

8.—Values of Building Permits Taken Out in 58 Cities for the calendar years 1932-37
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Province and City.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Manitoba	2,381,433	851,681	833,048	2,945,175	1,559,940	2,543,559
*Brandon.....	33,088	46,821	44,758	111,235	55,211	57,310
St. Boniface.....	218,945	62,660	80,640	110,540	97,279	334,149
*Winnipeg.....	2,129,400	742,200	707,650	2,723,400	1,407,450	2,152,100
Saskatchewan	2,374,440	529,497	722,108	1,029,854	640,739	905,029
*Moose Jaw.....	392,542	44,845	350,687	252,260	57,818	191,087
*Regina.....	277,069	376,742	291,696	632,944	358,966	464,041
*Saskatoon.....	1,704,829	107,910	79,725	144,650	223,955	249,901
Alberta	2,243,718	947,240	1,262,407	1,686,457	1,966,556	1,823,377
*Calgary.....	917,868	449,917	687,094	874,286	845,287	667,809
*Edmonton.....	1,093,045	428,565	479,108	676,535	895,440	865,560
Lethbridge.....	192,150	54,398	70,110	118,442	200,414	232,298
Medicine Hat.....	40,655	14,360	26,095	17,194	25,415	62,710
British Columbia	3,618,980	2,166,553	2,093,590	4,791,611	5,962,260	8,468,051
Kamloops.....	49,435	50,517	34,201	69,652	78,735	58,277
Nanaimo.....	56,269	33,356	49,841	36,856	166,378	231,602
*New Westminster.....	137,712	114,880	77,695	210,490	369,215	541,715
North Vancouver.....	77,455	27,796	14,505	20,250	57,929	68,188
Prince Rupert.....	54,230	29,327	66,420	43,235	63,940	46,694
*Vancouver.....	2,854,206	1,564,541	1,418,816	3,892,665	4,641,545	6,760,880
*Victoria.....	389,673	340,136	432,112	518,463	584,518	760,695
Totals—58 Cities	42,319,397	21,776,496	27,457,524	46,560,623	41,325,693	55,844,999
*Totals—35 Cities	38,443,406	19,890,150	24,911,430	42,839,627	36,337,439	49,694,847

Table 9 shows the values of the building permits issued by 35 cities in the years 1910-37. 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.