

162 miles projected or under construction. Total track mileage in 1926 was 54,279, as compared with 54,100 in 1925, a net increase of 179 miles. The expenditure of electric railways on maintenance of way and structures account increased from \$4,043,331 in 1925 to \$4,190,457 in 1926. The length of their main line first and second track decreased from 2,280.99 miles to 2,237.57 or by 43.42 miles.

As for the growth of the telephone systems of Canada, the pole line mileage increased from 194,376 in 1925 to 201,604 in 1926, and the wire mileage from 3,019,773 to 3,306,214 in the same period. The property and equipment account was \$210,535,795 in 1925 and \$227,155,900 in 1926.

The pole line mileage of the telegraph systems increased from 51,726 in 1925 to 52,961 in 1926, and the wire mileage, which was 284,121 in 1925, increased to 305,933 in the following year. The line and equipment account was \$1,153,340 in 1925 and \$1,340,343 in 1926.

Contracts Awarded.—A record of contracts awarded during the years 1911-27, as compiled by MacLean Building Reports, Ltd., is given in Table 1. The aggregate for 1927 is the highest in the record with one exception, 1912, 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 1927, 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 gain, however, was in business contracts, which showed an increase over 1926 of 45.4 p.c. Engineering contracts increased by 27.0 p.c., while industrial contracts, on the other hand, were only 50.2 p.c. of similar contracts in 1926.

1.—Summary of the Value of Construction Contracts awarded in Canada, 1911-1927, 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.....	241,982,000	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
		1927.....	418,951,600

2.—Details of Construction Contracts awarded in Canada, 1922-1927, as compiled by MacLean Building Reports, Ltd.

Distribution.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island.....	458,200	457,100	238,200	345,600	374,500	421,100
Nova Scotia.....	5,769,400	4,710,800	4,035,400	4,154,800	3,444,800	5,469,300
New Brunswick.....	4,926,400	3,581,500	4,323,100	4,373,300	4,593,000	3,597,200
Quebec.....	103,291,800	102,569,800	89,511,200	124,509,100	151,933,900	133,182,600
Ontario.....	186,628,000	156,151,800	136,041,400	121,248,100	141,929,400	196,159,000
Manitoba.....	9,365,800	9,984,000	6,492,500	13,098,200	19,186,600	29,939,900
Saskatchewan.....	5,034,400	5,793,300	5,857,800	4,923,100	14,251,500	11,337,600
Alberta.....	8,903,500	7,066,400	6,600,400	3,867,500	10,058,400	7,507,300
British Columbia.....	27,466,300	23,939,600	23,161,100	21,458,300	27,175,800	31,337,600
Total.....	331,843,800	314,254,300	276,261,100	297,972,000	372,947,900	418,951,600
Type of Construction.						
Residential.....	104,201,500	97,645,200	91,224,800	96,489,900	109,562,400	124,939,600
Business.....	81,385,700	80,436,800	73,666,700	73,067,100	112,408,900	163,423,800
Industrial.....	26,765,800	27,022,000	21,765,000	40,007,300	79,689,700	39,988,900
Engineering.....	120,500,800	109,150,300	89,604,600	88,408,700	71,236,900	90,594,300