

The value of work performed by the construction industry in 1947 amounted to \$1,256,535,677 as compared with \$868,661,403 in the preceding year, an increase of 45 p.c.

The value of building construction increased from \$490,407,540 in 1946 to \$658,383,053 in 1947. The construction of industrial buildings increased from \$151,305,541 to \$193,053,068 while the construction of armouries, barracks, hangars, etc., decreased from \$8,769,191 to \$7,534,016. The value of residential building advanced from \$193,626,880 to \$233,303,589, institutional from \$48,623,956 to \$73,361,869, and commercial from \$88,081,972 to \$151,130,511. Construction work involving engineering, harbours, rivers, etc., increased from \$236,490,737 in 1946 to \$417,664,643 in 1947.

In the industry as a whole, employment was provided for a total of 250,330 persons in 1947, recording an increase of 51,479 over the total for the preceding year, while the aggregate of salaries and wages at \$482,907,226 was \$138,014,169 higher. The cost of materials used in 1947 was \$654,996,225, an increase in expenditure for this purpose of \$195,030,484.

In 1947 reports received numbered 26,542 as compared with 23,793 in 1946. A good part of the increase was recorded in the number of reports received from owner-builders who erected their own homes because they were unable to obtain the services of a contractor. These statistics are included in the tables showing the operations of general contractors, trade contractors and subcontractors. Although the increase in the number of reports was considerable, the comparatively small extent of their operations does not appreciably affect other totals.

14.—Principal Statistics of the Construction Industry, by Provinces and Groups, 1947

NOTE.—Comparable figures from 1935 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1937 edition

Province or Group	Employees	Salaries and Wages	Cost of Materials	Values of Work Performed		
				New Construction	Alterations and Repairs	Total
Province	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	638	1,074,926	1,554,701	2,155,854	915,106	3,070,960
Nova Scotia	12,842	23,091,619	24,460,044	33,132,689	19,784,126	52,896,815
New Brunswick	9,442	15,981,036	22,160,964	33,969,689	8,704,986	42,674,675
Quebec	70,970	132,495,276	181,616,839	275,848,737	62,666,041	338,514,778
Ontario	96,575	191,476,627	257,098,224	397,874,990	103,775,843	501,650,833
Manitoba	11,175	20,718,499	33,396,594	49,771,456	11,482,804	61,254,260
Saskatchewan	7,913	14,537,477	20,266,588	31,471,454	8,537,144	40,008,598
Alberta	12,261	23,493,667	34,409,472	55,278,021	12,373,289	67,651,310
British Columbia and Yukon	28,514	60,038,099	80,032,799	122,406,577	26,406,871	148,813,448
Totals	250,330	482,907,226	654,996,225	1,001,909,467	254,626,210	1,256,535,677
Group						
Contractors, builders, etc.	204,954	403,250,572	599,005,684	919,885,252	177,496,530	1,097,381,782
Municipalities	14,471	24,954,897	18,763,180	25,016,295	22,324,735	47,341,030
Harbour Commissions	685	1,267,316	670,211	334,286	1,693,357	2,027,643
Provincial Govt. Depts.	24,775	43,969,653	29,450,100	48,863,458	44,308,690	93,172,148
Federal Govt. Depts.	5,445	9,464,788	7,107,050	7,810,176	8,802,898	16,613,074
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