

upturn from the low point in activity of the building and construction trades during the depression cycle, it was in many ways a satisfactory one in which to commence such a record. The difficulties which have arisen in classifying the data from the schedules and in compiling representative figures have been numerous. In the structural steel industry, for instance, a certain amount of erection or construction is carried on along with fabrication. Again, in wood-working and sawmilling a number of plants undertake certain types of construction, and in many large manufacturing plants of all kinds construction and repair operations of a sort are also carried on. Separation and valuation in all such cases is very difficult, especially in an initial survey of this kind.

From the reports received for 1934, a total value of \$186,198,890 of construction work was shown, of which \$115,988,781 was for new projects and \$70,210,109 for alterations and repairs. The capital employed was \$131,041,651, the wages and salaries paid amounted to \$101,608,228 and the cost of materials was \$70,792,135. The survey covers a large percentage of the contractors, builders, etc., who operated during 1934, and these results, though incomplete, give the construction industry a greater gross value than the largest manufacturing industry in Canada, pulp and paper, which, in 1934, had a production valued at \$152,648,000 (see p. 438).

Table 1 gives the principal statistics of the construction industry as compiled from the returns for 1934.

1.—Principal Statistics of the Construction Industry in Canada, by Provinces, 1934.¹

Province and Group.	Capital.	Em- ployees.	Salaries and Wages.	Cost of Materials.	Value of Work Performed. ²		
					New Construc- tion.	Alter- ations and Repairs.	Total.
	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Canada.							
Contractors, builders, etc.	94,561,429	46,479	39,356,442	51,776,922	65,971,690	33,410,132	99,381,822
Municipalities.....	17,418,926	52,850	21,759,944	6,741,108	9,086,410	19,889,811	28,976,221
Harbour Commissions. . .	1,622,678	1,259	1,278,880	757,791	357,926	2,898,014	3,255,940
Provincial Govt. Depts. . .	10,934,485	45,926	26,018,545	6,382,028	26,489,319	8,763,565	35,252,884
Dominion Govt. Depts. . .	6,504,133	26,639	13,194,417	5,134,286	14,083,436	5,248,587	19,332,023
Totals, Canada....	131,041,651	173,153	101,608,228	70,792,135	115,988,781	70,210,109	186,198,890
PRINCIPAL STATISTICS BY PROVINCES.							
Prince Edward Island.							
Contractors, builders, etc.	299,189	148	83,831	110,018	178,282	19,862	198,144
Municipalities.....	13,439	107	49,853	25,770	42,580	36,724	79,304
Harbour Commissions....	-	6	4,336	5,125	867	8,873	9,740
Dominion Govt. Depts. . .							
Totals, Prince Edward Island.....	312,628	261	138,020	140,913	221,729	65,459	287,188
Nova Scotia.							
Contractors, builders, etc.	2,740,887	1,447	1,253,933	1,740,514	2,285,763	1,197,885	3,483,648
Municipalities.....	359,915	1,079	658,074	149,201	342,286	384,684	726,970
Harbour Commissions. . .							
Provincial Govt. Depts. . .	491,811	3,105	2,170,203	646,312	1,872,049	3,211,550	5,083,599
Dominion Govt. Depts. . .							
Totals, Nova Scotia....	3,592,613	5,631	4,082,210	2,536,027	4,500,098	4,794,119	9,294,217
New Brunswick.							
Contractors, builders, etc.	2,917,533	1,347	1,121,857	1,620,655	2,154,020	925,844	3,079,864
Municipalities.....	492,233	460	356,297	158,880	169,300	387,569	556,869
Harbour Commissions. . .							
Provincial Govt. Depts. . .	1,950,466	3,923	1,518,991	383,855	1,182,766	985,252	2,168,018
Dominion Govt. Depts. . .							
Totals, New Brunswick....	5,360,232	5,730	2,997,145	2,163,390	3,506,086	2,298,665	5,804,751

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