

(c) £10·4 millions fall in a field not previously subject to control, except where substantial quantities of critical materials have been involved. These works are chiefly in the field of local-body unsubsidized engineering works.

Apart from a progressive increase in the total of building permits by daily issues, there is to-day outstanding and ready to become a load upon the works industry a total of—

- (i) £16·1 millions of work covered by building permits already issued and representing works not yet commenced or not yet completed.
- (ii) £10·1 millions of building-permit applications for which approval has been deferred.

Of the £16·1 millions it is estimated £12 millions will be completed during the year ending 31st March, 1948, and thus be a charge on this year's building capacity of £21·73 millions. The remaining £4·1 millions will be a carry-over into 1948-49.

During the twelve months ended 31st March, 1947, the Building Controller authorized the issue of 38,027 permits, viz.—

(a) Building projects other than housing	..	14,699
(b) State and other Government housing	..	3,166
(c) Private housing	.. .. .	11,329
(d) Housing additions	.. .. .	8,833
		38,027

The following table sets out the classification of work covered by permits issued during the year:—

Type of Work.	Permits approved.		Permits deferred.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
		£		£
Engineering .. .. .	26	98,085	2	15,613
Hospitals .. .. .	119	748,423	11	60,470
Schools .. .. .	210	929,346	21	138,546
Other Government .. .. .	386	504,987	16	163,526
Local bodies .. .. .	160	268,220	26	110,380
Commercial .. .. .	2,373	2,108,277	1,385	3,484,743
Factories .. .. .	658	1,882,804	351	1,573,211
State housing .. .. .	2,870	4,567,091	..	..
Other Government housing .. .. .	296	428,291	1	1,885
Rehabilitation housing .. .. .	499	752,304	2	2,130
Private housing .. .. .	10,830	15,024,535	511	692,089
Housing additions .. .. .	8,833	1,714,802	536	139,247
Community buildings .. .. .	381	193,124	234	708,782
Farm buildings .. .. .	2,838	535,148	46	24,047
Miscellaneous .. .. .	7,548	495,090	1,700	174,209
Totals .. .. .	38,027	30,250,527	4,842	7,288,878

Permits for houses and housing additions aggregated £22,487,023 in value and represented 74·7 per cent. of the total value of all permits issued.

To this stage the statistical figures record permits authorized by the Building Controller. The following table, showing coverage of permits uplifted on a district basis, is more factual, in that the figures record work actually proceeded with. It should be understood that many applicants who are granted permits do not for one reason or another uplift their permits and proceed with the work immediately.