

Statistics of Construction.*—A census of construction was made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for 1934, but the basis of compilation was not standardized until 1935; comparable statistics are now available for the years 1935-47. Returns are received from general trade and subcontractors, municipalities, the Harbours Board, and Federal and Provincial Government Departments. The figures in Tables 12, 13 and 14 cover alterations, maintenance and repairs, and new construction. No relationship exists between the total value of construction shown in these tables, and the value of contracts awarded as indicated in Tables 5 and 6 of Section 3, p. 654. In the latter case all values are included as soon as awards are made, irrespective of whether the contract is completed or even begun in that year, whereas the following tables cover construction work carried on and actually performed in the calendar year.

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12.—Principal Statistics of the Construction Industry, 1944-47

Note.—Comparable figures from 1935 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1940 edition.

Item	1944	1945	1946	1947
Firms reporting	No. 16,121	19,025	23,793	26,542
Salariéd employees	26,767	30,646	37,571	47,179
Salaries paid	\$ 44,285,139	52,296,053	71,278,215	96,008,310
Wage-earning employees (average)	No. 97,125	115,884	161,280	203,152
Wages paid	\$ 153,418,845	181,695,401	273,614,842	386,898,916
Total employees	No. 123,892	146,530	198,851	250,330
Salaries and wages paid	\$ 197,703,984	233,991,454	344,893,057	482,907,226
Cost of materials used	\$ 200,801,042	275,621,996	459,965,741	654,996,225
Value of work performed ¹	\$ 449,838,059	543,579,833	868,661,403	1,256,535,677
New construction ¹	\$ 265,819,003	320,225,176	577,372,143	1,001,909,467
Additions, alterations, maintenance and repairs	\$ 184,019,056	223,354,657	291,289,260	254,626,210
Subcontract work performed	\$ 74,214,349	92,817,170	143,980,517	213,277,429
New construction	\$ 57,851,459	71,872,900	115,343,772	182,860,308
Additions, alterations, maintenance and repairs	\$ 16,362,890	20,944,270	28,636,745	30,417,121

¹ Includes subcontract work indicated in the lower part of the table.

13.—Value of Work Performed by the Construction Industry, by Provinces, Groups and Types of Construction, 1944-47

Province, Group or Type	1944	1945	1946	1947
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Province				
Prince Edward Island	1,961,471	1,876,857	2,381,620	3,070,960
Nova Scotia	29,832,726	29,324,769	40,858,319	52,896,815
New Brunswick	13,657,043	14,373,424	27,761,110	42,674,675
Quebec	131,064,232	150,166,258	225,582,288	338,514,778
Ontario	165,395,169	216,545,127	347,616,749	501,650,833
Manitoba	19,357,321	28,382,523	43,462,500	61,254,260
Saskatchewan	12,423,241	17,482,076	29,277,215	40,008,598
Alberta	27,569,213	32,013,693	51,573,396	67,651,310
British Columbia and Yukon	48,577,642	53,415,106	100,148,206	148,813,448
Totals	449,838,059	543,579,833	868,661,403	1,256,535,677
Group				
Contractors, builders, etc.	381,216,381	458,869,189	775,452,420	1,097,381,782
Municipalities	23,782,546	26,347,676	34,082,081	47,341,030
Harbour Commissions	1,304,594	1,646,552	1,797,187	2,027,643
Provincial Government Departments	36,520,088	43,135,675	43,943,196	93,172,148
Federal Government Departments	7,014,450	13,580,741	13,386,519	16,613,074
Type of Work Performed				
Building construction	220,299,940	288,092,582	490,437,540	658,383,053
Street, highway, power, water, etc., construction	142,431,180	146,216,938	220,549,198	395,025,698
Harbour and river construction	10,692,622	12,690,727	15,941,539	22,638,945
Trade construction	76,414,317	96,579,586	141,763,126	180,487,981