

### 6.—Values of Building Permits Taken Out in 35 Cities and Index Numbers of the Building Construction Industries, 1910-40

| Year      | Value of Building Permits | Average Index Numbers of—              |   |  |
|-----------|---------------------------|--|---|--|
|           |                           | Wholesale Prices of Building Materials | Wages in the Building Trades <sup>1</sup> | Employment in Building Construction <sup>2</sup> |
|           | \$                        | (1913=100)                             |   | (1926=100)                                       |
| 1910..... | 100,357,546               | *                                      | 86.9                                      | *  |
| 1911..... | 138,170,390               | *                                      | 90.2                                      | *  |
| 1912..... | 185,233,449               | *                                      | 96.0                                      | *  |
| 1913..... | 153,662,842               | 100.0                                  | 100.0                                     | *  |
| 1914..... | 96,780,981                | 93.8                                   | 100.8                                     | *  |
| 1915..... | 33,566,749                | 90.3                                   | 101.5                                     | *  |
| 1916..... | 39,724,466                | 103.8                                  | 102.4                                     | *  |
| 1917..... | 33,936,426                | 130.7                                  | 109.9                                     | *  |
| 1918..... | 36,838,270                | 150.5                                  | 125.9                                     | *  |
| 1919..... | 77,113,413                | 175.0                                  | 148.2                                     | *  |
| 1920..... | 106,054,379               | 214.9                                  | 180.9                                     | *  |
| 1921..... | 100,797,355               | 133.2                                  | 170.5                                     | 62.1   |
| 1922..... | 129,338,017               | 162.2                                  | 162.5                                     | 60.0   |
| 1923..... | 117,243,806               | 167.0                                  | 166.4                                     | 66.4   |
| 1924..... | 113,329,707               | 159.1                                  | 169.1                                     | 71.2   |
| 1925..... | 110,314,698               | 153.5                                  | 170.4                                     | 75.8   |
| 1926..... | 143,052,669               | 149.2                                  | 172.1                                     | 100.0  |
| 1927..... | 164,791,231               | 143.4                                  | 179.3                                     | 108.7  |
| 1928..... | 197,566,322               | 145.3                                  | 185.6                                     | 112.0  |
| 1929..... | 214,277,386               | 147.7                                  | 197.5                                     | 135.3  |
| 1930..... | 152,404,222               | 135.5                                  | 203.2                                     | 134.3  |
| 1931..... | 101,821,221               | 122.2                                  | 195.7                                     | 104.3  |
| 1932..... | 38,443,406                | 115.2                                  | 178.2                                     | 54.1   |
| 1933..... | 19,890,150                | 116.8                                  | 158.0                                     | 38.5   |
| 1934..... | 24,911,430                | 123.1                                  | 154.8                                     | 47.8   |
| 1935..... | 42,839,627                | 121.2                                  | 159.8                                     | 55.4   |
| 1936..... | 36,337,439                | 127.3                                  | 160.8                                     | 55.4   |
| 1937..... | 49,694,847                | 140.8                                  | 165.3                                     | 60.1   |
| 1938..... | 54,532,781                | 134.2                                  | 169.4                                     | 60.1   |
| 1939..... | 53,048,231                | 133.8                                  | 170.7                                     | 62.1   |
| 1940..... | 70,789,456                | 143.6 <sup>4</sup>                     | 174.6                                     | 83.5   |

<sup>1</sup> Compiled by the Department of Labour.

<sup>2</sup> As reported by employers.

<sup>3</sup> Not available.

<sup>4</sup> Preliminary.

**Employment in Building Construction, 1940.**—The Dominion Bureau of Statistics makes current surveys of the employment afforded by industrial establishments normally employing 15 persons or over. The index of employment in building construction, calculated (1926 average = 100) from data furnished by some 850 employers, averaged 83.5 in 1940; this was an increase of 34 p.c. over 1939 and was the highest point reached by the index since 1931.

### Section 3.—The Annual Census of Construction

The annual Census of Construction undertaken by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics covers all construction, maintenance and repair work undertaken by contractors, builders and public bodies (except the smaller municipalities) throughout Canada. It does not include maintenance and repair work on steam and electric railways, telegraph and telephone systems and the lesser public utilities when such work is done by the employees of these concerns in the ordinary way: nor can it include a substantial amount of construction in the aggregate done by farmers and other individuals who might be otherwise unemployed, performing work on their own