings such as hospitals, schools, community centres and fire-halls.

Originally created to provide accommodation for war workers and their families near industrial developments essential to the prosecution of the War, the Company now constructs homes for veterans on a rental basis. All homes built since 1944 and those vacated by war-workers are rented to veterans. By the end of 1946, 51 p.c. of all such units were occupied by ex-service men and their families.

The municipality co-operates with the Dominion Government in providing shelter for veterans, supplying a fully developed lot for building purposes to the Company for \$1. The Company agrees to pay, in lieu of taxes, \$24 per annum for each house of two or fewer bedrooms, and \$30 per year on those with three or more bedrooms, plus \$1 per year per house for street lighting. Rentals are from \$22 to \$40 per month. At the end of an agreed period, determined by cost of construction, Wartime Housing agrees to sell the houses to the municipality for \$1,000 each.

At present, many requests are being received from individuals for permission to purchase these houses, and consideration is being given these inquiries. Conditions must be agreed upon by the municipality and the Dominion Government.

1.—Houses Completed by Wartime Housing Limited, 1944-46

Location	1944	1945	1946	Location	1944	1945	1946
	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.
Nova Scotia—				Ontario—			
Halifax.....	109	54	75	Brampton.....	Nil	Nil	5
Liverpool.....	50	Nil	Nil	Brantford.....	19	81	101
				Chalk River.....	Nil	130	95
New Brunswick—				Cobourg.....	"	Nil	6
Moncton.....	Nil	Nil	80	Cornwall.....	"	"	60
Saint John.....	54	46	152	Elmira.....	"	"	22
				Fort William.....	"	"	100
Quebec—				Geraldton.....	"	"	25
Arvida.....	300	Nil	Nil	Guelph.....	"	"	27
Hull.....	Nil	125	150	Hamilton.....	32	189	Nil
Montreal.....	"	35	743	Kingston.....	1	Nil	"
Longueuil.....	"	Nil	4	Lindsay.....	Nil	"	50
Pointe-aux-Trembles...	"	"	25	Listowel.....	"	"	7
Sherbrooke.....	"	"	75	London.....	"	70	103