

559 miles projected or under construction. Total track mileage in 1925 was 54,100, as compared with 52,692 in 1924, a net increase of 1,408 miles. The expenditure of electric railways on maintenance of way and structures account decreased from \$4,488,826 in 1924 to \$4,043,331 in 1925. The length of their main line first and second track increased from 2,261.68 miles to 2,280.99 or by 19.31 miles.

As for the growth of the telephone systems of Canada, the pole line mileage increased from 193,399 in 1924 to 194,455 in 1925, and the wire mileage from 2,793,596 to 3,048,647 in the same period. The property and equipment account was \$193,884,378 in 1924 and \$210,535,795 in 1925.

The pole line mileage of the telegraph systems decreased from 54,742 in 1924 to 52,723 in 1925, and the wire mileage, which was 268,632 in 1924, increased to 284,121 in the following year. The line and equipment account was \$1,015,354 in 1924 and \$1,153,340 in 1925.

**Contracts Awarded.**—A record of contracts awarded during the years 1911-26, as compiled by MacLean Building Reports, Ltd., is given in Table 1. The aggregate for 1926 is the highest in the record with two exceptions, 1912 and 1913, when immigration was exceptionally great, necessitating an extensive building programme to care for the rapidly growing population. Although there was not such an influx during 1926, the detailed records, as given in Table 2, show a large increase in residential building, of which a considerable portion was apartment house construction. The most pronounced gains, however, were in business and industrial contracts, which showed increases over 1925 of 53.8 p.c. and 99.2 p.c. respectively. Engineering contracts, on the other hand, declined by 19.4 p.c.

**1.—Summary of the Value of Construction Contracts awarded in Canada, 1911-1926, as compiled by MacLean Building Reports, Ltd.**

Years.	Value of Construction Contracts.	Years.	Value of Construction Contracts.
	\$		\$
1911.....	345,425,000	1919.....	190,028,000
1912.....	463,083,000	1920.....	255,605,000
1913.....	384,157,000	1921.....	240,133,300
1914.....	241,952,000	1922.....	331,843,800
1915.....	83,916,000	1923.....	314,254,300
1916.....	99,311,000	1924.....	276,261,100
1917.....	84,841,000	1925.....	297,973,000
1918.....	99,842,000	1926.....	372,947,900

**2.—Details of Construction Contracts Awarded in Canada, 1921-1926, as compiled by MacLean Building Reports, Ltd.**

Distribution.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Geographical Division.</b>						
Maritime.....	9,288,900	11,154,000	8,749,400	8,596,700	8,873,700	8,412,300
Ontario.....	113,855,000	166,628,000	156,151,800	136,041,400	121,248,100	151,933,900
Quebec.....	61,337,500	103,291,800	102,569,800	89,511,200	124,509,100	141,929,400
Western.....	55,651,900	50,770,000	46,783,300	42,111,800	43,342,100	70,672,300
<b>Type of Construction.</b>						
Residential.....	76,655,400	104,201,500	97,645,200	91,224,800	96,489,900	109,562,400
Business.....	84,721,700	81,385,700	80,436,800	73,666,700	73,067,100	112,408,900
Industrial.....	16,503,700	25,755,800	27,022,000	21,765,000	40,007,300	79,689,700
Engineering.....	62,232,500	120,500,800	109,150,300	89,604,600	88,408,700	71,286,900
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>249,133,300</b>	<b>331,843,800</b>	<b>314,254,300</b>	<b>276,261,100</b>	<b>297,973,000</b>	<b>372,947,900</b>