

structures. It is doubtful whether a great deal of the work of railways and utilities is construction in the sense understood in the census: for instance, the routine "maintenance of way" expenditures, so far as they relate to inspection work, are not construction although, so far as they concern rebuilding of line for road-bed or structures, they might be said to fall in that category.

The following statement shows the expenditures by steam and electric railways, telegraph and telephone systems. Most of the railway work is done by the railway employees but much of the telegraph and telephone work is done by contractors, consequently these total expenditures cannot be added to industrial construction performed by contractors without including duplications. Also, no data are available of the value of work done by farmers and others working on their own account. The statistics presented in Tables 7 to 10 are, therefore, necessarily limited as explained above.

III.—EXPENDITURES BY STEAM AND ELECTRIC RAILWAYS, AND TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE SYSTEMS ON MAINTENANCE OF WAY AND STRUCTURES, AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT, 1936-39

Item	1936	1937	1938	1939
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Steam Railways—				
Maintenance of way and structures.....	60,378,275	58,309,150	55,217,352	57,624,668
Maintenance of equipment.....	63,755,028	73,166,522	69,233,176	70,994,034
Totals, Steam Railways.....	124,133,303	131,475,672	124,450,528	128,618,702
Electric Railways—				
Maintenance of way and structures.....	2,654,875	2,561,156	2,509,225	2,686,891
Maintenance of equipment.....	3,179,552	3,276,960	3,407,339	3,286,397
Totals, Electric Railways.....	5,834,427	5,838,116	5,916,564	5,973,288
Telegraph maintenance.....	1,906,054	2,200,002	2,152,588	2,198,623
Telephone maintenance.....	10,923,509	11,829,389	12,080,383	12,369,344
Grand Totals.....	142,797,293	151,343,179	144,600,063	149,159,957

Industrial Statistics of Construction.*—A census of construction was made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for 1934, but the basis of compilation was not standardized until 1935 so that, with the completion of the 1939 figures, comparable statistics are now available covering the years 1935-39. Summary statistics are given in Tables 7, 8 and 9.

No relationship exists between the total value of construction as shown in these tables, and the value of contracts awarded as indicated in Table 3 of Section 2, p. 372. In the latter case all values are included as soon as awards are made irrespective of whether the contract is completed or even begun in that year, whereas the tables following cover construction work carried on and actually performed in the calendar year.

* Revised in the Construction Statistics Branch, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.