

As for the growth of the telephone systems of Canada, the pole line mileage increased from 204,245 in 1927 to 207,566 in 1928, and the wire mileage from 3,591,035 to 3,982,867 in the same period. The property and equipment account was \$243,999,135 in 1927 and \$263,201,651 in 1928.

The pole line mileage of the telegraph systems increased from 52,731 in 1927 to 53,777 in 1928, and the wire mileage, which was 323,539 in 1927, increased to 337,971 in the following year. The telegraph and cable companies reported new construction valued at \$1,914,737 and alterations and repair work costing \$1,288,619, or a total expenditure for construction of \$3,203,356 for the year.

Contracts Awarded.—A record of contracts awarded during the years 1911-29, as compiled by MacLean Building Reports, Ltd., is given in Table 1. The aggregate for 1929 is the highest in the record, exceeding by \$104,619,200 and \$113,568,800 the previous maxima established in 1928 and 1912 respectively. When immigration was exceptionally great in 1912, an extensive building program was necessary to care for the rapidly growing population. In 1928, the high figure was largely accounted for by residential building, but industrial contracts were considerably ahead of 1927. Although residential construction declined in 1929, the tremendous increase in engineering construction and the significant advances in building for business purposes combined to make the record total.

1.—Summary of the Value of Construction Contracts Awarded in Canada, 1911-1929, as Compiled by MacLean Building Reports, Ltd.

| Years. | Value of construction contracts. | Years. | Value of construction contracts. |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| | \$ | | \$ |
| 1911..... | 345,425,000 | 1921..... | 240,133,300 |
| 1912..... | 463,083,000 | 1922..... | 331,843,800 |
| 1913..... | 384,157,000 | 1923..... | 314,254,300 |
| 1914..... | 241,952,000 | 1924..... | 276,261,100 |
| 1915..... | 83,916,000 | 1925..... | 297,973,000 |
| 1916..... | 99,311,000 | 1926..... | 372,947,900 |
| 1917..... | 84,841,000 | 1927..... | 418,951,600 |
| 1918..... | 99,842,000 | 1928..... | 472,032,600 |
| 1919..... | 190,028,000 | 1929..... | 576,651,800 |
| 1920..... | 255,605,000 | | |

2.—Construction Contracts Awarded in Canada, 1924-1929, by Provinces and Types of Construction, as Compiled by MacLean Building Reports, Ltd.

| Distribution. | 1924. | 1925. | 1926. | 1927. | 1928. | 1929. |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| PROVINCES. | | | | | | |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 238,200 | 345,600 | 374,500 | 421,100 | 559,000 | 627,300 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 4,035,400 | 4,154,800 | 3,444,800 | 5,469,300 | 27,784,000 | 12,744,500 |
| New Brunswick..... | 4,323,100 | 4,373,300 | 4,593,000 | 3,597,200 | 7,825,000 | 6,806,500 |
| Quebec..... | 89,511,200 | 124,509,100 | 151,933,900 | 133,182,600 | 144,185,000 | 187,771,600 |
| Ontario..... | 136,041,400 | 121,248,100 | 141,929,400 | 196,159,000 | 188,351,700 | 215,773,100 |
| Manitoba..... | 6,492,500 | 13,093,200 | 19,186,600 | 29,939,900 | 23,995,300 | 38,156,500 |
| Saskatchewan..... | 5,857,800 | 4,923,100 | 14,251,500 | 11,337,600 | 22,127,100 | 34,184,300 |
| Alberta..... | 6,600,400 | 3,867,500 | 10,058,400 | 7,507,300 | 17,909,700 | 29,159,600 |
| British Columbia..... | 23,161,100 | 21,458,300 | 27,175,800 | 31,337,600 | 39,295,800 | 51,428,400 |
| Total..... | 276,261,100 | 297,973,000 | 372,947,900 | 418,951,600 | 472,032,600 | 576,651,800 |