Housing Design.—During 1956, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation assisted in the establishment of the Canadian Housing Design Council, an independent body devoted to the promotion of improved housing design. The Council has initiated annual series of regional and national awards for good design in builders' houses.

During 1956 and 1957 the Corporation's architectural division designed, wholly or in collaboration with private firms, permanent married quarters for the Department of National Defence, federal-provincial projects for Regent Park South and Lawrence Heights in Toronto and for St. John's, Nfld., and the Jeanne Mance redevelopment project in Montreal. It also developed plans for the northern towns of Fort Smith, Frobisher Bay, Aklavik, Great Whale River and Tuktoyaktuk, in collaboration with the government departments and agencies concerned.

Housing Statistics.—Tables 18 and 19 show housing starts and completions for 1952-56 and by province and locality for 1956. The numbers of loans approved under the National Housing Act and their amounts for 1952-56 are shown in Table 20.

18.—Housing Units Started and Completed 1952-56, and by Province 1956

| | Housi | ing Units Sta | rted | Housing Units Completed | | | |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| Year and Province | Under the Housing Acts | Other | Total | Under the Housing Acts | Other | Total | |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | |
| 1952. 1953. 1954. 1955. | 34,400 39,989 50,373 65,380 43,395 | 48,846 62,420 63,154 72,986 83,916 | 83,246 102,409 113,527 138,366 127,311 | 20,633 35,506 39,137 58,852 61,957 | 52,454 61,333 62,828 69,077 73,743 | 73,08 96,83 101,96 127,92 135,70 | |
| Province, 1956 Newfoundland Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia. New Brunswick Quebec. Ontario. Manitoba. Saskatchewan Alberta. British Columbia. | 16 675 482 7,333 21,304 2,135 1,630 | 1,385 98 2,196 2,899 28,666 27,408 3,069 2,149 5,222 10,824 | 1,652 114 2,871 3,381 35,999 48,712 5,204 3,779 10,662 14,937 | 295 29 824 653 10,665 31,338 3,397 2,072 7,043 5,641 | 1,215 142 1,725 1,797 30,501 19,863 3,041 1,531 4,579 9,349 | 1,510 177 2,544 2,456 41,166 51,207 6,438 3,607 11,627 14,996 | |

19.—Housing Units Started by Locality 1956

| Locality | Popu- lation | Under the Housing Acts | | Other | | Total | |
|---|---|--|--|--|------------------------------|---|---|
| | | Started | Per 1,000 Popu- lation | Started | Per 1,000 Popu- lation | Started | Per 1,000 Popu- lation |
| | '000 | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| Metropolitan Areas— Calgary Edmonton Halifax Hamilton London Montreal Ottawa-Hull Quebec Saint John St. John's Toronto Vancouver Victoria Windisor Winnipeg | 196 245 160 326 153 1,595 335 301 85 78 1,348 659 123 184 410 | 2,130 2,356 510 1,867 866 4,371 2,395 370 129 77 7,151 2,502 321 892 2,020 | 11 10 3 6 6 3 7 1 2 1 5 4 3 5 | 1,612 847 679 1,534 14,797 1,866 2,281 208 386 9,727 5,948 866 1,369 | 884439682579733 | 3,742 3,203 1,189 3,401 1,370 19,168 4,261 2,651 337 463 16,878 8,450 1,187 1,397 3,389 | 19 13 7 10 9 12 13 9 4 6 12 13 10 8 8 |
| Totals, Metropolitan Areas | 6,198 | 27,957 | 4 | 43,129 | 7 | 71,086 | 11 |