

7.—Values of Building Permits Taken Out in 58¹ Cities for the calendar years 1931-36 —concluded.

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

Province and City.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Manitoba	4,953,908	2,381,433	851,681	833,048	2,945,175	1,559,940
*Brandon.....	286,613	33,088	46,821	44,758	111,235	55,211
St. Boniface.....	270,695	218,945	62,660	80,640	110,540	97,279
*Winnipeg.....	4,396,600	2,129,400	742,200	707,650	2,723,400	1,407,450
Saskatchewan	3,790,002	2,374,440	529,497	722,108	1,029,854	640,739
*Moose Jaw.....	473,047	392,542	44,845	350,687	252,200	57,818
*Regina.....	1,598,440	277,069	376,742	291,696	632,944	358,966
*Saskatoon.....	1,718,515	1,704,829	107,910	79,725	144,650	223,955
Alberta	4,730,465	2,243,718	947,240	1,262,407	1,686,457	1,966,556
*Calgary.....	1,944,039	917,868	449,917	687,094	874,286	845,287
*Edmonton.....	1,377,175	1,093,045	428,565	479,108	676,535	895,440
Lethbridge.....	1,294,056	192,150	54,398	70,110	118,442	200,414
Medicine Hat.....	115,195	40,655	14,360	26,095	17,194	25,415
British Columbia	11,812,866	3,618,980	2,160,553	2,093,590	4,791,611	5,962,260
Kamloops.....	133,642	49,435	50,517	34,201	69,652	78,735
Nanaimo.....	45,350	56,269	33,356	49,841	36,856	166,378
*New Westminster.....	580,321	137,712	114,880	77,695	210,490	369,215
Prince Rupert.....	156,493	54,230	29,327	66,420	43,235	63,940
*Vancouver.....	10,066,425	2,854,206	1,564,541	1,418,816	3,892,665	4,641,545
North Vancouver.....	94,025	77,455	27,796	14,505	20,250	57,929
*Victoria.....	736,610	389,673	340,136	432,112	518,463	584,518
Totals—58 Cities	112,222,845	42,319,397	21,776,496	27,457,524	46,560,623	41,325,693
*Totals—35 Cities	101,821,221	38,443,406	19,890,150	24,911,430	42,839,627	36,337,439

¹ The number of cities included in this tabulation has been reduced from 61 to 58, owing to the amalgamation of East Windsor, Sandwich and Walkerville with Windsor during 1935. This union does not affect the areas and populations covered in these statistics since 1920, but it does to some extent affect the comparability of the figures for the original 35 cities for which the record goes back to 1910. Statistics for these centres are not available prior to 1920.

Table 8 shows the value of the building permits issued by 35 cities in the years 1910-36. The average weighted index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials since 1912 are given, together with index numbers of employment in the construction industries as reported by employers since 1920, both these indexes having been compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The average index numbers of wages in the building trades since 1910, as compiled by the Department of Labour, are also given. These indexes show as far as possible the fluctuations in 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.