

**16.—Number of Dwelling Units Covered by Building Permits, by Province,
1961 and 1962 with Totals for 1958-62**

Province and Year	Apartments	Other	Total	Province and Year	Apartments	Other	Total
	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland.....1961	32	441	473	Manitoba.....1961	1,368	3,440	4,808
.....1962	6	677	683	.....1962	1,278	2,780	4,058
Prince Edward Island...1961	37	359	396	Saskatchewan.....1961	499	3,597	4,096
.....1962	8	56	64	.....1962	919	2,935	3,854
Nova Scotia.....1961	439	1,013	1,452	Alberta.....1961	2,921	9,809	12,730
.....1962	910	904	1,814	.....1962	4,111	9,603	13,714
New Brunswick.....1961	208	700	908	British Columbia.....1961	2,865	7,424	10,289
.....1962	330	726	1,056	.....1962	5,095	7,827	12,922
Quebec.....1961	10,507	21,966	32,473	Totals.....1958	46,847	102,297	149,144
.....1962	15,489	22,658	38,147	1959	41,745	87,000	128,745
Ontario.....1961	17,836	28,145	45,981	1960	33,711	60,299	94,010
.....1962	19,965	25,136	45,101	1961	36,712	76,894	113,606
				1962	48,111	73,302	121,413

The indexes given in Table 17 show as far as possible the fluctuations in building costs and their effect upon construction work and employment. The relative proportions of material and wage costs in general building are difficult to determine since such proportions vary with the type of building and the centres studied.

**17.—Index Numbers of Prices of Building Materials, and Wage Rates and
Employment in Construction Industries, 1953-62**

(Av. 1949=100)

Year	Prices of Building Materials		Wage Rates in Construction Industries ¹	Employment in Building Construction ²
	Residential	Non-residential		
1953.....	123.9	124.4	137.2	127.8
1954.....	121.7	121.8	141.1	111.1
1955.....	124.3	123.4	146.6	120.2
1956.....	128.5	128.0	152.4	145.5
1957.....	128.4	130.0	162.9	147.7
1958.....	127.3	129.8	173.6	130.1
1959.....	130.0	131.7	183.4	136.5
1960.....	129.2	132.3	195.5	128.6
1961.....	128.4	131.1	199.7	122.5
1962.....	129.6	131.9	209.7	127.9

¹ Compiled by the Department of Labour.

² As reported by employers with 15 or more employees.

Section 3.—Housing*

Subsection 1.—Government Aid to House-Building

Federal Assistance.—The role of the Federal Government in housing has expanded progressively since the introduction of the first continuing statute in 1935. Although the Government originally entered the housing field in 1918, when it made money available to the provinces for re-lending to municipalities for housing purposes, the first general piece of federal housing legislation was the Dominion Housing Act passed in 1935. This

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