

Subsection 2.—Contracts Awarded and Building Permits Issued

In this Section statistics are given of work actually in sight either as contracts awarded or as building permits. These figures are related to those of work performed during the year only so far as the work thus provided for is completed and duly reported in the Census of Construction. Further, values of contracts awarded, and especially of building permits, are estimates (more often underestimates) of work to be done.

Contracts Awarded.—According to figures published by MacLean Building Reports Limited, the value of contracts awarded in 1952 decreased by 21 p.c. from those of 1951, the decreases being mainly accounted for by a decline in business, industrial and engineering contracts. The value of contracts awarded for residential building increased by 17 p.c. All provinces, except British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario, shared in an increase in the value of total contracts; the most important advances were made by Alberta and Saskatchewan, value of contracts in the former Province increasing from \$183,000,000 to \$231,000,000 and in the latter from \$39,000,000 to \$59,000,000.

13.—Value of Construction Contracts Awarded, 1916-52

(SOURCE: MacLean Building Reports Limited)

NOTE.—Includes Newfoundland from Apr. 1, 1949.

Year	Value of Construction Contracts	Year	Value of Construction Contracts	Year	Value of Construction Contracts
	\$		\$		\$
1916.....	99,311,000	1928.....	472,032,600	1940.....	346,009,800
1917.....	84,841,000	1929.....	576,651,800	1941.....	393,991,300
1918.....	99,842,000	1930.....	456,999,600	1942.....	281,594,100
1919.....	190,028,000	1931.....	315,482,000	1943.....	206,103,900
1920.....	255,605,000	1932.....	132,872,400	1944.....	291,961,800
1921.....	240,133,300	1933.....	97,289,800	1945.....	409,032,700
1922.....	331,843,800	1934.....	125,811,500	1946.....	663,355,100
1923.....	314,254,300	1935.....	160,305,000	1947.....	718,137,100
1924.....	276,261,100	1936.....	162,588,000	1948.....	954,082,400
1925.....	297,973,000	1937.....	224,056,700	1949.....	1,143,547,300
1926.....	372,947,900	1938.....	187,277,900	1950.....	1,525,764,700
1927.....	418,951,600	1939.....	187,178,500	1951.....	2,295,499,200
				1952.....	1,812,177,600

14.—Value of Construction Contracts Awarded, by Province and Type of Construction, 1947-52

(SOURCE: MacLean Building Reports Limited)

Province	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Newfoundland.....	3,431,100 ¹	10,065,000	10,509,400	21,985,300
Prince Edward Island.....	3,991,900	2,410,300	4,498,500	2,663,500	3,251,000	3,489,000
Nova Scotia.....	28,855,000	36,624,200	33,941,600	35,643,300	67,837,000	78,502,000
New Brunswick.....	27,017,300	28,980,100	19,536,100	34,592,100	20,983,900	25,177,000
Quebec.....	255,202,400	327,111,900	355,408,300	533,971,700	480,106,000	397,931,400
Ontario.....	258,709,300	350,612,300	421,098,900	597,161,900	1,017,426,900	732,768,100
Manitoba.....	34,446,100	45,414,700	78,517,300	67,985,300	91,157,700	95,690,300
Saskatchewan.....	23,040,200	18,273,600	43,306,200	27,563,900	39,604,700	59,170,000
Alberta.....	47,425,100	74,071,700	104,380,600	134,878,500	183,075,100	231,191,300
British Columbia.....	39,449,800	70,583,600	79,428,700	81,239,500	381,547,500	166,273,200
Grand Totals.....	718,137,100	954,082,400	1,143,547,300	1,525,764,700	2,295,499,200	1,812,177,600

¹ Nine months.