

4.—New Dwelling Units by Metropolitan Areas, 1946-48

(Exclusive of Conversions)

Metropolitan Area	1946	1947	1948	1946	1947	1948
	No.	No.	No.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
Halifax.....	665	371	471	1.1	0.5	0.6
Saint John.....	242	457	134	0.4	0.6	0.2
Quebec.....	950	834	1,082	1.6	1.1	1.4
Montreal.....	3,571	6,183	8,814	5.9	8.5	11.6
Ottawa.....	1,447	1,194	1,454	2.4	1.7	1.9
Toronto.....	4,204	3,836	4,143	6.9	5.3	5.4
Hamilton.....	640	1,141	1,317	1.1	1.6	1.7
London.....	625	799	732	1.0	1.1	1.0
Windsor.....	733	839	806	1.2	1.2	1.1
Winnipeg.....	1,966	3,242	2,881	3.2	4.5	3.8
Vancouver.....	3,872	3,750	6,758	6.4	5.2	8.9
Victoria.....	787	829	1,353	1.3	1.1	1.8
Totals.....	19,702	23,475	29,945	32.5	32.4	39.4
Totals, Canada.....	63,575	72,346	76,037	100.0	100.0	100.0

Section 3.—Contracts Awarded and Building Permits Issued

In this Section statistics are given of work actually in sight either as contracts awarded or as building permits. These figures are related to those of work performed during the year only so far as the work thus provided for is completed and duly reported in the Census of Construction. Further, values of contracts awarded, and especially of building permits, are estimates (more often underestimates) of work to be done. Obviously these statistics and those of Section 4 cannot be expected to agree, since much work contracted for towards the end of any one year is often not commenced until the next and, especially as regards large contracts or contracts undertaken late in any year, extends into more than one year. The figures here given are, therefore, supplementary to those of Section 4 and are valuable as showing from year to year the work immediately contemplated during the period.

Construction Contracts.—The figures published by MacLean Building Reports, Limited, for construction contracts awarded during 1948 showed a total of \$954,082,400. This amount represented an increase of 33 p.c. over the \$718,137,100 reported for 1947 and 65 p.c. over the high pre-war level (\$576,651,800) established in 1929.

Of the four main classes of construction shown in Table 6 residential, business, and engineering showed increases of 89 p.c., 32 p.c. and 14 p.c., respectively, over those of 1947; the industrial class on the other hand showed a decrease of 34 p.c.

Regionally, Ontario accounted for the greatest volume with total awards of \$350,612,300, or 37 p.c. of the total, followed by Quebec with 34 p.c. The greatest percentage increases over 1947 were shown by Alberta and British Columbia. Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan showed decreases in 1948.