

Housing Industry Reached New Stature During Year

OTTAWA (CP) — Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation said Wednesday that Canada's housing industry attained a new and imposing stature in 1958.

The federal housing agency's annual report, tabled Wednesday in the Commons, said the industry was called upon to "play a decisive role" in a year that opened in an atmosphere of economic uncertainty.

"In a year that ended with record (housing) production levels, it achieved recognition as a major force in the nation," the report said.

The volume of new residential construction far exceeded that of any previous year because of "entirely on the part of Canada's house builders, the stimulating effect of government measures and a unique balance of private and public mortgage funds."

AMEND NHA

In May, 1958, Parliament amended the National Housing Act increasing to \$750,000,000 from \$400,000,000 the amount CMHC can issue in direct housing loans. This amount was increased at the current session to \$1,000,000,000.

The corporation previously announced that housing completions in 1958 rose to a record 146,686 from 117,283 in 1957. Also, 164,632 dwellings were started, up from 122,340 the previous year.

The report said this record would have been impressive in any year.

"In 1958, it was the more so by contrast with reduced activity in other sectors of the economy. Expenditures on house building

were 25 per cent above those of the previous year, expenditures on other types of capital investment were down by nine per cent."

WHOPPING LOAN FIGURE

Government housing lending in 1958 totalled an unprecedented \$373,000,000. Of this, \$309,000,000 was used to finance homes for owners, \$65,000,000 going to individuals building their own homes and \$254,000,000 being acquired by builders erecting homes for sale. The remaining \$64,000,000 financed multiple units for rent.

Private lenders last year approved mortgage loans of \$810,000,000, up from \$617,000,000 the previous year. About two-thirds of this volume was under the National Housing Act compared with a little more than one-third in 1957.

Main impact last year of the special measures taken by the government was on the construction of houses for home owners, the report said. The total started in the year rose by 25 per cent to 115,221 from 92,227 in 1957.

The report said the year's record house-building activity was achieved with the smallest increase in building costs in recent years. The cost per square foot of single-family houses financed under NHA averaged \$10.51 in 1958, compared with \$10.35 the previous year.

AVERAGE COST

Average cost of these houses was \$14,706 in 1958, as against \$14,493 in 1957.

The agency said a number of factors accounted for this rela-

tive stability. The average size of single-family units in 1958 was smaller than in the previous year, down to 1,116 from 1,137 square feet. However, land costs rose to \$2,471 from \$2,260.

More homes were built under NHA in 1958 than in any previous year, rising to 83,242, an increase of 66.7 per cent over 49,336 approved in 1957.

The agency said 76 per cent of public funds was used to finance homes for individuals in the low and middle income brackets. Incomes of more than half of these borrowers were less than \$5,000 a year and one in seven earned less than \$4,000.

MOST POPULAR

The one-story three-bedroom house continued to be in greatest demand.

Other highlights in the report:

1. Private lenders increased their insured lending, financing 46,716 homes, compared with 23,904 in 1957.
2. CMHC guaranteed 37,132 home improvement loans made by banks for a total of \$39,600,000, up from 29,947 loans and \$30,600,000 the previous year.
3. The corporation in 1958 supervised the construction of 1,618 family dwellings and 14 schools or extensions for the defence department.
4. CMHC is co-operating with the National House Builders Association and the National Research Council in plans for a "budget research house." The plans include a simplified heating system and other structural features which may help to reduce costs.

Constable Views Results of Slide

REVELSTOKE, B.C. (CP)—Constable Don Weisgerber of the RCMP was one of the first men to view the results of a crushing mountain earthquake that took four lives here Friday.

"God, it was terrible," he said. "I was talking to her, but the flames got her two minutes later."

Mrs. Herman Scheutze and her infant son Eric, 10 months, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pletsch died when part of Mt. Revelstoke slid over the Pletsch home which later burned.

Mrs. Scheutze and her son had been moved into the Pletsch home because of fear that a slide would hit their own home.

CAUSED BY RAIN

The slide is believed to have started because of heavy rain in this resort area, 440 miles east of Vancouver.

Highway worker Michael Brunetti, 32, was helping a group of workmen drain the hillside when the earth started rolling.

"It came so quickly; there was nothing I could do," he said. "It picked me up and carried me with it."

He escaped uninjured as he rode the crest down a 600-foot slope.

Wreckage caused by the slide cut off the escape routes of the four people in the Pletsch house when it started to burn.

Mr. Scheutze and fellow workers ran to the wreckage of the ruined house but flames stopped them from going inside.

Volunteer firemen and citizens arrived too late to help.

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FAMILY IN WINNIPEG

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TIMELY NOTES ON FUR FARMING

More than 900,000 ranched mink were imported by the United States during December, 1958, according to Department of Commerce figures. This was a clear increase over the previous December.

The actual figures are: December, 1958—931,632; December, 1957—786,156. The rise could be accounted for by exports of skins from Scandinavian countries. Sweden shipped 219,800 skins this past December, compared with 88,115 a year earlier. Finland's percentage advance was even greater, with 137,737 skins exported, compared to 33,827 in December, 1957. Danish shipments rose slightly, from 116,820 to 121,115. Norway's shipments climbed from 75,396 to 108,154.

Canada is still the most important mink shipper to the United States, but actually shipped fewer skins. Quotients declined from 454,386 to 424,740, for the year 1958.

The above figures will give our mink farming friends reason to think very carefully about what would happen if the economy of the United States started to decline from its present prosperous condition. In the month of December, 1957, there was serious consideration being given to the possibility of a setback in the manufacture and disposal of many products that were contributing very largely to the prosperity of the United States.

One of these was steel, which is a real trade barometer, and in the month of December, 1957, U.S. steel (common) went below \$50 a share. President Eisenhower and others rallied the confidence of the nation, and a real

thrill to see one of the leading fur-farmers in the world, who is producing fine mink, come again, and again, to Northwood. The Dupler ranch, which is one of the outstanding ranches in the Salt Lake area, has long been recognized for producing quality pelts. The prices he has consistently received in the New York auctions bear out the fact that

they are top mink ranchers, producing quality goods.

Joe Dupler is a veteran of many years in the fur industry, and he knows the quality and the color it takes to receive the highest prices.

Approximately \$100,000 has been appropriated to handle advertising and promotion of SAGA mink in the United States this year. About \$60,000 will be used for consumer advertising, primarily in national fashion magazines. "SAGA" is the name applied to the top twenty percent of mink produced in Denmark, Finland and Norway.

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land in the interests of "Allied Youth." Last year, when she was international president of the movement she toured the United States. The picture shows her with Vice-President Richard Nixon.

Miss MacDonald will address P.W.C. students this morning on the positive approach to the

problem of alcohol. The theory of the movement is that every form of activity can be carried on better without the use of alcohol.

Mr. and Mrs. Fidele Gallant and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gallant and family of Moncton, spent the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Gallant.

Mr. Harold DesRoches, Gagetown, spent the holidays with his father, Mr. John DesRoches and sister Ardene.

Mr. and Mrs. Fidele Perry were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Arsenault on Sunday. B.M.

BURTON

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Clements, Brocton are now residing with their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perry, Burton.

Mr. Bennett Howard who recently purchased a house formerly owned by Mr. Roy MacWilliams, Springfield West, had it moved to his property in Gleggery, Lot 7. This major task was a completed Thursday evening, with the assistance of many willing hands this lovely two-story house was landed at its new location.

Friends of Mr. Emanuel Clements are sorry to learn he had to enter Western Hospital Alberton for treatment, and wish him a speedy recovery.

Sincere sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved wife, family and relatives of the late Mr. Edward Richards of Lancaster, N.B. and formerly of Tignish, P.E.I. Messrs. Patrick and Raymond O'Connor, Cape Wolfe are uncles of the deceased.

MISCOUCHE

Justin McNeill, student of St. Dunstan's University, Charlottetown, spent the Easter holidays in Miscouche, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cotton and daughter of Halifax, N.S., recently spent several days in Miscouche, visiting relatives and friends.

Leo DesRoches who is employed in Charlottetown, was a visitor to Miscouche on Friday. Peter Steele of Miscouche, recently left for Labrador, where he will be employed for several months.

George Veno of Miscouche left for Montreal by plane on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Arsenault of Moncton, recently visited in Miscouche at the home of Mrs. Arsenault's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeCote.

Rosalie DesRoches, Iris Gallant, Jean Arsenault, Patricia Cronin and Delima Poirier, student nurses of the Charlottetown Hospital, were visitors to Miscouche during the past week.

The Holy week services which were held at St. John The Baptist Church, Miscouche, were largely attended by the parishioners and people of surrounding parishes.

The school closed for the Easter holidays on Friday and all the students returned to their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Heer and Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Richard of Summerside, were recent visitors to Miscouche.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Mary DesRoches, Miscouche, on the death of her brother Joachim Gaudet who passed away in U.S.A. D.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Millar and son Roger, were visitors at the home of Mr. Clayton Barlow and family on Sunday.

Sympathy goes out to Mrs. Edmond L. Arsenault and other members of the family in the recent passing of Mrs. Marin Gallant at her home in Urbanville in her 76th years. Funeral was held Saturday morning to St. James Church, Egmont Bay.

An enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent recently when neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Ivan Poirier for a knitting frolic. Lunch was served by Mrs. Poirier.

Elmer Arsenault spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund C. Arsenault.

A whist party in aid of St. Thomas Aquinas Society was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvere Wedge. Prize winners were Genis, Louis Wedge Ladies, Mrs. Victorin Arsenault, Consolations, Victorin Arsenault and Mrs. Toussaint Gallant.

Messrs Ed and Jerome MacNeill were in Toronto on a business trip recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Case and family, visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barlow on Easter Sunday.

Mr. Eldon Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barlow visited Mr. Clayton Barlow and family, also

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