

with the duty of finding accommodation for war workers and their families in areas where the need for government action was apparent. Where possible, the Company obtained lands from the municipality, always with a view to getting improved property. Where a property was improved, it was borrowed for the duration of the War; where it was not improved, new townsites had to be constructed. In this way, entire new communities were set up by the Company to accommodate plants located in remote areas. Up to May 31, 1944, Wartime Housing Limited had either erected or had under construction the following buildings in connection with war workers:—

17,344 Houses	1 Port control building
69 Staff houses	20 Community halls
15 Bank houses	2 Chinese living quarters
3 Men's centres	1 Building for coloured people
10 Women's centres	2 Hospitals
19 Dining halls	1 General store
30 Schools	1 Help's quarters
2 Manning pools	1 Hiring hall
7 Administration buildings	1 Wood camp
1 Marine school	4 Waterworks buildings

The housing situation on May 1, 1944, had become very acute in a number of municipalities. While the situation affected the general population, it was found that the families of men in the Armed Services were under a handicap in securing proper housing accommodation because the head of the family was, in a large number of instances, overseas. It was therefore decided that, where a municipality could show a definite need for housing, the Government would proceed with the construction of houses for the families of persons in the Armed Services. Under this plan, up to Sept. 30, 1944, Wartime Housing Limited had built or was building the following:—

Brantford.....	100 houses	Saint John.....	50 houses
Hamilton.....	200 "	Sarnia.....	50 "
Hull.....	75 "	Toronto.....	150 "
London.....	50 "	Vancouver.....	100 "
Oshawa.....	75 "	Windsor.....	250 "

2.—Construction Contracts (Commitments) Awarded for War Purposes Through the Department of Munitions and Supply, 1940-44

NOTE.—In addition to the totals shown, orders have been placed by the Department of Transport for defence construction work on account of the U.S. Forces and other agencies. The Department of National Defence had incurred expenditures for war projects not included above, largely where Service labour has been used. In addition, substantial construction work has been undertaken by private companies, notably the Aluminum Company of Canada Ltd.

Item	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Air Force Projects—					
Contracts..... No.	630	898	1,012	738	302
Value..... \$'000	69,945	72,684	82,935	49,138	11,532
Army Projects—					
Contracts..... No.	98	220	496	212	166
Value..... \$'000	14,250	13,946	53,125	22,975	8,969
Naval Projects—					
Contracts..... No.	28	90	225	230	194
Value..... \$'000	960	10,909	36,430	24,183	10,379
Housing Projects¹..... \$'000		33,601	32,044	7,954	5,071
Totals..... \$'000	85,155	131,140	204,534	104,250	35,951
Contracts awarded by the Dept. of Transport for Airfield Construction..... \$'000	17,100	29,400	53,600	44,200	26,200
Grand Totals..... \$'000	102,255	160,540	258,134	148,450	62,151

¹ Awarded by Wartime Housing Limited.