

The number of public buildings and institutions in operation prior to 1872 was 19, and in 1901 was 54, comprising in all nearly 350 separate buildings. The other Public Works (not including Colonization Roads) such as locks, dams, bridges, timber slides, piers, etc., number in all about 250; besides the supervision in connection with the dredging of navigable waters, the clearing of streams, the examinations of drainage works, railway inspections, etc. These buildings and works require yearly expenditure for additions, reconstruction and repairs.

New Parliament Buildings.

The most important building erected by the Public Works Department since Confederation has been the Parliament Buildings. In comparison with other Provinces and with several States in the Union and with City Halls, the economy used in the erection of the Parliament Buildings may be cited as an achievement worthy of special notice. In proportion to the population of the Province it can be said that no other province or state in America has obtained better value for the money expended, as the following statement shows:—

CANADIAN LEGISLATIVE BUILDINGS.

Buildings.	Cost.	*Population.	Cost per cent. per head of Population.
Dominion.....	\$ 4,000,000	5,369,262	.74
Ontario	1,306,884	2,128,942	.61
Quebec	1,060,436	1,648,898	.64
British Columbia.....	840,000	177,672	4.73

U.S. STATE LEGISLATIVE BUILDINGS.

Buildings.	Cost.	+Population.	Cost per cent. per head of Population.
New York.....	\$20,000,000	5,052,871	3.95
Illinois	3,500,000	3,077,871	1.13
Connecticut	1,200,000	672,700	1.78
Michigan	1,505,000	1,636,957	.92
Iowa.....	1,500,000	1,624,615	.92

CITY HALLS.

Buildings.	Cost.	Population.	Cost per cent. per head of Population.
Toronto, Can.....	\$ 2,136,313	*207,971	10.27
Philadelphia, U.S....	7,000,000	†850,000	8.23
Chicago, U. S.....	4,000,000	†503,000	7.95
Baltimore, U. S.....	3,000,000	†232,000	12.92

*Populations of Canadian Provinces, and of Toronto, census of 1901.

†Populations and cost of U.S. buildings of earlier, but concurrent dates.

BUILD UP ONTARIO