

## Section 2.—The Construction Industry

### Subsection 1.—Value of Construction Work Performed

Statistics of the construction industry are based largely on information received at the same time and from the same sources as the data on capital expenditures which appear in Section 1.\* The data represent the estimated total value of all new and repair construction performed by contractors; labour forces of utility, manufacturing, mining and logging firms; and by government departments, home-owner builders and other persons or firms not primarily engaged in the construction industry.

Canada's construction program for 1959 is estimated at \$7,129,000,000, slightly above the 1958 total. Repair construction, estimated to be about \$37,000,000 higher than in 1958, more than accounted for the advance; the value of new construction was lower by about \$33,000,000.

\* An explanation of sources and methods is given in DBS annual report *Construction in Canada* (Catalogue No. 64-201).

### 6.—Value of New and Repair Construction Work Performed, 1950-59

NOTE.—Actual expenditures 1950-58; preliminary actual 1959.

Year	New	Repair	Total	Total Construction as Percentage of Gross National Product
	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	p.c.
1950.....	2,453	827	3,280	18.2
1951.....	2,871	987	3,858	18.2
1952.....	3,434	1,010	4,444	18.5
1953.....	3,756	1,070	4,826	19.3
1954.....	3,737	1,105	4,842	19.5
1955.....	4,167	1,141	5,308	19.6
1956.....	5,272	1,182	6,454	21.4
1957.....	5,785	1,238	7,023	22.3
1958.....	5,831	1,261	7,092	21.8
1959.....	5,798	1,331	7,129	20.6

Table 7, which compares contract construction with other construction, shows that contractors account for from 76 p.c. to 79 p.c. of the work each year.

### 7.—Value of Construction Work Performed, by Contractors and Others, 1956-59

NOTE.—Actual expenditures 1956 to 1958; preliminary actual 1959.

(Millions of dollars)

Item	1956	1957	1958	1959
<b>Contract Construction</b> .....	<b>4,839</b>	<b>5,321</b>	<b>5,441</b>	<b>5,480</b>
New.....	4,319	4,770	4,844	4,838
Repair.....	520	551	597	642
<b>Other Construction<sup>1</sup></b> .....	<b>1,615</b>	<b>1,702</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>1,649</b>
New.....	953	1,015	987	960
Repair.....	662	687	664	689
<b>Totals, Construction</b> .....	<b>6,454</b>	<b>7,023</b>	<b>7,092</b>	<b>7,129</b>
New.....	5,272	5,785	5,831	5,798
Repair.....	1,182	1,238	1,261	1,331

<sup>1</sup> Work done by the labour forces of utility, manufacturing, mining and logging firms and by government departments, home-owner builders and other persons or firms not primarily engaged in the construction industry.