

8.—Values of Building Permits Issued in 204 Municipalities and Index Numbers of the Building Construction Industries, 1942-51

NOTE.—These 204 municipalities are named in Table 7.

Year	Value of Building Permits, 204 Municipalities	Average Index Numbers of—		
		Wholesale Prices of Building Materials (1935-39=100)	Wages in Construction Industries ¹ (1939=100)	Employment in Building Construction ² (1939=100)
	\$			
1942.....	104,236,278	131.1	118.6	231.3
1943.....	80,190,123	137.9	127.7	234.7
1944.....	128,728,465	144.8	129.6	139.5
1945.....	197,187,160	144.8	131.1	149.1
1946.....	383,596,698	153.4	143.9	213.4
1947.....	373,231,249	189.3	155.0	279.1
1948.....	536,057,597	222.6	176.3	311.8
1949.....	616,160,593	229.2	184.2	340.9
1950.....	801,765,092	249.9	194.0	356.8
1951.....	681,161,938	289.8	..	395.3

¹ Compiled by the Department of Labour.

² As reported by employers.

Section 2.—Housing Construction

Subsection 1.—Government Aid to House Building*

Federal Government Assistance, 1951.—Publicly assisted house building in Canada operates under two distinct types of arrangement. In one type, Government financial assistance in the form of mortgage loans is extended to prospective home-owners and builders through the National Housing Act, 1944, the Veterans' Land Act, 1942, the Farm Improvement Loans Act, 1944, and the Canadian Farm Loan Act, 1927. In the other, the Federal Government carries on direct house-building activities of veterans' rental units, armed service married quarters and, in conjunction with the provincial governments, joint housing projects for rental. During the seven-year period 1945-51, completions under these government-sponsored plans accounted for about one-third of total new permanent dwellings.

The Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation is the Federal Government agency responsible for most of the publicly assisted housing activities. It was incorporated by an Act passed in December 1945 to administer the National Housing Act, 1944, and earlier housing Acts, to provide facilities for the rediscounting of mortgages for lending institutions and to co-ordinate government activities in the housing field. In 1948, the functions of Wartime Housing Limited were transferred to its administration. In November 1950, the charter of Wartime Housing Limited was revived to form Defence Construction Limited and entrusted with carrying out construction of defence projects requisitioned by the Department of National Defence. Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation provides management and supervisory services to Defence Construction Limited.

The National Housing Act, 1944.—The National Housing Act, 1944, constitutes the principal legislation of the Federal Government in the field of housing. During 1951 three major changes were introduced in housing measures under this Act. The first change occurred in February 1951 when the one-sixth loan, which was in

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