

should be emphasized that, in the case of operation details, the sample was selected from a segment of the industry whose total annual production was small in relation to the total value of work performed by the industry.

The definition of 'construction' as used in the Census of Construction has been approved and authorized by the Canadian Construction Association. It embraces all new buildings and works, together with alterations, additions, conversions, maintenance and repairs effected to those existing. It also includes works relating to engineering and marine projects as well as to structures of all types; improvements, maintenance, etc., of steam and electric railway companies; and the actual installation of machinery excluding, of course, cost of the machinery to be installed.

The value of construction work performed during 1950 showed an increase of 23 p.c. over 1949. Building construction advanced in 1950 by 26 p.c. owing largely to an increase of 43 p.c. in residential building, the most important group in that classification, while engineering construction increased by 17 p.c. over 1949.

Each year since 1945 the cost of materials has amounted to around 50 p.c. of the total value of work performed. The percentages in 1949 and 1950 were 52 and 53 p.c., respectively.

In the following tables and chart, the figures for 1949 and 1950 include construction work undertaken by the labour forces of railway and telephone companies which previously were given separately. Figures for Newfoundland are also included for these two years.

1.—Value of Construction Work Performed, classified by Provinces, by Disposition and by Types of Construction, 1946-50

Province, Disposition and Type	1946	1947	1948	1949 ¹	1950 ¹
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Province					
Newfoundland.....	15,243	17,192
Prince Edward Island.....	2,382	3,071	5,424	7,424	9,590
Nova Scotia.....	40,858	52,897	73,507	92,657	94,780
New Brunswick.....	27,761	42,675	51,590	70,108	72,378
Quebec.....	225,582	338,515	421,476	553,233	605,861
Ontario.....	347,617	501,651	682,466	907,434	1,105,503
Manitoba.....	43,463	61,254	82,230	117,515	154,731
Saskatchewan.....	29,277	40,009	49,380	73,960	119,378
Alberta.....	51,573	67,651	109,448	150,592	255,558
British Columbia, Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	100,148	148,813	190,040	232,610	292,997
Canada.....	868,661	1,256,536	1,665,561	2,220,775	2,727,968
Disposition					
Contractors, builders, etc.....	775,452	1,097,382	1,486,846	2,033,802	2,470,263
Municipalities.....	34,082	47,341	58,882	72,062	75,212
Provincial government departments.....	43,943	93,172	88,755	62,339	116,866
Federal government departments.....	15,184	18,641	31,078	52,571	65,627
Type of Work					
Building construction.....	490,408	658,383	825,622	969,227	1,217,691
Engineering construction.....	220,547	395,026	539,965	897,615	1,046,235
Marine construction.....	15,943	22,639	37,608	52,833	48,526
Trade construction.....	141,763	180,488	262,366	301,100	415,516

¹ Includes work performed by railway, telephone, telegraph and other utility companies utilizing their own employees.