

tions were received to cover 140,189 tires; production totalled 108,019. These figures are exclusive of standard commercial tires.

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Heavy demands for tires are causing some concern and a study is being made to increase production capacities.

6. Steel Situation:

Under the general category of steel we are experiencing extreme difficulty in keeping our program anywhere near up-to-date, as a result of shortages. In one instance delivery of transport vehicles urgently required in the United Kingdom was one month late owing to non-delivery of steel sheets.

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The forward picture for the balance of 1941 does not appear certain owing to the steel supply situation.

C O N S T R U C T I O N B R A N C H

Construction contracts awarded during the quarter ending September 30, were as follows:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Dollar Value</u>
312	Air	\$29,307,144
70	Militia	4,784,149
26	Naval	3,685,857
Total	408	\$37,777,151

Construction contracts awarded since the inception of the Defence Purchasing Board up to September 30, 1941, are as follows:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Dollar Value</u>
1,247	Air	\$117,154,136
228	Militia	23,087,243
83	Naval	5,812,539
Total	1,558	\$146,053,920

The foregoing tabulation includes all the construction work being carried out for the R.C.A.F. and Air Training Plan. In addition, a large amount of the work is being carried out for the Army. For the Naval Services important work is being carried out in the construction of a semi-tidal drydock, railway drydocks, wharves, etc., as well as barrack blocks and mess halls in connection with the Naval Training centres located on both coasts. Also in-