

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

Province and City.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ontario—concluded.						
*Port Arthur.....	101,807	163,971	212,671	708,143	747,444	441,656
Riverside.....	3,100	11,475	29,810	109,605	99,330	125,100
*Stratford.....	53,095	50,227	53,105	145,047	75,687	77,852
*St. Catharines.....	151,648	238,694	823,398	793,227	367,405	599,389
*St. Thomas.....	42,261	128,350	79,545	52,106	189,296	166,106
Sarnia.....	127,203	137,052	123,229	192,830	173,752	231,222
Sault Ste. Marie.....	257,340	181,320	226,340	355,950	343,345	596,491
*Toronto.....	7,496,983	10,005,455	8,182,799	11,258,900	8,535,401	10,313,943
Welland.....	108,326	74,609	107,645	231,429	146,663	198,854
*Windsor.....	385,352	709,304	703,970	3,524,699	970,948	928,402
Woodstock.....	67,593	102,223	206,321	214,065	129,355	325,118
York Townships.....	899,792	1,680,131	2,339,825	2,011,624	1,536,720	2,042,613
Manitoba.....	833,048	2,945,175	1,559,940	2,543,559	3,073,175	3,097,593
*Brandon.....	44,758	111,235	55,211	57,310	50,085	74,540
St. Boniface.....	80,640	110,540	97,279	334,149	1,037,190	439,003
*Winnipeg.....	707,650	2,723,400	1,407,450	2,152,100	1,985,900	2,584,050
Saskatchewan.....	722,108	1,029,854	640,739	905,029	972,707	1,237,633
*Moose Jaw.....	350,687	252,260	57,818	101,087	46,042	387,354
*Regina.....	291,696	632,944	358,966	464,041	477,780	598,785
*Saskatoon.....	79,725	144,650	223,955	249,901	448,885	251,494
Alberta.....	1,262,407	1,686,457	1,966,556	1,828,377	3,930,553	3,198,979
*Calgary.....	687,094	874,286	845,287	667,809	911,311	1,064,076
*Edmonton.....	479,108	676,535	895,440	865,560	2,806,340	1,662,109
Lethbridge.....	70,110	118,442	200,414	232,298	203,117	463,904
Medicine Hat.....	26,095	17,194	25,415	62,710	9,785	8,890
British Columbia.....	2,093,590	4,791,611	5,962,260	8,468,051	10,342,938	8,633,636
Kamloops.....	34,201	69,652	78,735	58,277	67,872	104,757
Nanaimo.....	49,841	36,856	166,378	231,602	110,895	80,913
*New Westminster.....	77,695	210,490	369,215	541,715	690,182	1,172,705
North Vancouver.....	14,505	20,250	57,929	68,188	111,485	103,995
Prince Rupert.....	66,420	43,235	63,940	46,694	274,086	81,990
*Vancouver.....	1,418,816	3,892,665	4,641,545	6,760,880	8,224,300	6,283,796
*Victoria.....	432,112	518,463	584,518	760,695	864,118	805,470
Totals—58 Cities.....	27,457,524	46,560,623	41,325,693	55,844,999	60,817,332	60,272,379
*Totals—35 Cities.....	24,911,430	42,839,627	36,337,439	49,694,847	54,532,781	53,048,231

The indexes given in Table 12 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 War of 1914-18.