

*British Columbia* assists limited-dividend projects for the elderly under the Elderly Citizens' Housing Aid Act (S.B.C. 1955, c. 19). Capital grants not exceeding one-third of the total cost of the project may be made.

### Subsection 2.—Housing Development in 1958

**House-Building.**—During 1958 house-building activity in Canada was at a higher rate than ever before — 164,600 new houses started compared with 122,300 in 1957 and 138,300 in 1955, the previous record year. Dwellings completed totalled 146,700 in 1958, an increase of 25 p.c. over 1957. In 1957, 117,300 dwellings were completed and in 1956, the previous high for completions, the total was 135,700. At the end of 1958, there were 88,200 units under construction.

Most of the increase in starts during 1958 took place in the 13 metropolitan areas of over 100,000 population. In these centres the increase was 49 p.c. over 1957 while in the smaller urban centres the increase was 38 p.c. and in other areas 12 p.c.

Single-family units made up 64 p.c. of the dwellings started in 1958, an increase of 26 p.c. over 1957. Rental dwellings accounted for slightly less than 29 p.c. of the new dwellings started in this period but the relative increase was much greater, exceeding 1957 by about 68 p.c.

Corresponding with the record production, expenditures on new residential construction totalled \$1,782,000,000 in 1958, a figure \$352,000 higher than in the previous year. Demand was sufficient to absorb most of the new construction and there was a record sale of new homes, reflecting in some measure the high rate of family formation in 1957 which reached a record net level of 103,600. The number of marriages in 1958 is expected to be about the same as in 1957 but a reduction in immigration will result in a smaller number of new families for that year, possibly as much as a 25-p.c. decline.

### 18.—Housing Units Started and Completed, 1952-58, and by Province, 1957 and 1958

Year and Province	Started			Completed		
	Under the Housing Acts	Other	Total	Under the Housing Acts	Other	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1952.....	34,400	48,846	83,246	20,633	52,454	73,087
1953.....	39,989	62,420	102,409	35,606	61,333	96,839
1954.....	50,373	63,154	113,527	39,137	62,828	101,965
1955.....	65,377	72,899	138,276	58,852	69,077	127,929
1956.....	43,395	83,916	127,311	61,957	73,743	135,700
1957.....	47,468	74,872	122,340	33,301	83,982	117,283
1958.....	81,950	82,682	164,632	69,039	77,647	146,686
<b>1957</b>						
Newfoundland.....	239	906	1,145	200	983	1,183
Prince Edward Island.....	12	114	126	16	133	149
Nova Scotia.....	509	2,176	2,685	451	1,987	2,438
New Brunswick.....	518	1,997	2,515	481	2,069	2,550
Quebec.....	8,463	26,070	34,533	5,473	27,715	33,188
Ontario.....	25,540	22,289	47,739	16,239	28,848	45,087
Manitoba.....	1,471	2,347	3,818	1,547	2,765	4,312
Saskatchewan.....	2,159	2,318	4,477	1,581	2,729	4,310
Alberta.....	5,075	6,107	11,182	4,046	5,902	9,948
British Columbia.....	3,572	10,548	14,120	3,267	10,851	14,118
<b>1958</b>						
Newfoundland.....	554	765	1,309	259	946	1,205
Prince Edward Island.....	41	186	227	17	92	109
Nova Scotia.....	959	1,787	2,746	646	1,674	2,320
New Brunswick.....	968	1,750	2,718	743	2,494	3,237
Quebec.....	14,424	31,900	46,324	10,994	28,756	39,750
Ontario.....	41,103	22,650	63,753	37,907	21,644	59,551
Manitoba.....	3,793	2,709	6,502	2,472	3,271	5,743
Saskatchewan.....	2,453	2,769	5,222	2,289	2,690	4,979
Alberta.....	10,008	6,524	16,532	7,619	5,943	13,562
British Columbia.....	7,657	11,642	19,299	6,093	10,137	16,230