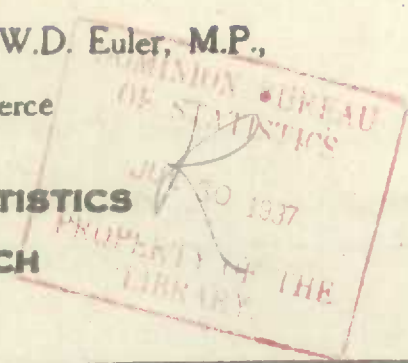


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**PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN THE CITY
OF QUEBEC, 1936.**

A preliminary survey of the building and construction industry in the City of Quebec discloses that in 1936, reports were received from 136 sources, including the Corporation of the City of Quebec. The value of work performed in this year amounted to \$4,478,814, representing an increase of 8 reports, but a decrease in value of work performed of \$39,856 from the 1935 value which amounted to \$4,518,670.

In perusing the table of work performed, it will be noted that in 1936 new construction amounted to \$2,797,883, while repairs, alterations and maintenance totalled \$1,680,931. In comparison the 1935 figures were, new construction \$3,445,773, while repairs, etc. only amounted to \$1,072,897.

The amount of capital investment reported in 1936 amounted to \$3,050,558, as against \$3,254,745 in 1935. Employment was furnished to 1,980 salaried employees and wage-earners in 1936, who were paid \$1,687,701 in salaries and wages. Corresponding figures for 1935 were 2,206 persons and \$1,751,524, representing decreases of 226 persons and of \$63,823 in salaries and wages in 1936 in comparison with 1935.

The cost of materials used in 1936 amounted to \$2,407,695, as against a cost of \$2,169,261 in 1935, this being an increase in 1936 of \$238,434.

Work performed by subcontractors, which of course is included in the general and trade contractors' figures, was \$370,595 in 1936 and \$789,231 in 1935.

The values and costs referred to above, will be observed in the following tables, which afford comparative figures for 1935 and 1936.

Comparison of the Principal Statistics of the Construction Industry
in the City of Quebec in 1935 and 1936.

	1 9 3 5	1 9 3 6	+ Increase - Decrease
Number of reports received No.	178	186	+ 8
Capital invested \$	3,254,745	3,050,558	- 104,187
Salaried employees No.	309	314	+ 5
Salaries paid \$	423,797	406,400	- 17,397
Wage-earning employees (average)... No.	1,897	1,666	- 231
Wages paid \$	1,327,727	1,281,301	- 46,426
Total employees No.	2,206	1,980	- 226
Total salaries and wages paid \$	1,751,524	1,687,701	- 63,823
Cost of materials used \$	2,169,261	2,407,695	+ 238,434
Value of work performed: \$	4,518,670	4,478,814	- 39,856
New construction (including subcontract work) \$	3,445,773	2,797,883	- 647,890
Repairs, alterations and maintenance \$	1,072,897	1,680,931	+ 608,034
Subcontract work performed: \$	789,231	370,595	- 418,636
New construction \$	370,650	301,352	- 69,298
Repairs, alterations and maintenance \$	418,581	69,243	- 349,338

The above figures are preliminary only and may be increased or decreased in the final compilation.

Description, Classification and Value of Work Performed in the City of Quebec by General and Trade Contractors, including Subcontractors, together with the Corporation of Quebec City, in 1935 and 1936.

	1935			1936		
	New Construction	Repairs, Alterations, Maintenance	Total Value	New Construction	Repairs, Alterations, Maintenance	Total Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
General Construction						
Dwellings, single	202,072	116,095	318,167	160,089	131,145	291,234
Duplexes	-	-	-	64,361	-	64,361
Hotels, clubs and restaurants ...	-	-	-	-	5,025	5,025
Churches and church halls	-	13,120	13,120	88,694	15,923	104,617
Hospitals and sanatoria	-	752	752	-	-	-
Schools and institutions	-	-	-	-	5,099	5,099
Office buildings	-	13,785	13,785	-	74,658	74,658
Stores	-	5,885	5,885	-	49,328	49,328
Factories and warehouses	-	22,958	22,958	-	52,849	52,849
Garages	-	-	-	61,437	5,724	67,161
Government and municipal buildings	-	-	-	-	42,638	42,638
All other building	1,572,490	68,018	1,640,508	934,500	210,924	1,145,424
Paved streets and highways	545,469	-	545,469	248,827	-	248,827
All other engineering construction	264,284	204,697	468,981	445,668	65,191	510,859
Locks, wharves, piers and breakwaters	-	-	-	-	414,568	414,568
All other harbour and river work.	261,285	210,429	471,714	445,905	-	445,905
Trade Construction						
Bricklaying	-	4,005	4,005	-	-	-
Carpentry work	-	73,024	73,024	-	78,449	78,449
Concreting and cement work	-	7,879	7,879	-	-	-
Electrical work	-	22,919	22,919	45,710	52,756	98,466
Flooring, wood	1,080	-	1,080	-	-	-
Glass and glazing	-	-	-	16,875	24,415	41,290
Heating and plumbing	152,932	144,285	297,217	155,010	203,923	358,933
Masonry and stone work	-	8,365	8,365	-	-	-
Painting and decorating	3,132	95,312	98,444	35,955	155,742	191,697
Roofing, sheet metal	(21,635)	39,964	61,597	14,368	40,701	55,069
Roofing, all other	-	-	-	26,899	13,785	40,684
Tiling and marble work	-	-	-	7,697	15,548	23,245
All other trades	421,396	21,405	442,801	45,890	22,540	68,430
TOTALS	3,445,773	1,072,897	4,518,670	2,797,883	1,680,931	4,478,814
Subcontract Construction						
Carpentry work	-	37,466	37,466	-	-	-
Electrical work	33,348	46,501	79,849	16,577	-	16,577
Heating and plumbing	44,621	150,577	195,198	57,136	13,139	70,275
Lathing, plastering and stucco ..	-	15,444	15,444	27,936	-	27,936
Painting and decorating	16,889	79,907	96,796	-	9,797	9,797
Roofing, sheet metal	(19,089)	17,703	36,792	-	5,296	5,296
Roofing, all other	-	-	-	-	3,936	3,936
Tiling and marble work	-	-	-	4,546	3,050	7,596
All other subcontract work	256,703	70,983	327,686	195,157	34,025	229,182
TOTALS	370,650	418,581	789,231	301,352	69,243	370,595



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Capital Investment in the Construction Industry in the City
of Quebec in 1935 and 1936.

Year	Buildings, land, etc.	Equipment, machinery, tools, vehicles (motor and horse-drawn), etc.	Inventory value of construction, building and repair materials and supplies on hand	Cash, bills and accounts receiv- able, including grants due from Government sources	Total Capital
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1935 ..	1,130,842	850,550	314,714	958,639	3,254,745
1936 ..	893,796	849,496	322,514	984,752	3,050,558

Average Monthly Employment of Wage-Earners in the City of Quebec,
in 1935 and 1936

	1 9 3 5	1 9 3 6
	No.	No.
January	824	919
February	858	994
March	1,005	1,001
April	1,149	1,363
May	1,666	1,701
June	2,290	1,988
July	2,417	2,320
August	2,294	2,256
September	2,370	2,236
October	3,882	2,336
November	2,649	1,865
December	1,362	1,013
Monthly Average	1,897	1,666