

The value of building construction, exclusive of trade construction, increased from \$658,383,053 in 1947 to \$825,622,000 in 1948. The construction of industrial buildings increased from \$193,053,068 to \$242,832,000 while "other building" increased from \$7,534,016 to \$39,540,000. The value of residential building advanced from \$233,303,589 to \$255,756,000, institutional from \$73,361,869 to \$121,421,000 and commercial from \$151,130,511 to \$166,073,000. Construction work involving engineering, harbours, rivers, etc., increased from \$417,664,643 in 1947 to \$577,573,000 in 1948.

In the industry as a whole, employment was provided for a total of 284,000 persons in 1948 recording an increase of 33,499 over the total for the preceding year while the aggregate of salaries and wages at \$605,496,000 was \$122,588,774 higher. The cost of materials used in 1948 was \$835,917,000 an increase in expenditure for this purpose of \$180,920,775.

15.—Principal Statistics of the Construction Industry, by Provinces and Disposition, 1948

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.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Prince Edward Island.....	829	1,587	2,821	4,660	764	5,424
Nova Scotia.....	15,000	28,319	39,267	52,483	21,024	73,507
New Brunswick.....	13,000	18,279	25,414	42,105	9,485	51,590
Quebec.....	74,000	148,710	227,290	369,344	52,132	421,476
Ontario.....	112,000	254,929	337,406	560,494	121,972	682,466
Manitoba.....	12,000	26,522	41,347	69,718	12,512	82,230
Saskatchewan.....	9,000	16,670	19,636	39,299	10,081	49,380
Alberta.....	17,000	35,307	49,078	93,825	15,623	109,448
British Columbia and Yukon	31,000	75,173	93,658	151,625	38,415	190,040
Totals.....	283,829	605,496	835,917	1,383,553	282,008	1,665,561
Disposition						
Contractors, builders, etc....	239,000	526,880	764,954	1,289,237	197,609	1,486,846
Municipalities.....	16,000	28,884	23,531			
Harbour Commissions.....	1	1	1	94,316 ²	84,399 ²	88,755
Provincial Govt. Depts.....	22,000	34,223	32,439			
Federal Govt. Depts.....	7,000	15,509	14,993			31,078
Totals.....	284,000	605,496	835,917	1,383,553	282,008	1,665,561

¹ Included in Federal Government Departments in 1948. ² New construction and alterations and repairs data available in total only for all government forces in 1948.

Table 16 classifies the various types of construction carried out in 1948. The term "Trade Construction" covers such items as bricklaying, carpentry, plumbing, heating, electrical work, etc., reported by contractors who confine themselves to a specific type of work. Details by provinces and more complete information regarding the industry will be found in the construction industry reports of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.