

Unfortunately, only four of our cities have taken advantage of these facilities. The cities concerned are—

Toronto: in which two projects have been started during the last eight years. I think in Regent Park South we are doing 730 units and in the St. Lawrence Heights we are doing 1,020 or some such figure. This is one of the cities I am handing a little bouquet out to here. We are doing about 2,000 units.

Montreal: The site for the Jeanne Mance project has been cleared. This was started last year and it will amount to 800 units when it is completed two years from now.

St. John's, Newfoundland: This one is currently under way and we must have 160 units by now. Relatively speaking, this is a high proportion for a small area.

Halifax: They have just started the clearance of a slum site, and there will be about 300 units.

So our total performance under section 23, if you add together the total number of units, comes out somewhere in the region of 2,500 units.

Section 36—of the National Housing Act provides for 75% of the capital cost of erecting low rental accommodation by a federal-provincial partnership. This section of the Act can be used for rehousing tenants of former slum areas, where such area has changed its use. The remaining 25% of the cost is provided by the province.

There has been much greater activity under this Section of the Act than the others I have mentioned. Up to the end of 1957 54 projects had been constructed in 36 cities and towns. The distribution, by province, of these projects is as follows:—

Newfoundland	3
Nova Scotia	1
New Brunswick	4
Ontario	41
Saskatchewan	3
British Columbia	2

Altogether 5,845 rental units had been constructed up to the end of 1957.

Part V—of the National Housing Act provides money for urban renewal studies to any city desirous of carrying out such a study. These studies can clearly define the areas of decay and allow the drawing up of a proper and methodical plan of redevelopment.

In this country we have 50 cities with a population in excess of 25,000. So far, 14 cities have taken advantage of grants for urban renewal studies.

These cities are—Halifax, Saint John, Moncton, Kingston, London, Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor, Sarnia, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Regina, Trail and Vancouver.

I do not think these things have been spelled out publicly at any time in the past. This accounts for my using this opportunity of meeting with you to have them put on public record.

It will be seen, therefore, that the means to attack the problem of slum clearance already exists. We, at Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, can do nothing to force people to do these things but, at the same time, I feel that I should be remiss if I did not put on record that such facilities do exist.

I should like to express the hope that municipalities would seek to acquire a greater knowledge of the facilities. Our Branch Managers, our officials in the Regional Offices and our staff at Head Office are fully equipped to be able to help, advise and guide these people. I refer to municipal officers and officials or elected representatives. We are endeavouring to train a staff which can sit down with any group of elected representatives or officials in any