

As for the growth of the telephone systems of Canada, the pole line mileage increased from 201,604 in 1926 to 204,245 in 1927, and the wire mileage from 3,306,214 to 3,591,035 in the same period. The property and equipment account was \$227,155,900 in 1926 and \$243,999,135 in 1927.

The pole line mileage of the telegraph systems increased from 52,612 in 1926 to 52,731 in 1927, and the wire mileage, which was 305,933 in 1926, increased to 323,539 in the following year. The cost of property and equipment of telegraph companies, including the telegraph systems of the railway companies, was \$26,443,851 in 1926 and \$29,063,590 in 1927.

Contracts Awarded.—A record of contracts awarded during the years 1911-28, as compiled by MacLean Building Reports, Ltd., is given in Table 1. The aggregate for 1928 is the highest in the record, exceeding by \$9,000,000 the former record of 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 1928, 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 total of business construction reached a very high figure, being more than double the total for any of the years 1923-1925. The greatest proportional increase was in industrial construction, where the 1928 total was 58 p.c. greater than that of 1927. Engineering construction also showed an increase over the previous year.

1.—Summary of the Value of Construction Contracts awarded in Canada, 1911-1928, as compiled by MacLean Building Reports, Ltd.

Years.	Value of construction contracts.	Years.	Value of construction contracts.
	\$		\$
1911.....	345,425,000	1920.....	255,605,000
1912.....	463,083,000	1921.....	240,133,300
1913.....	384,157,000	1922.....	331,843,800
1914.....	241,952,000	1923.....	314,254,300
1915.....	83,916,000	1924.....	276,261,100
1916.....	99,311,000	1925.....	297,973,000
1917.....	84,841,000	1926.....	372,947,900
1918.....	99,842,000	1927.....	418,951,600
1919.....	190,028,000	1928.....	472,032,600

2.—Details of Construction Contracts awarded in Canada, 1923-1928, as compiled by MacLean Building Reports, Ltd.

Distribution.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
PROVINCES.						
Prince Edward Island.....	457,100	238,200	345,600	374,500	421,100	559,000
Nova Scotia.....	4,710,800	4,035,400	4,154,800	3,444,800	5,469,300	27,784,000
New Brunswick.....	3,581,500	4,323,100	4,373,300	4,593,000	3,597,200	7,825,000
Quebec.....	102,569,800	89,511,200	124,509,100	151,933,900	133,182,600	144,185,000
Ontario.....	156,151,800	136,041,400	121,248,100	141,929,400	196,159,000	188,351,700
Manitoba.....	9,984,000	6,492,500	13,093,200	19,186,600	29,939,900	23,996,300
Saskatchewan.....	5,793,300	5,857,800	4,923,100	14,251,500	11,337,600	22,127,100
Alberta.....	7,066,400	6,600,400	3,867,500	10,058,400	7,507,300	17,909,700
British Columbia.....	23,939,600	23,161,100	21,458,300	27,175,800	31,337,600	39,295,800
Total.....	314,254,300	276,261,100	297,973,000	372,947,900	418,951,600	472,032,600