

**15.—Estimated Value of Proposed Construction as Indicated by Building Permits Issued in 204 Municipalities, 1951 and 1952—concluded**

Province and Municipality	1951	1952	Province and Municipality	1951	1952
	\$	\$		\$	\$
<b>Ontario—concluded</b>			<b>Saskatchewan—concluded</b>		
Sudbury.....	3,691,125	3,710,135	●Saskatoon.....	3,719,134	7,872,727
Swansea.....	834,270	738,469	Swift Current.....	331,935	1,053,605
Tillsonburg.....	236,000	308,695	Weyburn.....	265,990	388,100
Timmins.....	312,585	539,440	Yorkton.....	744,590	872,600
●Toronto.....	47,167,715	43,724,096			
Trenton.....	212,585	817,197	<b>Alberta—</b>		
Wallaceburg.....	267,350	336,524	●Calgary.....	22,322,868	38,784,242
Waterloo.....	1,850,389	2,283,108	Drumheller.....	130,330	287,740
○Welland.....	1,126,876	2,437,511	●Edmonton.....	36,100,034	37,066,526
Weston.....	526,565	1,407,989	○Lethbridge.....	4,820,675	4,741,855
Whitby.....	423,135	743,270	○Medicine Hat.....	1,580,125	2,373,080
●Windsor.....	12,228,405	6,557,179			
○Woodstock.....	1,105,978	1,718,383	<b>British Columbia—</b>		
○York Twp.....	8,542,650	11,251,270	Chilliwack.....	1,217,580	475,230
○York East Twp.....	7,796,074	8,393,277	Cranbrook.....	869,422	472,254
			Fernie.....	288,360	73,075
<b>Manitoba—</b>			○Kamloops.....	1,211,016	684,805
●Brandon.....	1,400,055	1,790,795	Kelowna.....	1,125,384	502,030
Brooklands.....	197,240	105,650	○Nanaimo.....	330,727	976,797
Dauphin.....	833,005	605,070	Nelson.....	364,438	613,755
North Kildonan.....	208,100	283,900	●New Westminster.....	2,362,770	2,096,485
Portage la Prairie.....	442,620	1,146,925	○North Vancouver.....	1,390,895	1,988,135
○St. Boniface.....	888,280	4,432,890 <sup>1</sup>	Prince George.....	932,825	2,238,160
Selkirk.....	194,000	595,000	○Prince Rupert.....	304,323	1,037,257
The Pas.....	131,775	257,450	Revelstoke.....	204,820	177,350
Transcona.....	304,945	324,687	Rossland.....	89,176	318,261
●Winnipeg.....	16,484,300	19,293,200	Trail.....	713,225	2,880,729
			●Vancouver.....	23,942,309	28,387,737
<b>Saskatchewan—</b>			Vernon.....	487,158	300,518
Biggar.....	15,350	143,684	●Victoria.....	4,087,011	3,988,003
Estevan.....	282,780	234,484			
Melville.....	166,375	390,750	<b>Totals—</b>		
●Moose Jaw.....	999,405	2,628,312	<b>204 Municipalities.....</b>	<b>681,161,938</b>	<b>802,737,975</b>
North Battleford.....	490,510	811,500	<b>58 Municipalities●○.....</b>	<b>430,507,541</b>	<b>520,491,549</b>
Prince Albert.....	1,866,717	2,034,995	<b>35 Municipalities●.....</b>	<b>371,466,436</b>	<b>438,740,938</b>
●Regina.....	6,069,657	12,736,939			

<sup>1</sup> No reports received for September, October and November 1952.

The indexes given in Table 16 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 \$195,233,769 or 24 p.c. of the value of building permits issued in 204 municipalities in 1952. In 1951, the same cities showed a value of \$161,152,394, also 24 p.c. of the total for that year.