

In Tables 11 and 12 the employment figures, shown on a monthly basis, reflect the fact that, while the industry is seasonal in nature, it is not as decidedly so as is sometimes thought; this is noted especially when the statistics for the period 1935-39 are studied. The month of highest employment in the industry as a whole, in 1939, was August with 177,877 wage-earners and the lowest was January with 73,691.

11.—Employment of Wage-Earners in the Construction Industry and Their Remuneration, 1939

NOTE.—Comparable figures for 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1938 are given in the corresponding table of the 1937, 1938, 1939 and 1940 Year Books.

Item	General and Trade Contractors and Sub-contractors	Municipalities	Harbours Board	Provincial Government Departments	Dominion Government Departments	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January.....	43,954	9,069	387	15,413	4,868	73,691
February.....	44,561	8,575	539	15,522	4,657	74,154
March.....	48,157	9,038	636	19,655	4,561	82,047
April.....	48,157	10,355	898	17,455	1,950	78,815
May.....	63,300	13,497	866	32,533	3,484	113,680
June.....	79,779	15,240	853	38,472	5,068	139,412
July.....	90,680	15,441	790	49,744	6,194	162,849
August.....	101,843	16,246	764	50,407	8,617	177,877
September.....	101,947	15,470	787	43,798	12,231	174,233
October.....	95,186	14,316	711	40,309	14,886	165,408
November.....	80,541	12,539	627	21,126	13,632	128,465
December.....	58,988	9,389	574	11,882	7,797	88,630
Monthly Averages.....	71,424	12,431	703	29,718	7,329	121,605
Totals, Wages Paid During Year.....	\$ 76,255,308	\$ 11,729,244	\$ 592,492	\$ 22,606,731	\$ 7,417,363	\$ 118,601,138

12.—Average Wage-Earners Employed in the Construction Industry and Total Wages Paid, by Provinces, 1939

Province	Monthly Average of Wage-Earners Employed	Total Wages Paid During Year
	No.	\$
Prince Edward Island.....	624	680,338
Nova Scotia.....	6,316	6,587,138
New Brunswick.....	5,693	4,703,705
Quebec.....	47,547	42,491,457
Ontario.....	40,917	41,615,174
Manitoba.....	3,846	4,023,325
Saskatchewan.....	3,902	3,773,566
Alberta.....	4,644	5,573,454
British Columbia and Yukon.....	8,116	9,152,981