

Tables 15 and 16 show the value and volume of building permits by province for 900 municipalities covering areas in which live about 62 p.c. of the national population and 87 p.c. of the urban population. These figures are useful when appraising the construction activity within, and among, municipalities. Comparisons of construction costs would not be warranted, however, without assurance that structures of similar size and quality were being compared. Despite limited application, this information constitutes one of the few indices of current economic activity in smaller localities.

The relative material was compiled from municipal figures and therefore varies with the terms of individual by-laws, with the methods of estimating the value of local construction and with other factors which may differ from area to area. Information is not available on the permits allowed to lapse without the relative construction being undertaken.

15.—Number of Dwelling Units Covered by Building Permits, by Province 1952-56

Province and Year	Apartments	Other	Total	Province and Year	Apartments	Other	Total
Newfoundland.....1952	181	619	800	Manitoba.....1952	616	3,962	4,578
.....1953	27	546	573	.....1953	685	4,585	5,270
.....1954	59	486	545	.....1954	883	4,187	5,070
.....1955	12	556	568	.....1955	1,150	4,516	5,666
.....1956	71	479	550	.....1956	415	3,584	3,999
Prince Edward Island.1952	3	34	37	Saskatchewan.....1952	117	2,624	2,741
.....1953	13	40	53	.....1953	266	3,753	4,019
.....1954	9	54	63	.....1954	248	2,912	3,160
.....1955	14	57	71	.....1955	462	3,143	3,605
.....1956	9	42	51	.....1956	327	2,691	3,018
Nova Scotia.....1952	256	716	972	Alberta.....1952	546	6,801	7,347
.....1953	943	849	1,792	.....1953	1,983	8,139	10,122
.....1954	195	834	1,029	.....1954	1,353	6,813	8,166
.....1955	393	777	1,170	.....1955	738	8,921	9,659
.....1956	337	791	1,128	.....1956	641	8,726	9,367
New Brunswick.....1952	92	326	418	British Columbia.....1952	1,156	8,063	9,219
.....1953	123	651	774	.....1953	2,124	9,899	12,023
.....1954	120	508	628	.....1954	1,855	11,173	13,028
.....1955	164	635	799	.....1955	3,134	12,753	15,887
.....1956	137	824	961	.....1956	2,897	11,410	14,307
Quebec.....1952	7,036	13,818	20,854	Canada ¹.....1952	15,294	67,054	82,348
.....1953	7,392	19,142	26,534	.....1953	22,534	82,394	104,948
.....1954	7,053	18,070	25,123	.....1954	24,229	81,401	105,630
.....1955	11,083	19,049	30,132	.....1955	25,376	93,685	119,061
.....1956	8,028	18,370	26,398	.....1956	23,573	80,058	103,631
Ontario.....1952	5,298	29,738	35,036				
.....1953	9,092	34,836	43,928				
.....1954	12,592	36,221	48,813				
.....1955	8,355	43,491	51,846				
.....1956	10,711	33,157	43,868				

¹ Provincial totals do not add to the Canada totals because certain minor adjustments could not be distributed provincially.