

**2.—Construction Contracts (Commitments) Awarded for War Purposes Through the Department of Munitions and Supply, 1940-43—concluded**

Item	1940	1941	1942	1943
<b>Army Projects—</b>				
Contracts..... No.	98	220	496	212
Arsenals..... \$'000	1,000	2,972	8,942	2,000
Barracks..... "	5,273	2,112	19,840	5,000
Coastal defence batteries..... "	700	1,903	1,130	1,091
Works and buildings..... "	7,277	6,959	23,213	14,884
<b>Totals..... \$'000</b>	<b>14,250</b>	<b>13,946</b>	<b>53,125</b>	<b>22,975</b>
<b>Naval Projects—</b>				
Contracts..... No.	28	90	225	230
Harbour defence..... \$'000	259	2,963	7,233	4,837
Works and buildings..... "	384	4,403	19,231	12,817
Barracks..... "	317	3,543	9,966	6,529
<b>Totals..... \$'000</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>10,909</b>	<b>36,430</b>	<b>24,183</b>
<b>Housing Projects<sup>1</sup>..... \$'000</b>		<b>35,837</b>	<b>34,108</b>	<b>8,560</b>
Contracts awarded on behalf of Combined Training Organization for Airfield Construction <sup>2</sup> ..... \$'000	16,691	16,693	12,128	4,500
<b>Grand Totals..... \$'000</b>	<b>101,846</b>	<b>150,069</b>	<b>218,726</b>	<b>109,356</b>

<sup>1</sup> Awarded by Wartime Housing Limited.  
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<sup>2</sup> Awarded by the Civil Aviation Division, Department of Transport.

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 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 50, is carried out jointly by 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 or Government-owned companies (e.g., Dominion Arsenals, National Railways Munitions Ltd., Toronto Shipbuilding Co., Victory Aircraft Ltd., and Research Enterprises Ltd.), while in others the projects are Government-owned and privately operated (e.g., Defence Industries Ltd., and Canada Strip Mill Ltd. 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. Housing expenditures to Dec. 31, 1942, amounted to \$39,730,590 and unexpended commitments to \$29,332,016. It is estimated that Wartime Housing expenditures in 1943 will amount to approximately \$20,000,000.

Government expenditures on construction amounted to \$260,000,000 for the calendar year 1942, compared with \$189,000,000 for 1941, divided as follows: Armed Services, \$189,000,000; that part of capital assistance to private enterprise