

12.—Average Wage-Earners Employed in the Construction Industry and Total Wages Paid, by Provinces, 1945 and 1946

Province	1945		1946	
	Monthly Average of Daily Figures of Wage-Earners Employed	Total Wages Paid During Year	Monthly Average of Daily Figures of Wage-Earners Employed	Total Wages Paid During Year
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Prince Edward Island.....	332	539,030	430	619,252
Nova Scotia.....	11,805	11,535,549	10,989	15,121,053
New Brunswick.....	3,824	5,647,849	6,514	9,740,076
Quebec.....	33,904	52,260,775	45,067	73,087,392
Ontario.....	42,125	70,498,131	60,787	107,582,229
Manitoba.....	4,483	7,616,571	7,013	11,910,215
Saskatchewan.....	3,077	5,046,616	4,742	7,896,487
Alberta.....	5,360	8,792,709	7,685	13,678,462
British Columbia.....	10,974	19,758,171	18,053	33,979,676
Totals.....	115,884	181,695,401	161,280	273,614,842

Section 4.—Annual Census of Construction

The annual Census of Construction as taken by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics covers all construction, maintenance and repair work undertaken throughout Canada by contractors, builders and all public bodies with the exception of smaller municipalities. It also includes work done by the maintenance and repair crews of industrial plants, mines, electric power companies and commissions, etc., in organized communities where building permits are required. However, construction and repair work done by farmers and other individuals on their own structures is not covered. Further, construction of railway-roadbed, maintenance and repair work on steam and electric railways, telegraph and telephone systems and the lesser public utilities is not included when such work is done by the employees of these concerns in the ordinary way. The following table shows the expenditures by steam and electric railways, telegraph and telephone systems with the elimination wherever possible of items which are not germane to construction, such as snow, ice, and sand removal, dismantling of property, depreciation and retirement charges. By subtracting the work sublet to contractors from the expenditures, duplication with the Census of Construction figures is eliminated. Finally, by adding to the figures the totals given by the Census of Construction a total is obtainable which closely approximates over-all construction with the sole exception of work undertaken by farmers and other individuals for themselves.