

10.—Average Numbers Employed in Construction, Earnings, Cost of Material Used and Value of Work Performed by Province and by Contractor 1953-56—concluded

Contractor and Year	Average Employees	Earnings	Cost of Material Used	Value of Work Performed	
	No.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Contractors and Others					
Contractors.....	1953	317,326	1,085,667	1,588,109	3,358,410
	1954	316,191	1,077,312	1,599,498	3,381,630
	1955	366,743	1,279,791	1,897,483	4,006,284
	1956	437,163	1,540,473	2,268,631	4,797,806
Utilities.....	1953	79,870	233,692	263,128	540,341
	1954	77,137	243,910	244,013	537,576
	1955	72,245	234,874	235,477	517,823
	1956	91,434	298,214	297,329	656,251
Governments.....	1953	56,640	148,278	131,529	318,278
	1954	68,724	179,767	141,983	383,568
	1955	63,862	171,850	134,221	361,156
	1956	68,952	185,434	142,977	388,725
Others.....	1953	55,661	158,074	202,847	422,616
	1954	50,800	155,085	209,316	420,603
	1955	47,380	145,395	197,019	400,288
	1956	60,996	156,807	209,998	428,047

Subsection 2.—Contracts Awarded and Building Permits Issued

In this Subsection 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 capital expenditure surveys. Further, values of contracts awarded, and especially of building permits, are estimates (more often under-estimates) of work to be done.

Contracts Awarded.—According to figures published by *MacLean Building Reports Limited*, the value of contracts awarded in 1955 increased by \$1,028,632,800 or 48 p.c. over 1954. The most substantial increase was in engineering construction which more than doubled during the year.

Decreases in the value of construction contracts awarded in 1955 compared with 1954 in the Provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan were more than offset by increases in the other provinces. The greatest absolute increases were shown by British Columbia and Ontario.

11.—Value of Construction Contracts Awarded 1920-55

(SOURCE: *MacLean Building Reports Limited*)

Year	Value of Construction Contracts	Year	Value of Construction Contracts	Year	Value of Construction Contracts
	\$		\$		\$
1920.....	255,605,000	1932.....	132,872,400	1944.....	291,961,800
1921.....	240,133,300	1933.....	97,289,800	1945.....	409,032,700
1922.....	331,843,800	1934.....	125,811,500	1946.....	663,355,100
1923.....	314,254,300	1935.....	160,305,000	1947.....	718,137,100
1924.....	276,261,100	1936.....	162,588,000	1948.....	954,082,400
1925.....	297,973,000	1937.....	224,056,700	1949 ¹	1,143,547,300
1926.....	372,947,900	1938.....	187,277,900	1950.....	1,525,764,700
1927.....	418,951,600	1939.....	187,178,500	1951.....	2,295,499,200
1928.....	472,032,600	1940.....	346,009,800	1952.....	1,812,177,600
1929.....	576,651,800	1941.....	393,991,300	1953.....	2,017,060,700
1930.....	456,999,600	1942.....	281,594,100	1954.....	2,154,959,200
1931.....	315,482,000	1943.....	206,103,900	1955.....	3,183,592,000

¹ Newfoundland included from Apr. 1, 1949.