

14.—Estimated Value of Proposed Construction as Indicated by Building Permits Issued in 204 Municipalities, 1957 and 1958—concluded

Province and Municipality	1957	1958	Province and Municipality	1957	1958
	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000
Saskatchewan—concluded			British Columbia—concluded		
Melville.....	196	131	Fernie.....	104	18
Moose Jaw.....	2,698	5,832	Kamloops.....	1,324	2,386
North Battleford.....	1,820	2,598	Kelowna.....	1,602	1,836
Prince Albert.....	2,954	4,387	Nanaimo.....	2,739	2,300
Regina.....	20,650	29,227	Nelson.....	2,534	423
Saskatoon.....	21,753	29,420	New Westminster.....	4,300	3,886
Swift Current.....	2,886	1,867	North Vancouver.....	2,944	4,793
Weyburn.....	2,748	1,209	Prince George.....	374	5,735
Yorkton.....	844	955	Prince Rupert.....	2,138	1,891
Alberta—			Revelstoke.....	157	129
Calgary.....	56,014	101,551	Rossland.....	95	99
Drumheller.....	184	213	Trail.....	483	1,060
Edmonton.....	64,379	72,445	Vancouver.....	56,255	55,897
Lethbridge.....	4,655	7,780	Vernon.....	1,620	1,567
Medicine Hat.....	3,188	5,604	Victoria.....	5,414	6,825
British Columbia—			Totals, 204 Municipalities.	1,307,151	1,621,636
Chilliwack.....	989	1,740			
Cranbrook.....	641	648			

Table 15 shows the value of building permits issued in 14 metropolitan areas across Canada. In 1958 the permits issued in these areas made up over 95 p.c. of the total for the 204 municipalities.

15.—Estimated Value of Building Permits Issued in Metropolitan Areas, 1957 and 1958

Metropolitan Area	1957	1958	Metropolitan Area	1957	1958
	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000
Halifax.....	9,288	15,678	Windsor.....	21,137	24,893
Saint John.....	7,535	2,129	London.....	21,620	40,099
Quebec.....	35,070	42,304	Winnipeg.....	63,738	77,901
Montreal.....	249,209	325,334	Calgary.....	60,144	110,968
Ottawa-Hull.....	97,241	111,666	Edmonton.....	75,958	95,892
Toronto.....	344,230	427,177	Vancouver.....	148,652	170,672
Hamilton.....	66,150	77,167	Victoria.....	17,478	23,503

Tables 16 and 17 show the volume and value 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.

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.

16.—Number of Dwelling Units Covered by Building Permits, by Province, 1954-58

Province and Year	Apartments	Other	Total	Province and Year	Apartments	Other	Total
Newfoundland.....1954	59	486	545	Prince Edward Island...1954	9	54	63
.....1955	12	556	568	.....1955	14	57	71
.....1956	71	479	550	.....1956	9	42	51
.....1957	5	320	325	.....1957	9	34	43
.....1958	55	568	623	.....1958	29	45	74