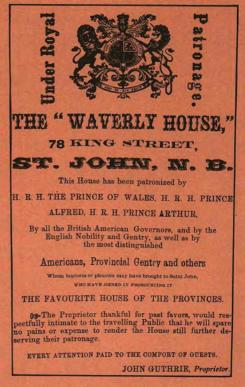


In 1881 the average number of inhabitants per home in the Territories was 11.1, compared with 5.4 in Ontario. (1891)

In 1941 only approximately 45% of Canadian homes were equipped with a bath or shower. Just over 69% were equipped with electric lighting. (1956)

In 1921 over 72 p.c. of homes built in Canada were made of wood; however, the percentage had been even higher in 1891, at over 80 p.c. (1927-28)



## NOW

1986 was the busiest year for residential construction in Canada since 1978, with dwelling starts totalling 199,785 units, up 20% since 1985.

Price increases for houses, in 1986, were largest in Toronto (16.6%) and in Kitchener (14.5%). House prices rose the least in British Columbia, up 0.5% in Vancouver and dropping 5.1% in Victoria.

Support for the new and existing subsidized housing units resulted in expenditures of \$1,145.4 million in 1986. The existing portfolio now under administration totals 543,300 units.

In 1986, piped gas was used as the principal heating fuel in 45.0% of homes, electricity in 28.3% and oil in 20.1%. Oil, predominant during the 1970s, was surpassed by gas in 1980 and subsequently by electricity in 1985.