

Four of the largest cities, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, accounted for \$121,982,549 or 32.7 p.c. of this total. In 1929 the same cities showed a value of \$126,387,555.

10.—Values of Building Permits Taken Out in 204 Cities and Index Numbers of the Building Construction Industries, 1940-47

NOTE.—These 204 cities are named in Table 9.

Year	Value of Building Permits 204 Cities	Average Index Numbers of— (1926=100)		
		Wholesale Prices of Building Materials	Wages in Construction Industries ¹	Employment in Building Construction ²
	\$			
1940.....	113,005,208	95.6	103.6	83.5
1941.....	135,301,519	107.3	110.6	139.5
1942.....	104,236,278	115.2	117.5	157.9
1943.....	80,190,123	121.2	126.6	160.2
1944.....	128,728,465	127.3	128.4	95.3
1945.....	197,187,160	127.3	129.9	101.8
1946.....	383,596,698	134.8	142.6	145.7
1947.....	373,231,249	166.4	153.6	190.6

¹ Compiled by the Department of Labour.

² As reported by employers.

Trends of Employment and Aggregate Wages Paid in the Construction Industry.—In Tables 11 and 12 the employment figures, shown on a monthly basis, reflect the fact that the industry is not as decidedly seasonal as is sometimes thought. The month of highest employment in the industry as a whole, in 1946, was August with 195,793 wage-earners and the lowest was February with 112,176.

11.—Employment of Wage-Earners in the Construction Industry, by Months and Aggregate Annual Wages Paid, 1945 and 1946

Year and Month	General and Trade Contractors and Sub-contractors	Municipalities	Harbours Board	Provincial Government Departments	Federal Government Departments	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945						
January.....	62,645	6,313	423	5,881	3,389	78,651
February.....	63,087	6,483	449	4,986	3,162	78,167
March.....	65,525	6,918	465	6,932	3,411	83,251
April.....	68,798	8,291	516	12,796	4,076	94,477
May.....	75,535	9,617	551	16,556	4,452	106,711
June.....	85,600	10,361	584	21,113	4,579	122,237
July.....	93,410	11,041	608	21,634	4,536	131,229
August.....	100,258	11,492	627	22,202	5,112	139,691
September.....	103,614	11,140	627	24,947	4,832	145,160
October.....	107,528	10,887	666	25,150	4,663	148,894
November.....	105,402	10,077	591	25,118	4,434	145,622
December.....	93,270	8,192	491	10,913	3,657	116,523
Monthly Averages...	85,390	9,234	550	16,518	4,192	115,884
Wages Paid During Year..... \$	142,412,634	13,074,055	796,660	18,958,628	6,453,424	181,695,401
1946						
January.....	97,853	7,438	426	5,113	3,260	114,090
February.....	97,034	7,324	438	3,937	3,443	112,176
March.....	103,685	8,066	492	5,928	3,837	122,008
April.....	115,619	9,950	506	7,090	3,158	136,323
May.....	135,185	11,874	548	13,068	3,385	164,060
June.....	147,058	12,876	561	15,496	3,730	179,721
July.....	154,928	13,437	629	18,037	4,247	191,278
August.....	158,117	13,341	612	19,273	4,450	195,793
September.....	154,465	12,435	597	19,880	4,476	191,853
October.....	155,159	12,141	616	20,573	4,567	193,056
November.....	146,464	10,929	513	18,446	4,085	180,437
December.....	129,675	8,947	411	12,216	3,321	154,570
Monthly Averages...	132,937	10,730	529	13,254	3,830	161,280
Wages Paid During Year..... \$	232,792,135	16,061,265	874,434	17,148,634	6,738,374	273,614,842