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HOUSE-BUILDING ENTERPRISES ADOPTING INDUSTRIAL METHODS

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During the postwar years, 30 powerful house-building enterprises have been either created or rehabilitated within the system of the Ministry of the Construction Materials Industry. Last year they provided the country with 670,000 square meters of living space. In addition, five plants are producing the following types of heat-insulation materials: wood-fiber sheets, slag felt, and mineral wool. One plant produces plywood and another turns out equipment and spare parts for standardized house-building plants.

At present, there is an extensive program of house-hullding plant construction under way in Arkhangel'sk and Sverdlovsk oblasts. In the near future, the Stalingrad, Nelidovo, Sel'tso, and Kharkov plants will be turned into powerful combines, with shops for producing heat-insulation and sheeting materials, such as wood, fiber sheets, plywood, etc.

A number of plants are being mechanized with a view to increasing their productivity.

At the Sel'tso House-building Combine, the continuous saving method and automatization of intrashop transport will increase output of the woodshop 30 percent. In four plants, lifts are being installed for loading and unloading sheet materials in the drying shops. The Brasov Mechanical Plant produces semiautomatic machine tools for making wooden shingles.

In the near future, the ministry's plants will begin producing new types of single and multiple dwellings, which are intended to be an improvement over the old-type frame houses. Ten plants will mass produce assembled two-room single dwellings having not less than 10,000 square meters of living space.

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