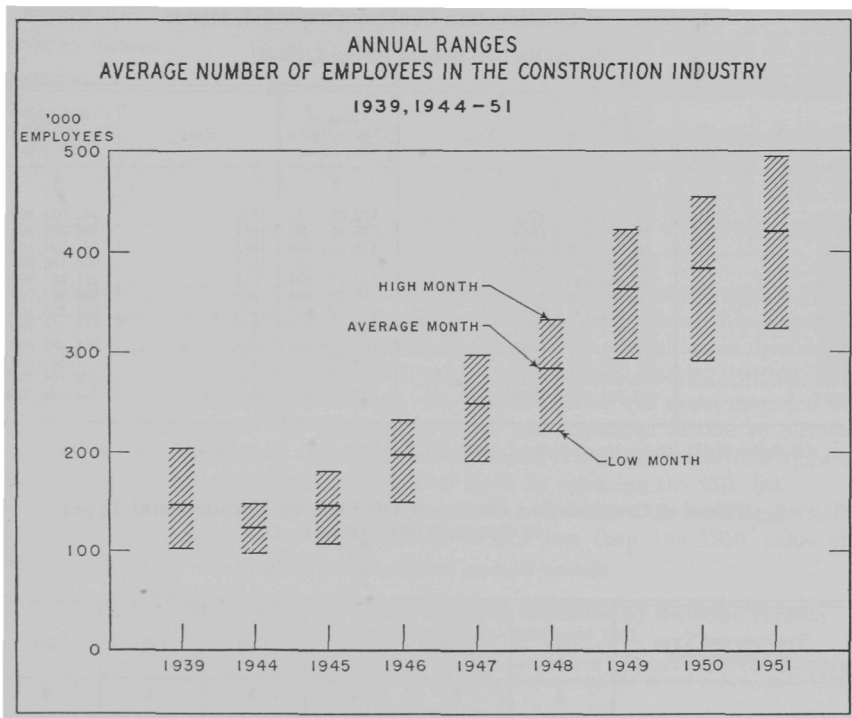


The following chart shows the movement of employees in the construction industry. The trend that began in 1945 continued through to 1951. A larger number of persons employed caused the 'average monthly' line to move steadily upwards, although in 1950 and 1951 the movement was less pronounced than in the previous years. At the same time, there are indications of a wider deployment between 'high month' and 'low month'. The former trend serves to point out that, in 1951, the industry was still in a position to absorb more units of labour. The latter trend indicates that the seasonal pattern of employment, since 1945, was becoming more pronounced.



Subsection 2.—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 under-estimates) of work to be done. Obviously, these statistics and those of Subsection 1 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 may extend into more than one year especially on large contracts.