

Construction Contracts.—The figures published by MacLean Building Reports, Limited, for construction contracts awarded during 1946 showed a total of \$663,355,100. This amount represented an increase of 62 p.c. over the \$409,032,700 reported for 1945 and exceeded the previous peak of \$577,000,000 reached in 1929.

Every type of construction, as shown in Table 9, contributed to this increase. The value of residential building amounted to \$213,050,500 or 32 p.c. of the total value of all construction, an increase of 8.7 p.c. over 1945. A great part of this construction was made up of single and multiple residences although the value of apartment construction was more than three times the amount of the previous year.

Industrial construction increased 83.1 p.c. over 1945, engineering construction 144.6 p.c. and business or commercial construction 116.5 p.c.

Regionally, Ontario accounted for the greatest volume with total awards of \$252,787,400, or 38.1 p.c. of the total, followed by Quebec with 34.2 p.c. The greatest percentage increases over 1945 were shown by New Brunswick and Quebec, amounting to 149 p.c. and 86 p.c., respectively.

8.—Values of Construction Contracts Awarded, 1912-46

(From MacLean Building Reports, Ltd.)

Year	Value of Construction Contracts	Year	Value of Construction Contracts	Year	Value of Construction Contracts
	\$		\$		\$
1912	463,083,000	1924	276,261,100	1936	162,588,000
1913	384,157,000	1925	297,973,000	1937	224,056,700
1914	241,952,000	1926	372,947,900	1938	187,277,900
1915	83,916,000	1927	418,951,600	1939	187,178,500
1916	99,311,000	1928	472,032,600	1940	346,009,800
1917	84,841,000	1929	576,651,800	1941	393,991,300
1918	99,842,000	1930	456,999,600	1942	281,594,100
1919	190,028,000	1931	315,482,000	1943	206,103,900
1920	255,605,000	1932	132,872,400	1944	291,961,800
1921	240,133,300	1933	97,289,800	1945	409,032,700
1922	331,843,800	1934	125,811,500	1946	663,355,100
1923	314,254,300	1935	160,305,000		

9.—Values of Construction Contracts Awarded, by Provinces and Types of Construction, 1941-46

(From MacLean Building Reports, Ltd.)

Province	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	413,800	566,100	719,300	657,900	904,900	650,200
Nova Scotia	25,309,300	19,780,500	7,535,500	9,157,200	14,681,900	13,489,400
New Brunswick	11,013,300	5,958,900	6,620,600	9,898,000	10,720,000	26,698,500
Quebec	154,541,200	92,235,500	61,816,700	89,884,800	121,943,400	226,809,500
Ontario	145,598,600	108,679,500	83,025,300	111,741,800	151,856,000	252,787,400
Manitoba	11,701,600	13,914,300	10,083,900	12,906,400	22,228,700	25,741,500
Saskatchewan	11,098,700	5,480,200	3,970,000	5,677,600	15,986,100	19,497,500
Alberta	15,598,800	14,401,100	18,529,300	19,501,900	32,677,800	38,971,900
British Columbia	18,716,000	20,578,000	13,803,300	32,536,200	38,033,900	58,709,200
Grand Totals	393,991,300	281,594,100	206,103,900	291,961,800	409,032,700	663,355,100