

**1.—Loans Approved under the Dominion Housing Act, 1935, and Part I. of the National Housing Act, 1938, by Provinces, 1936-44**

| Province         | LOANS             |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                  |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
|                  | 1936 <sup>1</sup> | 1937         | 1938         | 1939         | 1940         | 1941         | 1942         | 1943         | 1944             |
|                  | No.               | No.          | No.          | No.          | No.          | No.          | No.          | No.          | No.              |
| P.E.I.....       | 6                 | 4            | 5            | 2            | 1            | Nil          | Nil          | Nil          | Nil              |
| N.S.....         | 93                | 186          | 139          | 144          | 94           | 72           | 14           | 4            | 6                |
| N.B.....         | 12                | 48           | 50           | 50           | 30           | 25           | 7            | Nil          | Nil              |
| Que.....         | 231               | 303          | 355          | 512          | 397          | 425          | 91           | 246          | —19 <sup>2</sup> |
| Ont.....         | 361               | 604          | 1,076        | 2,823        | 3,152        | 2,458        | 686          | 1,170        | 772              |
| Man.....         | 12                | 36           | 110          | 264          | 429          | 602          | 61           | 164          | 218              |
| Sask.....        | Nil               | 2            | 5            | 30           | 24           | 22           | 1            | Nil          | 18               |
| Alta.....        | "                 | Nil          | Nil          | Nil          | Nil          | Nil          | Nil          | "            | Nil              |
| B.C.....         | 10                | 243          | 784          | 724          | 1,101        | 1,089        | 147          | 136          | 398              |
| <b>Totals...</b> | <b>725</b>        | <b>1,426</b> | <b>2,524</b> | <b>4,549</b> | <b>5,228</b> | <b>4,693</b> | <b>1,007</b> | <b>1,720</b> | <b>1,393</b>     |

  

|                  | AMOUNTS           |                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |                     |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
|                  | 1936 <sup>1</sup> | 1937             | 1938              | 1939              | 1940              | 1941              | 1942             | 1943             | 1944                |
|                  | \$                | \$               | \$                | \$                | \$                | \$                | \$               | \$               | \$                  |
| P.E.I.....       | 32,364            | 21,670           | 26,000            | 11,400            | 6,400             | —                 | —                | —                | —                   |
| N.S.....         | 421,437           | 837,692          | 571,831           | 563,880           | 350,030           | 247,930           | 48,820           | 12,800           | 20,600              |
| N.B.....         | 45,179            | 219,188          | 240,750           | 223,130           | 112,650           | 90,375            | 23,120           | —                | —                   |
| Que.....         | 2,233,394         | 2,348,514        | 2,939,553         | 4,256,502         | 2,402,410         | 1,428,137         | 327,730          | 815,678          | —4,140 <sup>2</sup> |
| Ont.....         | 2,105,745         | 3,434,833        | 7,376,842         | 11,341,565        | 10,016,187        | 7,568,169         | 2,017,116        | 3,695,642        | 2,718,435           |
| Man.....         | 100,564           | 207,750          | 606,539           | 1,269,896         | 1,625,468         | 1,993,960         | 187,554          | 516,144          | 777,992             |
| Sask.....        | —                 | 8,200            | 16,800            | 236,302           | 73,195            | 79,100            | 3,600            | —                | 62,460              |
| Alta.....        | —                 | —                | —                 | —                 | —                 | —                 | —                | —                | —                   |
| B.C.....         | 31,175            | 988,348          | 2,863,634         | 2,405,043         | 3,299,742         | 3,265,552         | 420,956          | 410,869          | 1,279,680           |
| <b>Totals...</b> | <b>4,969,858</b>  | <b>8,066,195</b> | <b>14,641,949</b> | <b>20,307,718</b> | <b>17,886,082</b> | <b>14,673,223</b> | <b>3,028,896</b> | <b>5,451,133</b> | <b>4,855,027</b>    |

<sup>1</sup> Includes figures for October to December, 1935.

<sup>2</sup> Loans cancelled exceeded loans approved

by the number and amount stated.

**Subsection 3.—Construction for War Purposes\***

During the war years, the construction industry in Canada has succeeded in the biggest job it has ever faced. Since the Nazis first crossed the Polish frontier in 1939 to Dec. 31, 1944, the Canadian Government has awarded contracts for construction projects and equipment installations to a total value of approximately \$1,422,000,000 (figures of actual expenditures are likely to be slightly lower). This total comprises commitments approximating \$765,000,000 for new or expanded industrial production facilities (including contracts for \$63,000,000 awarded by the Defence Projects Construction Branch); approximately \$417,000,000 in contracts for barracks, hangars and other projects for the Armed Services awarded by the Defence Projects Construction Branch; \$80,000,000 for projects of Wartime Housing Limited; \$25,000,000 for miscellaneous capital investment; \$52,000,000 for airports and runways; and \$83,000,000 for miscellaneous defence works. In addition, large sums have been spent by private companies for industrial expansion to undertake war contracts. The summary statistics given above include the figures shown in Table 2 and also cover \$800,000,000 worth of contracts let for plant expansion all over Canada as well as certain other items.

Construction has been for many years one of the important industries of Canada. At the beginning of the century, it was thriving; settlers and capital were rushing in and railways were under construction. In 1912, building contracts exceeded \$453,000,000, but the War of 1914-18 brought sharp declines. It was a war in which Canadians did much fighting but relatively little building.

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