

10.—Values of Building Permits Issued by 204 Municipalities, 1945 and 1946—concluded

Province and Municipality	1945	1946	Province and Municipality	1945	1946
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Ontario—concluded			Alberta	17,338,804	29,738,950
o Welland.....	292,335	430,735	• Calgary.....	7,280,137	11,753,793
Weston.....	396,222	637,910	Drumheller.....	61,880	166,983
Whitby.....	128,840	311,305	- Edmonton.....	7,988,248	15,020,453
• Windsor.....	1,961,097	5,617,259	o Lethbridge.....	1,602,554	1,970,121
o Woodstock.....	332,413	957,458	o Medicine Hat.....	405,985	827,600
o York Twp.....	2,666,175	7,576,400			
o York East Twp.....	2,326,973	4,006,645			
			British Columbia	24,671,705	42,866,375
Manitoba	11,025,760	16,309,341	Chilliwack.....	429,640	645,395
• Brandon.....	229,299	1,044,665	Cranbrook.....	55,152	174,121
Brooklands.....	53,685	115,645	Fernie.....	13,110	51,895
Dauphin.....	98,810	304,585	o Kamloops.....	469,473	1,026,600
North Kildonan.....	105,670	184,135	Kelowna.....	736,875	1,443,359
Portage la Prairie.....	83,526	230,447	o Nanaimo.....	134,704	254,733
o St. Boniface.....	1,891,515	2,047,175	Nelson.....	181,851	618,583
Selkirk.....	92,000	188,560	• New Westminster.....	1,491,926	2,709,230
The Pas.....	20,525	107,200	o North Vancouver.....	342,970	1,020,185
Transcona.....	627,005	196,129	Prince George.....	155,160	547,845
• Winnipeg.....	7,823,725	11,890,800	o Prince Rupert.....	275,354	229,812
			Revelstoke.....	41,115	92,220
Saskatchewan	7,457,215	18,014,947	Rossland.....	18,895	37,520
Biggar.....	15,900	20,075	Trail.....	67,220	267,048
Estevan.....	75,850	177,695	• Vancouver.....	16,843,897	28,136,963
Melville.....	62,350	242,925	Vernon.....	412,778	700,430
• Moose Jaw.....	931,653	1,276,557	• Victoria.....	3,001,585	4,910,436
North Battleford.....	194,725	1,169,180			
Prince Albert.....	472,160	1,343,081	Totals—		
• Regina.....	2,790,579	6,024,876	204 Municipalities	197,187,160	383,596,698
• Saskatoon.....	2,376,740	6,341,790	Totals—		
Swift Current.....	304,966	584,948	58 Municipalities (• o)	136,963,438	267,189,384
Weyburn.....	41,797	222,495	Totals—		
Yorkton.....	190,495	611,325	35 Municipalities (•)...	117,453,652	228,207,854

The indexes given in Table 11 show, so far as possible, the fluctuations in building costs and their effect upon construction work and employment. The relative proportions of material and wage costs in general building are difficult to determine since such proportions vary with the type of building and the centres studied. Pre-war experience, the result of a study made in 15 cities, indicates that the average proportions of materials to labour in all kinds of construction were about two-thirds for the former to one-third for the latter. The increase in the cost of building operations in the war years has probably been much more than is indicated by the increase in the indexes of wholesale prices and wages shown in Table 11 and the proportions of these items to total costs have, no doubt, undergone some variation due to changes in types and methods of construction and to the greater use of machinery.

The estimated cost of building permits issued in 1946 for the 35 cities referred to in Table 11 was the highest recorded since 1910, being \$13,930,468 over the previous high figure of \$214,277,386 for 1929.

Four of the largest cities Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver accounted for \$115,868,724 or 50.8 p.c. of this total. In 1929 the same cities showed a value of \$126,387,555 or 59 p.c. of the total permits.