

be guaranteed by the Government to the extent of 15 p.c. of the aggregate amount of loans made by each approved lending institution.

The limit of the aggregate loans is \$50,000,000 and the limit of the Government's guarantee is \$7,500,000. Up to Feb. 15, 1937, the total numbers and amounts of loans made in the various provinces were as follows:—

LOANS MADE UNDER THE GOVERNMENT HOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN, TO FEB. 15, 1937.

Province.	Number of Loans.	Amount of Loans.
		\$
Prince Edward Island.....	41	14,950
Nova Scotia.....	476	147,725
New Brunswick.....	235	82,153
Quebec.....	748	387,265
Ontario.....	1,609	584,450
Manitoba.....	180	66,571
Saskatchewan.....	125	39,385
Alberta.....	379	156,740
British Columbia.....	584	196,159
Totals.....	4,377	1,675,398

**Industrial Statistics of Construction.\***—The 1936 edition of the Year Book gave, at pp. 473-474, a short account of the inception of the Census of Construction and of the difficulties encountered in connection therewith. Statistics for the first year of the survey, *viz.*, 1934, were presented. Summary tables covering data for 1935 are given hereunder. For several reasons it is not considered advisable to begin a historical series at present. In some respects the figures for 1935 are not comparable with those of 1934, and it is felt that no good purpose would be served by bringing them together in comparable form until the basis of procedure has become fairly well established. This will be realized when it is pointed out that in 1935 reports were received from 215 municipalities as compared with 2,333 in 1934, since it was decided that much of the work undertaken by country municipalities (grading and scraping of roads, cleaning ditches, weed and brush cutting, etc.) did not fall within the meaning of construction as applied to the census. On the other hand, the number of reports received from the other three main groups, *viz.*, contractors and builders, Harbour Commissions, and Government Departments, show a net increase of 280.

Another matter which should be pointed out is that no relationship exists between the total value of construction shown for 1935 below and the value of contracts awarded as indicated on p. 480. In the former case all values are included as soon as awards are made irrespective of whether the contract is completed or even begun in that year, whereas the tables below represent construction work carried on and actually performed in 1935.

Table 1 shows the principal statistics of the industry, divided as between public and private employers.

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