In Tables **10** and **11** 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 1935-40 are studied. The month of highest employment in the industry as a whole, in 1940, was October with 188,544 wage-earners and the lowest was February with 64,204.

10.—Employment of Wage-Earners in the Construction Industry and Their Remuneration, 1940

NOTE.—Comparable figures for the years 1935 to 1939 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1937 edition.

Item	General and Trade Contractors and Sub-contractors	Munici-palities	Harbours Board	Provincial Government Departments	Dominion Government Departments	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	45,428	6,699	369	6,752	7,553	66,801
February	45,829	6,786	431	5,674	5,484	64,204
March	46,857	7,281	568	9,865	5,014	69,585
April	55,190	8,488	694	10,511	3,788	78,671
May	72,118	10,844	633	20,951	6,285	110,831
June	86,274	12,241	613	23,466	6,242	128,836
July	99,711	12,602	691	26,361	11,605	150,970
August	112,658	12,497	730	30,639	15,412	171,936
September	118,512	11,730	772	26,875	22,901	180,790
October	124,176	11,286	713	28,170	24,199	188,544
November	110,385	9,306	617	21,037	17,279	158,624
December	88,237	7,162	529	8,417	14,101	118,446
Monthly Averages	83,781	9,744	613	18,227	11,655	124,020
	$	$	$	$	$	$
Wages Paid during Year	101,899,831	9,802,987	594,815	14,730,664	17,419,508	144,447,805

11.—Average Wage-Earners Employed in the Construction Industry and Total Wages Paid, by Provinces, 1940

Province	Monthly Average of Wage-Earners Employed	Total Wages Paid During Year
	No.	$
Prince Edward Island	986	1,066,779
Nova Scotia	7,853	9,992,907
New Brunswick	4,764	4,139,575
Quebec	40,100	44,956,663
Ontario	46,211	54,877,348
Manitoba	5,210	6,287,710
Saskatchewan	4,012	4,751,449
Alberta	6,177	7,179,522
British Columbia and Yukon	8,707	11,195,852