

## 8.—Value of Work Performed by the Construction Industry in Canada, 1941-44

Province or Group	1941	1942	1943	1944
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Province</b>				
Prince Edward Island.....	1,938,721	1,468,348	1,645,660	1,961,471
Nova Scotia.....	33,152,991	54,259,398	40,667,401	29,832,726
New Brunswick.....	18,550,864	14,194,800	12,006,608	13,657,043
Quebec.....	181,859,687	205,400,748	159,875,335	131,064,232
Ontario.....	261,238,765	217,829,022	216,715,281	165,395,169
Manitoba.....	29,609,648	22,091,947	20,190,673	19,357,321
Saskatchewan.....	20,668,374	15,602,922	11,128,058	12,423,241
Alberta.....	35,295,959	33,389,725	25,142,003	27,569,213
British Columbia and Yukon.....	57,435,615	71,412,660	85,055,532	48,577,643
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>639,750,624</b>	<b>635,649,570</b>	<b>572,426,551</b>	<b>449,838,059</b>
<b>Group</b>				
Contractors, builders, etc.....	563,977,540	575,215,433	510,998,908	381,216,381
Municipalities.....	21,494,113	19,608,132	19,946,581	23,782,546
Harbour Commissions.....	1,460,472	1,454,960	1,139,984	1,304,594
Provincial Government Departments.....	34,848,840	33,157,163	34,109,733	36,520,088
Dominion Government Departments.....	17,969,659	6,213,882	6,231,345	7,014,450
<b>Type of Work Performed</b>				
Building construction.....	374,491,173	351,774,680	301,884,888	220,299,940
Street, highway, power, water, etc., construction.....	185,199,892	199,432,471	186,913,006	142,431,180
Harbour and river construction.....	15,456,146	17,846,591	16,614,824	10,692,622
Trade construction.....	64,603,413	66,595,828	67,013,833	76,414,317

*The Construction Industry in Canada, 1944.*—The value of work performed by the construction industry in 1944 amounted to \$449,838,059 as compared with \$572,426,551 in the preceding year, a decrease of 21.4 p.c.

The value of building construction fell from \$301,884,888 in 1943 to \$220,299,940 in 1944. The construction of industrial buildings showed a sharp decline from \$140,396,554 to \$71,131,759, while the construction of armouries, barracks, hangars, etc., was reduced from \$58,216,173 to \$15,001,136. On the other hand, the value of residential building advanced from \$63,684,367 to \$83,927,360, institutional from \$13,148,233 to \$21,005,720, and commercial from \$26,439,561 to \$29,233,965. Construction work involving engineering, harbours, rivers, etc., declined from \$203,527,830 in 1943 to \$153,123,802 in 1944.

In the industry as a whole, employment was provided for a total of 123,892 persons in 1944, recording a decrease of 31,408 from the total for the preceding year, while the aggregate of salaries and wages at \$197,703,984 was \$53,729,809 lower. The cost of materials used in 1944 was \$200,801,042, a decline in expenditure for this purpose of \$78,087,342.

In 1944, reports received numbered 16,121 as compared with 12,600 in 1943. A good part of the increase was recorded in the number of reports received from owner-builders due, in all likelihood, to the number of persons, desperately in need of housing accommodation, who erected their own homes because they were unable to obtain the services of a contractor. These statistics are included in the tables showing the operations of general contractors, trade contractors and sub-contractors. Although the increase in the number of reports was considerable, the comparatively small extent of their operations does not appreciably affect other totals.