

A detailed classification of applications dealt with during the year is set out in the table below :—

Type of Work.	Permits approved.		Permits deferred.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
		£		£
Engineering .. .. .	62	297,129	1	24,000
Hospitals .. .. .	138	559,048	13	91,039
Schools .. .. .	298	685,350	48	111,017
Other Government .. .. .	435	1,461,500	37	114,204
Local bodies .. .. .	322	754,209	42	177,936
Commercial .. .. .	3,072	1,951,159	1,523	2,486,657
Factories .. .. .	633	1,133,743	372	1,693,467
State housing .. .. .	2,993	5,417,090	..	..
Other Government housing .. .. .	498	678,601	..	..
Rehabilitation housing .. .. .	350	574,221	..	..
Private housing .. .. .	11,547	16,925,774	678	1,074,178
Housing additions .. .. .	9,283	1,834,854	669	187,528
Community buildings .. .. .	546	313,652	252	271,209
Farm buildings .. .. .	3,455	652,722	80	20,863
Miscellaneous .. .. .	9,018	553,323	1,839	186,889
Totals .. .. .	42,650	33,792,375	5,554	6,438,987

It will be seen that the value of permits issued for housing and housing additions totalled £23,495,686, this representing 69·7 per cent. of the value of all permits issued.

In terms of Building Control districts, the following table sets out the number and value of permits uplifted during the year on which work was commenced :—

District.	Private Houses.		State Houses.		Other Works.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
		£		£		£
Auckland .. .. .	4,039	5,909,057	1,128	1,969,893	3,394	1,845,952
Hamilton .. .. .	1,599	2,339,337	519	906,174	2,274	1,015,532
Palmerston North .. .. .	1,021	1,493,723	374	653,004	209	433,991
Napier .. .. .	627	917,301	209	364,914	585	339,058
Wellington .. .. .	1,561	2,283,743	523	913,158	2,924	1,186,356
Christchurch .. .. .	1,771	2,590,973	482	841,572	3,206	1,891,970
Dunedin .. .. .	1,054	1,542,002	256	446,976	2,943	1,070,213
Totals .. .. .	11,672	17,076,136	3,491	6,095,691	15,535	7,783,072

Prosecutions for breaches of the Building Emergency Regulations instituted by the Building Controller during the year resulted in 188 convictions.

### PERMANENT HOUSING

The implementation of the Government's policy in giving housing priority over all other classes of building was further examined early in the year for the purpose of making available to housing an even greater portion of the building industry potential. This was necessitated by the exceptionally large number of housing permits issued during the previous year on which work had not commenced at 31st March, 1947, plus the increased monthly demand for permits during the first quarter of 1947-48 and the approved increased programme for State rental houses. It was unmistakably evident