

building costs with their effect upon construction work and employment. At various times attempts have been made to determine the relative proportions of material and wage costs in general building; such proportions vary with the type of building and the centres studied, and accurate and representative data are difficult to obtain. However, the results of a survey made in 1934 and published in "Building in Canada" (June, 1934) showed that in fifteen cities the average proportions in all types of construction were 63·6 p.c. for materials and 36·4 p.c. for labour. The reduction in the cost of building operations in the depression years has probably been much more than is indicated by the declines in the indexes of wholesale prices and wages from the relatively high averages shown since the Great War.

Owing to the increasing use of the automobile and other means of rapid transportation, a growing percentage of those who work in the cities reside outside the municipal boundaries. Hence arises, in part, the necessity for an extension of the record of building permits to include such suburban areas as the York Townships in the case of Toronto, and North Vancouver in the case of Vancouver. South Vancouver and Point Grey were annexed to Vancouver as from Jan. 1, 1929.

The construction contracts in 1935 as shown in Table 3 increased by 27·4 p.c. compared with 1934 and the building permits of 58 cities in Table 4 increased by 69·6 p.c.

#### 4.—Values of Building Permits Taken Out in 58<sup>1</sup> Cities for the calendar years 1930-35.

NOTE.—Asterisks indicate the 35 original cities, statistics for which are available since 1910.

Province and City.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Prince Edward Island.....</b>	<b>158,000</b>	<b>²</b>	<b>587,000</b>	<b>115,200</b>	<b>87,310</b>	<b>168,395</b>
Charlottetown.....	158,000	²	587,000	115,200	87,310	168,395
<b>Nova Scotia.....</b>	<b>3,564,302</b>	<b>3,174,980</b>	<b>1,109,753</b>	<b>655,294</b>	<b>835,672</b>	<b>1,619,097</b>
*Halifax.....	3,188,345	2,964,985	933,519	598,909	749,428	1,545,824
New Glasgow.....	141,250	107,165	35,890	23,060	11,252	18,855
*Sydney.....	234,707	102,830	140,344	33,325	74,992	54,418
<b>New Brunswick.....</b>	<b>3,034,614</b>	<b>1,783,462</b>	<b>648,434</b>	<b>394,514</b>	<b>1,277,333</b>	<b>265,115</b>
Fredericton.....	482,000	140,295	18,500	85,115	42,775	19,325
*Moncton.....	456,827	385,850	184,395	143,093	978,228	106,261
*Saint John.....	2,095,787	1,257,317	445,539	166,306	256,330	139,529
<b>Quebec.....</b>	<b>46,224,208</b>	<b>37,665,584</b>	<b>12,467,878</b>	<b>7,005,774</b>	<b>5,994,676</b>	<b>10,207,383</b>
*Montreal-*Maisonneuve...	37,504,590	31,876,676	10,557,438	5,648,862	4,098,025	7,455,436
*Quebec.....	4,912,257	4,049,875	1,179,465	724,548	415,308	2,141,695
Shawinigan Falls.....	468,540	55,065	107,230	58,260	184,535	52,137
*Sherbrooke.....	812,150	676,350	229,300	186,400	130,060	314,450
*Three Rivers.....	851,730	242,030	108,075	28,588	465,765	55,555
*Westmount.....	1,674,941	705,588	286,370	359,116	700,983	188,110

<sup>1</sup> See footnote at end of Table 4.

<sup>2</sup> No information received.