Building Permits.—The estimated value of proposed construction is indicated by the value of building permits issued. Figures of building permits issued are collected for more than 1,000 municipalities across the country and are available for the individual municipalities, for metropolitan areas, for provinces and for economic areas in Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba.

During 1962, building permits issued in Canada for construction work exceeded \$2,500,000,000 in value. This was the highest figure on record and represented an increase of 12.1 p.c. over 1961. New residential construction increased 3.3 p.c., industrial construction 10.1 p.c., commercial construction 7.2 p.c. and institutional and government construction 43.8 p.c. On a regional basis, increases in the total value of building permits were recorded in all the western provinces except Manitoba and in the central provinces of Ontario and Quebec. On the other hand, declines were experienced in all the Atlantic Provinces except Nova Scotia.

Table 13 shows the value of building permits issued in each of 50 municipalities for the years 1961 and 1962.

13.—Estimated Value of Proposed Construction as Indicated by Building Permits Issued in 50 Municipalities, 1961 and 1962

Note.—Comparable fig	gures for 1956-60	are given in th	ne 1962 Year Book, p. 684.
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Province and Municipality	1961	1962	Province and Municipality	1961	1962
	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000
Newfoundland— St. John's	15,732	12,521	Ontario—concluded Port Arthur Scarborough Township	13,905 58,687	11,178 53,189
Prince Edward Island— Charlottetown	5 ,083	2,724	Toronto	108,062 25,957 10,959	107,346 26,096 9,844
Nova Scotia— Halifax	20,710	15,835	York North Township York Township	100,826 9,226	124,050 9,006
New Brunswick— Fredericton Moncton Saint John	5,277 14,002 4,733	5,386 7,644 4,474	Manitoba— Fort Garry St. Boniface St. James Winnipeg.	83,5431	82,8471
Quebec— LaSalle. Montreal. Quebec. St. Laurent. Ste. Foy. Sept Îles.	10,948 117,770 16,173 9,111 16,613 9,261	7,976 170,715 34,557 10,811 18,007 5,802 13,337	Saskatchewan— Moose Jaw Prince Albert Regina Saskatoon Alberta—	2,185 5,579 32,582 26,624	4,129 5,573 29,902 24,093
Sherbrooke. Trois Rivières. Ontario— Brampton. Burlington.	8,210 6,340 12,196 10,821	9,424 13,483 12,602	Calgary Edmonton Jasper Place Lethbridge Medicine Hat	70,376 68,589 8,863 6,634 6,739	87,918 90,250 11,327 9,243 5,607
Etobicoke Township Hamilton Kitchener London London Township Nepean Township Oshawa Ottawa	64,838 34,500 15,558 34,813 532 18,563 10,973 78,524	67,050 42,781 16,262 47,976 448 20,293 9,660 66,163	Red Deer	13,080 11,785 9,082 38,699 9,129	20,840 5,416 8,162 44,397 12,608

¹ Metropolitan Corporation of Greater Winnipeg.

Table 14 shows the value of building permits issued in 17 metropolitan areas across Canada. In 1962 the permits issued in these areas made up 68 p.c. of the total for Canada.