

was probably much more than is indicated by the declines in the indexes of wholesale prices and wages from the relatively high averages shown since the First World War.

### 5.—Values of Building Permits Taken Out in 35 Cities and Index Numbers of the Building Construction Industries, 1910-41

NOTE.—These cities are the 35 referred to (•) in Table 4.

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	183.2	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	142.6	174.6	83.5
1941.....	85,003,123	159.2 <sup>4</sup>	184.6	139.8

<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, 1941.**—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 139.8 in 1941; this was an increase of 67 p.c. over 1940 and was the highest point reached since the compilation of the index.

### 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