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Before 1960 Canadian architecture was practical but not original. Visitors found that home-inspired contributions were severely limited. Monumental Gothic buildings in Ottawa often had small doorways (to cut down the chill) and 18th Century Georgian houses in Ontario had steep roofs to keep the snow from piling up, but buildings from Halifax to Vancouver most often reflected the styles from the south or, as John Parkin, a Toronto architect, put it, the borrowings from the United States had been "lamentably many."

There are still a great many Canadian cities which are architecturally undistinguished and undistinguishable, but since the early sixties building design has remained practical and become original.

### Architecture