

7.—Estimated Value of Proposed Construction as Indicated by Building Permits Issued in 204 Municipalities,¹ 1950 and 1951—concluded

Province and Municipality	1950	1951	Province and Municipality	1950	1951
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Ontario—concluded			Saskatchewan—concluded		
● Stratford.....	865,782	649,476	● Saskatoon.....	6,830,860	3,719,134
Sudbury.....	7,096,225	3,691,125	Swift Current.....	897,343	331,935
Swansea.....	952,890	834,270	Weyburn.....	931,757	265,990
Tillsonburg.....	359,075	236,000	Yorkton.....	1,049,200	744,590
Timmins.....	380,834	312,585			
● Toronto.....	52,442,662	47,167,715	Alberta—		
Trenton.....	373,645	212,585	● Calgary.....	25,990,734	22,322,868
Wallaceburg.....	407,405	267,350	Drumheller.....	384,675	130,330
Waterloo.....	1,275,105	1,850,389	● Edmonton.....	46,584,673	36,100,034
○ Welland.....	1,395,522	1,126,876	○ Lethbridge.....	4,513,525	4,820,675
Weston.....	1,168,425	526,565	○ Medicine Hat.....	1,261,980	1,580,125
Whitby.....	1,194,187	423,135			
● Windsor.....	9,308,655	12,228,405	British Columbia—		
○ Woodstock.....	1,373,428	1,105,978	Chilliwack.....	692,135	1,217,580
○ York Twp.....	9,335,850	8,542,650	Cranbrook.....	227,582	869,422
○ York East Twp.....	9,471,797	7,796,074	Fernie.....	75,413	288,360
			○ Kamloops.....	388,640	1,211,016
Manitoba—			Kelowna.....	1,481,449	1,125,384
● Brandon.....	1,517,405	1,400,055	○ Nanaimo.....	723,217	330,727
Brooklands.....	56,510	197,240	Nelson.....	368,930	364,438
Dauphin.....	434,146	833,005	● New Westminster.....	2,592,660	2,362,770
North Kildonan.....	200,200	203,100	○ North Vancouver.....	1,361,220	1,390,895
Portage la Prairie.....	713,960	442,620	Prince George.....	555,675	932,825
○ St. Boniface.....	1,245,481	888,280	○ Prince Rupert.....	350,600	304,323
Selkirk.....	261,000	194,000	Revelstoke.....	144,920	204,820
The Pas.....	121,050	131,775	Rossland.....	214,325	89,176
Transcona.....	292,850	304,945	Trail.....	716,638	713,225
● Winnipeg.....	19,451,100	16,484,300	● Vancouver.....	34,949,669	23,942,309
			Vernon.....	1,096,734	487,158
Saskatchewan—			● Victoria.....	5,660,227	4,087,011
Biggar.....	47,793	15,350			
Estevan.....	96,360	282,780	Totals—		
Melville.....	227,010	166,375	204 Municipalities.....	801,765,092	681,161,938
● Moose Jaw.....	1,349,795	999,405			
North Battleford.....	685,630	490,510	58 Municipalities ● ○ ..	533,608,683	430,507,541
Prince Albert.....	1,830,257	1,866,717			
● Regina.....	6,467,223	6,069,657	35 Municipalities ●	472,845,295	371,466,436

¹ Exclusive of the municipalities of Newfoundland.

The indexes given in Table 8 show, as far as possible, the fluctuations in building costs and their effect upon construction work and employment. The relative proportions of material and wage costs in general building are difficult to determine since such proportions vary with the type of building and the centres studied. Pre-war experience, as indicated by a special study made for 15 cities, shows that the proportions of cost of materials to cost of labour in all construction averaged two-thirds for the former to one-third for the latter. The increase in the cost of recent building operations has probably been much more than is indicated by the increase in the indexes of wholesale prices and wages shown and the proportions of these items to total costs have, no doubt, undergone some variation owing to changes in types and methods of construction and to the greater use of machinery.

Four of the largest cities—Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver—accounted for \$161,152,394 or 24 p.c. of the value of building permits issued in 1951. In 1950 the same cities showed a value of \$219,758,407 or 27 p.c. of the total, and in 1929 the value for these cities was \$126,387,555.