

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

Province and City	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Ontario—concluded</b>						
*Port Arthur.....	163,971	212,671	708,143	747,444	441,656	697,977
Riverside.....	11,475	29,810	109,605	99,330	125,100	201,715
*Stratford.....	50,227	53,105	145,047	75,687	77,852	177,674
*St. Catharines.....	238,694	823,398	793,227	367,405	599,389	1,245,646
*St. Thomas.....	128,350	79,545	52,106	189,296	166,106	152,898
Sarnia.....	137,052	123,229	192,830	173,752	231,222	372,420
Sault Ste. Marie.....	131,320	226,340	355,950	343,345	596,491	612,110
*Toronto.....	10,005,455	8,182,799	11,258,900	8,535,401	10,313,943	10,563,481
Welland.....	74,609	107,645	231,429	146,663	198,854	423,945
*Windsor.....	709,304	703,970	3,524,699	970,948	928,402	2,015,114
Woodstock.....	102,223	206,321	214,065	129,355	325,118	196,435
York Townships.....	1,680,131	2,339,825	2,011,624	1,536,720	2,042,613	2,639,185
<b>Manitoba.....</b>	<b>2,945,175</b>	<b>1,559,940</b>	<b>2,543,559</b>	<b>3,073,175</b>	<b>3,097,593</b>	<b>4,738,156</b>
*Brandon.....	111,235	55,211	57,310	50,085	74,540	360,446
St. Boniface.....	110,540	97,279	334,149	1,037,190	439,003	1,051,260
*Winnipeg.....	2,723,400	1,407,450	2,152,100	1,985,900	2,584,050	3,326,450
<b>Saskatchewan.....</b>	<b>1,029,854</b>	<b>640,739</b>	<b>905,029</b>	<b>972,707</b>	<b>1,237,633</b>	<b>2,316,940</b>
*Moose Jaw.....	252,260	57,818	191,087	46,042	387,354	113,308
*Regina.....	632,944	358,966	464,041	477,780	598,785	1,053,573
*Saskatoon.....	144,650	223,955	249,901	448,885	251,494	1,150,065
<b>Alberta.....</b>	<b>1,686,457</b>	<b>1,966,556</b>	<b>1,828,377</b>	<b>3,930,553</b>	<b>3,198,979</b>	<b>5,813,593</b>
*Calgary.....	874,286	845,287	667,809	911,311	1,064,076	2,679,290
*Edmonton.....	676,535	895,440	865,560	2,806,340	1,662,109	2,638,695
Lethbridge.....	118,442	200,414	232,298	203,117	463,904	465,673
Medicine Hat.....	17,194	25,415	62,710	9,785	8,890	29,935
<b>British Columbia.....</b>	<b>4,791,611</b>	<b>5,962,260</b>	<b>8,468,051</b>	<b>10,342,938</b>	<b>8,633,626</b>	<b>11,252,937</b>
Kamloops.....	69,652	78,735	58,277	67,872	104,757	124,951
Nanaimo.....	36,856	166,378	231,602	110,895	80,913	152,091
*New Westminster.....	210,490	369,215	541,715	690,182	1,172,705	862,331
North Vancouver.....	20,250	57,929	68,188	111,485	103,995	229,425
Prince Rupert.....	43,235	63,940	46,694	274,086	81,990	62,394
*Vancouver.....	3,892,665	4,641,545	6,760,880	8,224,300	6,283,796	8,053,725
*Victoria.....	518,463	584,518	760,695	864,118	805,470	1,767,120
<b>Totals—58 Cities.....</b>	<b>46,560,623</b>	<b>41,325,693</b>	<b>55,844,999</b>	<b>60,817,332</b>	<b>60,272,379</b>	<b>80,274,350</b>
<b>*Totals—35 Cities.....</b>	<b>42,839,627</b>	<b>36,337,439</b>	<b>49,694,847</b>	<b>54,532,781</b>	<b>53,048,231</b>	<b>70,799,456</b>

The indexes given in Table 6 show, as far as possible, the fluctuations in building costs and 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. Experience, the result of a study made in fifteen cities indicates that 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.