

I have with me a summary of some of the pertinent statistics on housing for the years 1946 to 1951. This summary deals with residential construction, the index of construction costs, building material production, construction labour force and employment, the income and investment of selected Canadian life insurance companies, the gross institutional mortgage loan approvals, and certain items of municipal finance. These statistics show many of the developments in the house building industry in Canada during the past six years and some of the circumstances in which these developments occurred. Mr. Chairman, if the committee so desires, this statement could be printed in the record.

The CHAIRMAN: The summary will go on the record at this point.

SELECTED DATA ON RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION, CONSTRUCTION COSTS, BUILDING MATERIAL PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION LABOUR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT, INVESTMENTS OF SELECTED LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES, MORTGAGE LOANS APPROVED, AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE, CANADA, 1946-1951.

No.	Item	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
<i>Residential Construction</i>							
New dwellings started (units)							
1	Centres of 5,000 population and over.....	N.A.	51,121	61,565	60,911	70,638	49,979
2	Total.....	N.A.	81,276	95,340	93,931	95,270	72,079
New dwellings completed (units)							
3	Centres of 5,000 population and over.....	N.A.	49,749	51,900	62,803	64,886	63,772
4	Total.....	67,194	79,231	81,243	91,655	91,754	84,810
Value of new construction put in place							
5	Residential (\$ mill.).....	412.0	539.7	667.7	775.0	843.3	836.0
6	Total (\$ mill.).....	1,073.7	1,423.7	1,876.1	2,123.7	2,363.7	2,684.2
7	Residential as proportion of total (%).....	38.4	37.9	35.6	36.5	35.7	31.1
<i>Indexes of Construction Costs (1939=100)</i>							
8	Residential building materials...	151.0	176.4	212.6	222.9	237.1	279.7
9	Hourly wage rates of construction workers.....	145.1	158.6	180.4	188.4	195.0	212.5
10	Combined index.....	148.0	168.3	195.2	207.3	219.5	251.7
<i>Building Material Production</i>							
11	Lumber (millions of board feet)...	5,083.3	5,877.9	5,908.8	5,915.0	6,495.0	6,535.3
12	Cement (millions of 350 lb. bbls.)...	10.7	12.2	14.0	16.1	16.7	17.1
13	Bricks (millions).....	274.1	295.4	316.7	338.0	365.7	386.1
14	Cast iron soil pipe (thousands of tons).....	25.1	32.5	45.7	47.6	53.3	53.4
15	Warm air furnaces (thousands)...	46.6	54.3	64.3	80.7	87.3	80.3
<i>Labour Force and Employment (June)</i>							
16	Total labour force ('000).....	4,828	4,912	5,030	5,121	5,266	5,332
17	Construction labour force ('000)...	249	262	302	366	376	371
18	Construction as proportion of total (%).....	5.2	5.3	6.0	7.1	7.1	7.0
19	Total employment ('000).....	4,702	4,821	4,948	5,018	5,120	5,247
20	Construction employment ('000)...	241	254	295	350	343	357
21	Construction as proportion of total (%).....	5.1	5.3	6.0	7.0	6.7	6.8