

11.—Values of Building Permits Taken Out in 58 Cities, calendar years 1933-38—concluded.

Province and City.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Alberta</b> .....	<b>947,240</b>	<b>1,262,407</b>	<b>1,666,457</b>	<b>1,966,556</b>	<b>1,528,377</b>	<b>3,930,553</b>
*Calgary.....	449,917	687,094	874,286	845,237	667,809	911,311
*Edmonton.....	428,565	479,108	678,535	595,440	565,560	2,806,340
Lethbridge.....	54,398	70,110	118,442	200,414	232,293	203,117
Medicine Hat.....	14,360	26,095	17,194	25,415	62,710	9,785
<b>British Columbia</b> .....	<b>2,160,553</b>	<b>2,093,590</b>	<b>4,791,611</b>	<b>5,962,260</b>	<b>8,468,651</b>	<b>10,342,938</b>
Kamloops.....	50,517	34,201	69,652	78,735	58,277	67,872
Nanaimo.....	33,356	49,841	36,856	166,378	231,602	110,895
*New Westminster.....	114,880	77,695	210,490	369,215	541,715	690,182
North Vancouver.....	27,796	14,505	20,250	57,929	68,188	111,485
Prince Rupert.....	29,327	66,420	43,235	63,940	46,694	274,086
*Vancouver.....	1,564,541	1,418,816	3,892,665	4,614,545	6,760,880	8,224,300
*Victoria.....	340,136	432,112	518,463	584,518	760,695	864,118
<b>Totals—58 Cities</b> .....	<b>21,776,496</b>	<b>27,457,524</b>	<b>46,580,623</b>	<b>41,325,693</b>	<b>55,844,999</b>	<b>60,817,333</b>
<b>*Totals—35 Cities</b> .....	<b>19,890,150</b>	<b>24,911,430</b>	<b>42,839,627</b>	<b>36,337,439</b>	<b>49,694,847</b>	<b>54,532,781</b>

Table 12 shows the values of the building permits issued by 35 cities in the years 1910-38. 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.

12.—Values of Building Permits Issued by 35 Cities and Index Numbers of the Building Construction Industries, calendar years 1910-38.

Year.	Value of Building Permits.	Average Index Numbers of—		
		Wholesale Prices of Building Materials.	Wages in the Building Trades.	Employment in Building Construction. <sup>1</sup>
	\$	(1913=100.)	(1913=100.)	(1926=100.)
1910.....	100,357,546	2	86.9	2
1911.....	138,170,390	2	90.2	2
1912.....	185,233,449	2	96.0	2
1913.....	153,662,842	100.0	100.0	2
1914.....	96,780,981	93.8	100.8	2

<sup>1</sup> As reported by employers.

<sup>2</sup> Not available.