

13.—Estimated Value of Proposed Construction as Indicated by Building Permits Issued in 204 Municipalities, 1956 and 1957—concluded

Province and Municipality	1956	1957	Province and Municipality	1956	1957
	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000
Ontario—concluded			Saskatchewan—concluded		
Wallaceburg.....	720	921	Swift Current.....	2,141	2,886
Waterloo.....	4,672	2,713	Weyburn.....	984	2,748
Welland.....	2,250	1,829	Yorkton.....	1,617	844
Weston.....	1,326	1,343			
Whitby.....	1,814	4,384	Alberta—		
Windsor.....	11,862	9,535	Calgary.....	58,960	56,014
Woodstock.....	3,271	2,485	Drumheller.....	175	184
York Twp.....	15,040	12,346	Edmonton.....	69,404	64,379
York East Twp.....	3,511	8,059	Lethbridge.....	7,001	4,655
			Medicine Hat.....	4,473	3,188
Manitoba—			British Columbia—		
Brandon.....	3,882	3,379	Chilliwack.....	1,056	989
Brooklands.....	257	348	Cranbrook.....	471	641
Dauphin.....	551	365	Fernie.....	49	104
North Kildonan.....	650	555	Kamloops.....	2,591	1,324
Portage la Prairie.....	713	449	Kelowna.....	2,222	1,602
St. Boniface.....	9,914	3,134	Nanaimo.....	3,097	2,739
Selkirk.....	1,040	794	Nelson.....	794	2,534
The Pas.....	267	506	New Westminster.....	3,466	4,300
Transcona.....	2,988	2,958	North Vancouver.....	3,570	2,944
Winnipeg.....	29,499	34,005	Prince George.....	4,996	374
			Revelstoke.....	718	2,138
Saskatchewan—			Rossland.....	268	157
Biggar.....	153	49	Trail.....	634	483
Estevan.....	2,439	3,155	Vancouver.....	64,685	56,255
Melville.....	123	196	Vernon.....	2,442	1,620
Moose Jaw.....	3,247	2,698	Victoria.....	6,672	5,414
North Battleford.....	1,455	1,820			
Prince Albert.....	3,061	2,954	Totals, 204 Municipalities	1,318,927	1,307,151
Regina.....	18,368	20,650			
Saskatoon.....	16,605	21,753			

Table 14 shows the value of building permits issued in 14 metropolitan areas across Canada. In 1957 the permits issued in these areas made up 93 p.c. of the total for the 204 municipalities.

14.—Estimated Value of Building Permits Issued in Metropolitan Areas, 1956 and 1957

Metropolitan Area	1956	1957	Metropolitan Area	1956	1957
	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000
Halifax.....	14,320	9,288	Windsor.....	28,504	21,137
Saint John.....	4,045	7,535	London.....	21,768	21,620
Quebec.....	26,253	35,070	Winnipeg.....	64,074	63,738
Montreal.....	268,902	249,209	Calgary.....	64,077	60,144
Ottawa-Hull.....	79,333	97,241	Edmonton.....	81,673	75,958
Toronto.....	326,875	344,230	Vancouver.....	138,183	148,652
Hamilton.....	61,655	66,150	Victoria.....	15,999	17,478

Tables 15 and 16 show the value and volume of building permits by province. 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.