

EXPENDITURES BY STEAM AND ELECTRIC RAILWAYS, AND TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE SYSTEMS ON MAINTENANCE OF WAY AND STRUCTURES, AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT, 1935-38.

Item.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Steam Railways—				
Maintenance of way and structures.....	55,250,291	60,378,275	58,309,150	55,217,352
Maintenance of equipment.....	57,424,660	63,755,028	73,166,522	69,233,176
Totals, Steam Railways.....	112,674,951	124,133,303	131,475,672	124,450,528
Electric Railways—				
Maintenance of way and structures.....	2,435,644	2,654,875	2,561,156	2,509,225
Maintenance of equipment.....	2,966,127	3,179,552	3,276,960	3,407,339
Totals, Electric Railways.....	5,401,771	5,834,427	5,838,116	5,916,564
Telegraph maintenance.....	1,839,751	1,906,054	2,200,002	2,152,588
Telephone maintenance.....	10,287,026	10,923,509	11,829,389	12,080,383
Grand Totals.....	130,203,499	142,797,293	151,343,179	144,600,063

Industrial Statistics of Construction.*—A census of construction was made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for 1934, but the basis of compilation was not standardized until 1935 so that with the completion of the 1938 figures comparable statistics are now available covering the years 1935-38. Summary statistics are given in Tables 3, 4, and 5.

No relationship exists between the total value of construction as shown in these tables, and the value of contracts awarded as indicated in Table 9 of Section 3, p. 475. In the latter 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 cover construction work carried on and actually performed in the calendar year.

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3.—Principal Statistics of the Construction Industry in Canada, 1935-38.

Item.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
Firms reporting.....No.	7,689	9,976	10,855	12,964
Capital invested.....\$	158,471,916	164,322,276	176,971,223	184,200,541
Salaries employees.....No.	18,670	21,059	22,431	25,278
Salaries paid.....\$	22,579,526	25,270,846	30,398,287	34,809,919
Wage-earning employees (average).....No.	126,098	121,285	129,221	121,913
Wages paid.....\$	82,607,097	87,575,538	120,239,004	112,595,479
Employees.....No.	144,768	142,344	151,652	147,191
Salaries and wages paid.....\$	105,186,623	112,846,384	150,637,291	147,405,398
Cost of materials used.....\$	94,733,584	122,189,238	175,844,435	176,562,208
Value of work performed ¹\$	215,548,873	258,040,400	351,874,114	353,223,285
New construction ¹\$	140,988,928	170,645,824	244,946,916	240,549,164
Alterations, maintenance, and repairs ¹ \$	74,560,645	87,394,576	106,927,198	112,674,121
Subcontract work performed....\$	31,437,270	35,710,083	46,975,118	54,024,399
New construction.....\$	22,813,416	29,979,166	40,025,508	45,322,673
Alterations, maintenance, and repairs.....\$	8,623,854	5,730,917	6,949,610	8,701,726

Includes subcontract work indicated in the lower part of the table.