Fuel used over any period is, according to the theory of the degree-day, proportional to the number of degree-days during the period. From Table 3, the average numbers of degree-days for November, December, and January in Marquette are 927, 1306, and 1471, a total of 3704. The yearly total is 8786, so that during these three months the estimated consumption is:

$$\frac{3704}{8786} \times 109{,}200 = 46{,}200 \text{ lb.}$$

Estimating Steam Consumption

In estimating steam consumption the efficiency is generally assumed at 100 per cent. If for low pressure steam an average heating value of 1000 Btu per pound of steam is used no correction is necessary. In comparing values from different cities, correction should be made for design temperature (see Table 7) when the unit figures are in terms of square foot of radiator or 1000 Btu per hour calculated heat loss, but not when the values are in terms of building volume or floor space.

Consideration has been given to the difference in steam utilization of different types of buildings and Table 8 shows actual average units for these various types. These figures were obtained from operating results in 896 buildings located in all sections of the United States. Being averages, and for small groups in each type, the figures may need considerable modification to allow for local variations. It should be especially noted that the steam used for heating hot water is not included in the values given in Table 8.

TABLE 8. STEAM CONSUMPTION OF BUILDINGS WITH VARIOUS TYPES OF OCCUPANCY[a]

TYPE OF BUILDING	NO. BLDGS.	AVERAGE VOLUME HEATED SPACE 1000 CU FT	STEAM FOR HEATING	AVERAGE HOURS OF OCCUPANCY
			Lb per DD per 1000 Cu Ft	
Office	334	2160	0.685	12.1
Office and Bank	49	3000	0.577	13.1
Office and Printing	8	1895	1.230	17.7
Office and Theater	7	4950	0.412	12.9
Office and Stores or Shops	26	1615	0.617	13.2
Bank	16	806	0.786	11.7
Department Store	63	3400	0.385	11.1
Stores	73	310	0.624	10.4
Loft	63	865	0.588	10.0
Warehouse	24	2230	0.459	9.4
Hotel and Club	73	1795	0.990	22.3
Apartment or Residence	51	1425	0.962	21.8
Theater	22	1240	0.482	12.9
Garage	13	1540	0.202	21.4
Manufacturing	19	1350	0.808	9.5
Church	9	656	0.532	7.9
Hospital	4	3306	1.194	22.0
School	8	1115	0.592	11.5
Municipal or Federal	15	3215	0.587	15.6
Lodge, Gym, Hall or Auditorium	12	880	0.390	12.4
Miscellaneous	7	1387	0.479	21.4
Total or Average	896	1890	0.651	13.4

[a]Principles of Economical Heating, *National Association of Building Owners and Managers.*

Example 8. A store in Philadelphia with a heating system designed to maintain 70 F inside in 0 F weather has 250,000 cu ft of heated space. What would be the estimated average yearly steam consumption of purchased steam for heating?

Solution. According to Table 8, a store would use 0.624 lb of steam per degree-day per 1000 cu ft heated space. From Table 3, Philadelphia has 4749 degree-days per normal year. Inserting in Equation 4:

$$F = 0.624 \times 250 \times 4749 = 740{,}000 \text{ lb of steam.}$$

Degree-Day as an Operating Unit

The use of the degree-day as a fuel *predicting* unit, explained in the foregoing, is perhaps the lesser of its two most used applications. It is also widely used as a unit for eliminating the weather (temperature) variable for existing plants from month to month or year to year. The degree-days given in Table 3 are *normals* or averages. For operating data the actual number occurring for a given month and year in a city under consideration is recorded. Since fuel consumption is proportional to the number of degree-days, plant operators frequently compute each month, the fuel burned per degree-day by the heating plant. The resulting unit figure, by eliminating the outside temperature variable, indicates whether the operating efficiency of the plant is above or below the previous month or year.

MAXIMUM DEMANDS AND LOAD FACTORS

In one form of district heating rates, a portion of the charge is based upon the maximum demand of the building. The maximum demand may be measured in several different ways. It may be taken as the instantaneous peak or as the rate of use during any specified interval. One method is to take the average of the three highest hours during the winter. These figures are available for a number of buildings in Detroit, as shown in Table 9[5].

These maximum demands were measured by an attachment on the condensation meter and therefore represent the amounts of condensation passed through the meter in the highest hours, rather than the true rate

TABLE 9. BUILDING LOAD FACTORS AND DEMANDS OF SOME DETROIT BUILDINGS

BUILDING CLASSIFICATION	LOAD FACTOR	LB OF DEMAND PER HOUR PER SQ FT OF EQUIVALENT INSTALLED RADIATOR SURFACE
Clubs and Lodges	0.318	0.184
Hotels	0.316	0.207
Printing	0.287	0.217
Offices	0.263	0.209
Apartments	0.255	0.225
Retail Stores	0.238	0.182
Auto Sales and Service	0.223	0.248
Banks	0.203	0.158
Churches	0.158	0.152
Department Stores	0.138	0.145
Theaters	0.126	0.151

[5]The Heat Requirements of Buildings, by J. H. Walker and G. H. Tuttle (A.S.H.V.E. TRANSACTIONS, Vol. 41, 1935, p. 171).