

2.—Construction Contracts Awarded in Canada, 1926-31, by Provinces and Types of Construction, as Compiled by MacLean Building Reports, Ltd.

Distribution.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
PROVINCE.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	374,500	421,100	559,000	627,300	1,120,500	186,800
Nova Scotia.....	3,444,800	5,469,800	27,784,000	12,744,500	7,238,500	6,923,800
New Brunswick.....	4,595,000	3,597,200	7,825,000	6,806,500	11,067,600	9,756,800
Quebec.....	151,943,900	133,182,600	144,185,000	187,771,800	154,672,000	106,125,700
Ontario.....	141,929,400	196,159,000	188,351,700	215,773,100	175,459,600	125,452,300
Manitoba.....	19,186,600	29,939,900	23,995,300	38,156,500	22,010,900	13,797,800
Saskatchewan.....	14,251,500	11,337,600	22,127,100	34,184,300	27,261,300	9,200,000
Alberta.....	10,058,100	7,507,300	17,909,700	29,159,600	25,081,700	14,334,700
British Columbia.....	27,175,800	31,337,600	39,295,800	51,428,400	32,987,500	29,704,100
Totals.....	372,947,900	418,951,600	472,632,600	576,651,800	456,999,600	315,482,000
TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION.						
Apartments.....	20,979,300	25,981,800	36,720,500	22,527,200	15,330,300	16,202,200
Residences.....	88,553,100	98,937,800	102,445,800	106,374,100	77,961,200	65,482,100
Totals, Residential.....	109,532,400	124,919,600	139,166,300	128,901,300	93,291,500	81,684,300
Churches.....	9,942,600	12,052,700	8,327,500	8,367,800	7,265,600	7,744,600
Public garages.....	4,820,500	7,354,700	10,889,100	12,915,100	7,049,700	3,420,000
Hospitals.....	6,460,100	8,897,200	9,596,300	8,983,700	14,636,200	12,142,500
Hotels and clubs.....	19,979,400	30,588,700	15,486,400	20,110,500	13,806,700	2,881,100
Office buildings.....	11,957,600	46,752,900	34,120,900	37,465,100	26,529,600	3,575,200
Public buildings.....	4,546,400	8,195,200	8,744,700	19,062,600	16,804,600	16,803,200
Schools.....	17,110,700	22,244,000	20,907,400	22,482,800	35,079,800	17,852,700
Stores.....	12,640,200	11,831,900	27,448,000	27,358,900	10,006,100	9,093,900
Theatres.....	2,432,700	1,519,500	3,085,000	3,074,800	2,356,100	1,308,900
Warehouses.....	22,518,700	19,982,000	31,621,300	29,835,400	17,569,300	6,410,200
Totals, Business.....	112,408,900	163,428,800	170,226,600	190,161,700	151,163,700	81,174,300
Totals, Industrial.....	79,689,700	39,988,300	63,306,000	62,968,800	31,526,000	14,516,000
Bridges.....	6,681,700	23,468,900	7,360,200	11,218,500	11,333,700	16,064,600
Dams and wharves.....	7,374,500	6,565,300	8,297,900	24,721,300	10,281,600	3,943,300
Sewers and water-mains.....	7,889,300	9,624,700	10,455,800	17,532,200	28,680,800	25,620,400
Roads and streets.....	24,879,900	24,382,800	29,412,500	41,690,800	40,490,200	41,065,800
General engineering.....	24,961,500	26,552,600	48,812,400	99,437,200	90,298,100	51,143,300
Totals, Engineering.....	71,286,900	96,594,300	99,338,800	194,628,000	181,861,400	137,967,400

Building Permits.—The estimated value of construction in 61 cities of Canada, as indicated by their building permits, is shown for the years 1926 to 1931 inclusive in Table 3. These cities had in 1921 about 32.6 p.c. of the population of Canada, while their 1930 building permits aggregated \$112,222,845 or 35.6 p.c. of the total contracts awarded, as shown in Table 1. In Table 3 the 35 cities for which statistics of building permits are available since 1910 are indicated by an asterisk (*), and the totals for these cities are given beneath the totals for the larger group.

Table 4 shows the value of the building permits issued by 35 cities in the years 1910-1931. The average weighted index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials since 1913 are also given, as are the average indexes of wages in the building trades since 1910, the latter being compiled by the Department of Labour, and the former by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. These indexes are introduced to show as far as possible the fluctuations in building costs with their effect upon construction work. Attempts have been made to determine the relative proportion of material and wage costs in general building, but representative data could not be obtained.