

Building Permits.—The estimated value of construction in 58 cities of Canada, as indicated by their building permits, is shown for the years 1934 to 1939, inclusive, in Table 11. These cities had, in 1931, about 36 p.c. of the population of Canada while their 1939 building permits aggregated 32·2 p.c. of the total contracts awarded, as shown in Table 9.

Owing to the increasing use of the automobile and other means of rapid transportation, a growing percentage of those who work in the cities reside outside the municipal boundaries. Hence arises, in part, the necessity for an extension of the record of building permits to include such suburban areas as the York Townships in the case of Toronto, and North Vancouver in the case of Vancouver.

The construction contracts in 1939 as shown in Table 10 declined by 0·05 p.c. compared with 1938, while the building permits of 58 cities in Table 11 decreased by 0·9 p.c.

11.—Values of Building Permits Taken Out in 58 Cities, 1934-39.

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

| Province and City. | 1934. | 1935. | 1936. | 1937. | 1938. | 1939. |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Prince Edward Island | 87,310 | 168,395 | 154,455 | 140,170 | 92,210 | 133,788 |
| Charlottetown | 87,310 | 168,395 | 154,455 | 140,170 | 92,210 | 133,788 |
| Nova Scotia | 835,672 | 1,619,097 | 1,320,202 | 1,929,025 | 1,897,641 | 1,562,125 |
| *Halifax | 749,428 | 1,545,824 | 1,103,988 | 1,488,326 | 1,420,142 | 1,129,481 |
| New Glasgow | 11,252 | 18,855 | 36,818 | 86,135 | 81,415 | 53,688 |
| *Sydney | 74,992 | 54,418 | 179,396 | 354,564 | 396,084 | 378,956 |
| New Brunswick | 1,277,333 | 265,115 | 453,756 | 602,163 | 631,966 | 1,069,111 |
| Fredericton | 42,775 | 19,325 | 142,220 | 126,400 | 118,230 | 105,620 |
| *Moncton | 978,228 | 106,261 | 100,292 | 214,608 | 280,202 | 460,680 |
| *Saint John | 256,330 | 139,529 | 211,244 | 261,155 | 233,534 | 502,811 |
| Quebec | 5,994,676 | 10,207,383 | 10,011,608 | 11,271,918 | 14,451,635 | 14,796,421 |
| *Maisonneuve | } 4,098,025 | 7,455,436 | 6,905,323 | 8,217,344 | 10,205,422 | 9,253,506 |
| *Montreal | | | | | | |
| *Quebec | 415,308 | 2,141,695 | 816,835 | 915,119 | 1,945,961 | 2,493,572 |
| Shawinigan Falls | 184,535 | 52,137 | 126,175 | 414,080 | 264,910 | 491,070 |
| *Sherbrooke | 130,060 | 314,450 | 278,700 | 792,240 | 750,700 | 1,171,550 |
| *Three Rivers | 465,765 | 55,555 | 1,528,197 | 383,417 | 769,565 | 1,007,360 |
| *Westmount | 700,983 | 188,110 | 356,378 | 549,718 | 515,077 | 379,363 |
| Ontario | 14,351,380 | 23,847,536 | 19,256,177 | 28,156,707 | 25,424,507 | 26,543,103 |
| Belleville | 76,455 | 145,602 | 85,065 | 150,395 | 119,340 | 251,396 |
| *Brantford | 283,586 | 272,648 | 161,602 | 270,003 | 273,563 | 233,175 |
| Chatham | 55,200 | 108,931 | 156,345 | 192,050 | 471,156 | 532,178 |
| *Fort William | 621,700 | 152,450 | 207,500 | 495,880 | 542,553 | 524,315 |
| Galt | 135,006 | 388,688 | 141,226 | 369,458 | 286,730 | 288,995 |
| *Guelph | 110,078 | 273,608 | 100,200 | 138,267 | 152,778 | 198,294 |
| *Hamilton | 772,535 | 1,887,622 | 1,466,906 | 1,694,189 | 2,325,908 | 2,265,265 |
| *Kingston | 141,398 | 213,929 | 253,398 | 360,629 | 392,733 | 415,153 |
| *Kitchener | 234,449 | 589,325 | 449,123 | 891,247 | 615,092 | 774,419 |
| *London | 671,840 | 1,835,110 | 672,745 | 949,790 | 708,140 | 1,895,870 |
| Niagara Falls | 73,540 | 92,057 | 141,258 | 246,436 | 326,919 | 226,578 |
| Oshawa | 50,970 | 125,300 | 108,022 | 218,760 | 103,085 | 235,225 |
| *Ottawa | 1,257,000 | 4,085,140 | 1,781,555 | 2,325,445 | 5,188,059 | 2,050,656 |
| Owen Sound | 23,885 | 48,727 | 173,410 | 56,847 | 176,961 | 132,760 |
| *Peterborough | 149,238 | 195,588 | 269,164 | 199,686 | 426,144 | 502,078 |