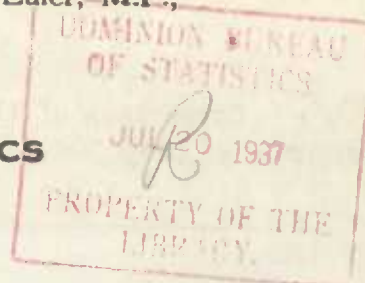


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**PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN THE CITY OF  
OTTAWA, 1936.**

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A preliminary survey of Ottawa's construction industry for 1936 is presented herewith, and discloses that the value of work performed (including work completed by the Corporation of the City of Ottawa) amounted to \$5,812,289, an increase of \$963,027 or 19.9% over the 1935 value.

In 1936 reports were received from 278 firms and individuals in comparison with 244 for 1935. The amount of capital investment reported in 1936 amounted to \$2,808,018, as against \$2,576,193 in 1935. Employment was furnished to 3,681 salaried employees and wage-earners in 1936, who were paid \$2,356,878 in salaries and wages. Corresponding figures for 1935 were 3,890 persons and \$2,193,432, representing a decrease of 209 persons and an increase of \$158,446 in salaries and wages in 1936 in comparison with 1935.

In connection with these labour figures, it must be borne in mind that the Corporation of the City of Ottawa provided a limited amount of work each month for relief recipients to work out their obligations to the City, and they, together with the value of their allowances, are included in this report.

The cost of materials used in 1936 amounted to \$2,528,993, as against a cost of \$2,163,461 in 1935. This was an increase in 1936 of \$365,532 or 16.9%.

Work performed by subcontractors, which of course is included in the general and trade contractors' figures, was \$962,914 in 1936 and \$809,747 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 Ottawa in 1935 and 1936.

	1 9 3 5	1 9 3 6	+ Increase - Decrease
Number of reports received ..... No.	244	278	+ 34
Capital invested ..... \$	2,576,193	2,808,018	+ 231,825
Salaries paid ..... \$	513,908	559,329	+ 45,421
Wage-earning employees (average)... No.	3,490	3,245	- 245
Wages paid ..... \$	1,684,524	1,797,549	+ 113,025
Total employees ..... No.	3,890	3,681	- 209
Total salaries and wages paid ..... \$	2,198,432	2,356,878	+ 158,446
Cost of materials used ..... \$	2,163,461	2,528,993	+ 365,532
Value of work performed: ..... \$	4,849,262	5,812,289	+ 963,027
New construction (including subcontract work) ..... \$	3,459,374	4,164,845	+ 705,271
Repairs, alterations and maintenance ..... \$	1,389,888	1,647,644	+ 257,756
Subcontract work performed: .... \$	809,747	962,914	+ 153,167
New construction ..... \$	553,684	793,767	+ 240,083
Repairs, alterations and maintenance ..... \$	256,063	169,147	- 86,916

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

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

	1935			1936		
	New Construction	Repairs, Alterations, Maintenance	Total Value	New Construction	Repairs, Alterations, Maintenance	Total Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>General Construction</b>						
Dwellings, single .....	414,073	93,297	507,370	612,584	157,223	769,807
Dwellings, semi-detached or double..	(			124,298	15,959	140,257
Duplexes .....	158,315	14,430	172,745	67,089	47,320	114,409
Apartment houses .....	541,271	73,028	614,299	678,598	50,497	729,095
Churches and church halls .....	-	19,239	19,239	-	2,266	2,266
Hotels, clubs and restaurants .....	-	22,074	22,074	-	9,443	9,443
Schools and institutions .....	-	-	-	-	9,701	9,701
Office buildings .....	-	83,327	83,327	-	-	-
Stores .....	24,988	28,386	53,374	-	28,918	28,918
Theatres .....	-	4,891	4,891	-	-	-
Factories and warehouses .....	59,334	5,256	64,590	-	59,890	59,890
Garages .....	3,359	8,480	11,839	5,155	-	5,155
Government and municipal buildings..	718,138	2,174	720,312	446,833	10,519	457,352
All other building .....	129,694	13,800	143,494	972,598	75,866	1,048,464
Paved streets and highways .....	172,644	-	172,644	180,405	-	180,405
Sewers and sewage disposal works ...	89,973	-	89,973	-	-	-
Wrecking and demolition .....	-	-	-	-	7,535	7,535
All other engineering construction..	856,142	524,521	1,380,670	700,704	485,087	1,185,791
Harbour and river work .....	1,308	-	1,308	-	2,725	2,725
<b>Trade Construction</b>						
Bricklaying .....	-	-	-	14,008	5,069	19,077
Carpentry work .....	-	22,098	22,098	-	18,130	18,130
Electrical work .....	37,191	27,591	64,782	23,660	71,235	94,895
Heating and plumbing .....	154,284	182,348	336,632	182,044	203,980	387,024
Lathing, plastering and stucco .....	-	20,291	20,291	20,746	41,476	62,222
Painting and decorating .....	59,902	161,406	201,308	10,130	217,190	227,320
Sheet metal work .....	-	32,246	32,246	-	-	-
Tiling and marble work .....	-	-	-	23,475	13,172	36,647
All other trades .....	58,751	51,005	109,756	101,328	114,443	215,771
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>3,459,374</b>	<b>1,389,888</b>	<b>4,849,262</b>	<b>4,164,645</b>	<b>1,647,644</b>	<b>5,812,289</b>
<b>Subcontract Construction</b>						
Bricklaying .....	26,139	4,637	30,776	26,733	3,764	30,497
Carpentry work .....	16,715	-	16,715	3,754	-	3,754
Concreting and cement work .....	2,418	-	2,418	-	-	-
Electrical work .....	74,894	54,472	129,366	85,451	17,309	102,760
Heating and plumbing .....	210,467	75,103	285,570	305,060	27,489	332,549
Lathing, plastering and stucco .....	50,302	8,856	59,158	55,047	14,325	69,372
Masonry and stone work .....	-	-	-	1,686	-	1,686
Painting and decorating .....	6,328	11,077	17,405	85,088	15,162	100,250
Roofing, sheet metal .....	-	-	-	47,546	-	47,546
Weatherstripping and insulation ....	-	-	-	15,936	-	15,936
All other subcontract work .....	166,421	101,918	268,339	167,466	91,098	258,564
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>553,684</b>	<b>256,063</b>	<b>809,747</b>	<b>793,767</b>	<b>169,147</b>	<b>962,914</b>



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Capital Investment in the Construction Industry in Ottawa  
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 ..	828,047	612,178	393,051	742,917	2,576,193
1936 ..	735,469	615,816	514,335	942,398	2,808,018

Average Monthly Employment of Wage-earners in Ottawa  
in 1935 and 1936.

	1935	1936
	No.	No.
January .....	3,132	2,055
February .....	2,653	2,512
March .....	3,685	2,940
April .....	3,520	3,529
May .....	3,552	3,301
June .....	3,574	3,298
July .....	3,799	3,642
August .....	3,809	3,540
September .....	3,588	3,676
October .....	4,047	4,193
November .....	3,609	3,220
December .....	2,912	3,030
Monthly Average .....	3,490	3,245