

Building Permits.—The estimated value of construction in 58 cities of Canada, as indicated by their building permits, is shown for the years 1935 to 1940, inclusive, in Table 5. These cities had, in 1931, about 36 p.c. of the population of Canada while their 1940 building permits aggregated 23.2 p.c. of the total contracts awarded, as shown in Table 3.

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 1940 as shown in Table 4 increased by 84.9 p.c. compared with 1939, while the building permits of 58 cities in Table 5 increased by 33.2 p.c.

In 1940 the coverage of this series was extended, so that 204 municipalities now report their building permits to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Preliminary figures indicate that these 204 municipalities issued permits to the value of \$113,005,208 in 1940.

5.—Values of Building Permits Taken Out in 58 Cities, 1935-40

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

Province and City	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	168,395	154,455	140,170	92,210	133,788	123,785
Charlottetown.....	168,395	154,455	140,170	92,210	133,788	123,785
Nova Scotia	1,619,097	1,320,202	1,929,025	1,897,641	1,562,125	2,159,167
*Halifax.....	1,545,824	1,103,988	1,488,326	1,420,142	1,129,481	1,395,747
New Glasgow.....	18,555	36,818	86,135	81,415	53,688	56,223
*Sydney.....	54,418	179,396	354,564	396,084	378,956	707,197
New Brunswick	265,115	453,756	602,163	631,966	1,069,111	1,603,062
Fredericton.....	19,325	142,220	126,400	118,230	105,620	288,020
*Moncton.....	106,261	100,292	214,608	280,202	460,680	1,022,920
*Saint John.....	139,529	211,244	261,155	233,534	502,811	292,122
Quebec	10,207,383	10,011,608	11,271,918	14,451,635	14,796,421	16,339,555
*Maisonneuve.....	7,455,436	6,905,323	8,217,344	10,205,422	9,253,506	11,436,732
*Montreal.....	2,141,695	816,835	915,119	1,945,961	2,493,572	1,762,971
Shawinigan Falls.....	52,137	126,175	414,080	264,910	491,070	606,585
*Sherbrooke.....	314,450	278,700	792,240	750,700	1,171,550	1,656,950
*Three Rivers.....	55,555	1,528,197	383,417	769,565	1,007,360	470,271
*Westmount.....	188,110	356,378	549,718	515,077	379,363	406,046
Ontario	23,847,536	19,256,177	28,156,707	25,424,507	26,543,103	35,928,049
Belleville.....	145,602	85,065	150,395	119,340	251,396	147,440
*Brantford.....	272,648	161,602	270,003	273,563	233,175	166,747
Chatham.....	108,931	156,345	192,050	471,156	532,178	472,887
*Fort William.....	152,450	207,500	495,880	542,553	524,315	931,476
Galt.....	388,688	141,226	369,458	286,730	268,995	343,070
*Guelph.....	273,608	100,200	138,267	152,778	198,294	232,230
*Hamilton.....	1,887,622	1,466,906	1,694,189	2,325,908	2,265,265	5,562,493
*Kingston.....	213,929	253,398	360,629	392,733	415,153	946,889
*Kitchener.....	589,325	449,123	891,247	615,092	774,419	839,301
*London.....	1,835,110	672,745	949,790	708,140	1,895,870	1,038,575
Niagara Falls.....	92,057	141,258	246,436	326,919	226,578	267,048
Oshawa.....	125,300	108,022	218,760	103,055	235,225	512,920
*Ottawa.....	4,085,140	1,781,555	2,325,445	5,188,059	2,050,656	3,802,745
Owen Sound.....	48,727	173,410	56,847	176,961	122,760	105,377
*Peterborough.....	195,588	269,164	199,686	426,144	502,078	1,260,251