

Contracts under (5) are let by Wartime Housing Limited, a Government-owned company established for this purpose.

Supervision of purely defence projects (1), (2) and (3) is under the Department of National Defence, although the Department of Transport awards contracts for and supervises the building of most of the paved runways for air fields.

Construction relating to that portion of capital assistance extended to industry for the erection of chemical and explosives plants has been carried on under the supervision of the Allied War Supplies Corporation, a Government-owned company set up for this purpose. This Corporation places contracts with such firms as Defence Industries Limited (a subsidiary of Canadian Industries Limited), Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, Canadian Car and Foundry Company, and others for the production of chemicals, explosives and propellants. Supervision of these projects, of which there are now over 35, is carried out jointly by the Allied War Supplies Corporation and the firm concerned. In addition, substantial capital assistance has been extended to firms engaged in aircraft production, shipbuilding and ship repair, and in the broad field of munitions production. In some instances the war projects are wholly owned and operated by the Government (e.g., Dominion Arsenals), while in others the projects are Government owned and privately operated (e.g., Defence Industries Limited and Allied Brass Limited). In the majority of cases the projects are partially financed by the Government and operated by private industry.

Wartime Housing Limited, established under the Department of Munitions and Supply, provides the necessary housing for employees of war plants, many of which have been located in sparsely settled localities requiring new housing facilities. In other municipalities war expansion has intensified the need for additional living accommodation.

Government expenditures on construction amounted to \$171,200,000 for the calendar year 1941 divided as follows: Armed Services, \$123,500,000; that part of capital assistance to private enterprise earmarked for construction, \$37,000,000; and Wartime Housing Limited, \$10,700,000. Commitments have been made for the continued expansion of war projects during 1942.

Regarding employment on defence projects, it was estimated that approximately 71,000 workers were employed in on-site construction work at July 31, 1941, as compared with 64,000 at Dec. 31, 1941. The numbers of persons engaged in the production of construction materials at the same dates were estimated at 27,000 and 24,000, respectively; in addition, an estimated 25,000 employees were engaged during 1941 in the manufacture of machinery and equipment for installation in new plants and plant extensions.

Section 2. Contracts Awarded and Building Permits Issued

In this Section barometric statistics are given of work actually in sight as contracts awarded and building permits. These figures are related to the figures of work performed during the year only so far as the work thus provided for is