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BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN CANADA, MARCH, 1940.

The March report of building permits issued by all municipalities in Canada is presented herewith and it includes returns from 150 municipalities. Of these, 125 had details to report, while the remaining 25 advised they had issued no permits during the month. No response of any kind has been received from 52 municipalities.

Reports for the month of March were received from 52 of the original 58 municipalities, while the total number of reports for the month of February, now in our possession, is 174, with 124 of them containing details of permits issued.

The total value of permits issued in March 1940, and reported to us is \$5,257,260. Revised figures for the month of February, from 174 municipalities, aggregate \$3,847,157. The 52 of the original 58 municipalities report a value of \$4,464,780 for March. Comparative figures for February, covering 55 municipalities, amount to \$3,015,089 and the total value of permits issued, reported by the 58 municipalities in March 1939, was \$3,359,661.

The total value of permits issued during the first three months of 1940, as reported to us, aggregates \$12,442,014. The value for the 58 municipalities is \$9,891,819. The corresponding value for the 58 municipalities in the first three months of 1939 is \$7,092,967.

Referring to Table 1, it will be observed that new construction of all types accounted for 67.3 per cent of the total value. The percentage of new residential construction was 44.1.

We regret to advise that we have not yet been able to arrive at an index value for the 202 municipalities.

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Table 1. - Values and Classifications of Building Permits issued by 202 Municipalities in Canada, by Provinces, March, 1940.

Classification of Permits		CANADA	Provinces			
			Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec
All Permits	Total Value	5,257,260	-	316,900	40,872	1,339,417
New Construction		3,538,929	-	97,500	4,140	873,909
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		1,718,331	-	219,400	36,732	465,508
Residential		2,868,758	-	82,775	5,390	787,738
New Construction		2,317,613	-	66,500	700	593,020
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		551,145	-	16,275	4,690	194,718
Institutional		475,816	-	-	3,000	227,238
New Construction		332,968	-	-	-	116,000
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		142,848	-	-	3,000	111,238
Commercial		1,157,739	-	211,325	27,982	270,847
New Construction		561,696	-	9,700	3,440	139,300
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		590,043	-	201,625	24,542	131,547
Industrial		591,315	-	22,500	4,500	40,880
New Construction		255,735	-	21,000	-	23,080
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		335,580	-	1,500	4,500	17,800
Other Building		163,632	-	300	-	12,714
New Construction		64,917	-	300	-	2,509
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		98,715	-	-	-	10,205

Classification of Permits		Provinces (Con.)				
		Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia
All Permits	Total Value	1,909,823	125,575	18,376	251,778	1,254,519
New Construction		1,271,227	52,500	5,420	194,695	1,039,538
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		638,596	73,075	12,956	57,083	214,981
Residential		1,048,575	57,575	8,725	185,407	692,573
New Construction		873,118	28,450	4,625	148,376	602,824
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		175,457	29,125	4,100	37,031	89,749
Institutional		9,250	-	-	-	236,328
New Construction		2,750	-	-	-	214,218
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		6,500	-	-	-	22,110
Commercial		363,175	37,950	6,510	53,162	186,788
New Construction		211,775	14,000	670	39,025	149,786
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		151,400	23,950	5,840	14,137	37,002
Industrial		373,280	30,000	-	5,825	114,330
New Construction		142,550	10,000	-	275	58,830
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		230,730	20,000	-	5,550	55,500
Other Building		115,543	50	3,141	7,384	24,500
New Construction		41,034	50	125	7,019	13,880
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		74,509	-	3,016	365	10,620

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Table 2. - Cumulative and Comparative Record of Building Permits and their indexes, together with average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, 1920-1940, (1926=100).

Year	Value of Building Permits Issued			Index of Value of Building Permits		Average Index of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials		
	March	February	First 3 months	March	First 3 months	March	February	First 3 months
1940	5,257,260	(1)3,847,157	12,442,014	(2)	(2)	(2)	94.3	(2)
1939	3,359,661	1,912,151	7,092,967	31.6	31.5	87.4	87.3	87.3
1938	3,561,517	2,364,402	7,885,100	33.5	35.1	91.0	91.4	91.4
1937	6,667,239	2,138,886	10,527,992	62.7	46.8	97.3	91.8	93.0
1936	2,368,537	1,921,176	5,592,471	22.3	24.9	84.2	84.2	84.0
1935	4,022,755	3,601,637	8,507,270	37.8	37.8	81.1	81.6	81.4
1934	1,109,085	894,102	2,710,999	10.4	12.1	82.2	82.3	82.1
1933	953,966	925,894	3,065,821	9.0	13.6	75.1	74.7	75.2
1932	3,396,729	2,845,271	9,453,012	31.9	42.0	78.9	79.3	79.2
1931	9,948,979	6,395,659	24,746,094	93.6	110.0	83.8	83.5	83.8
1930	13,356,787	8,919,078	29,493,262	125.6	131.1	96.1	96.6	96.7
1929	24,068,018	10,465,330	42,950,228	226.3	190.9	100.6	98.9	99.2
1928	15,128,413	10,318,338	33,163,338	142.3	147.4	96.0	95.4	95.5
1927	11,713,640	7,638,176	25,028,353	110.1	111.3	96.2	96.3	96.4
1926	10,634,491	7,139,549	22,493,574	100.0	100.0	101.4	102.4	102.0
1925	8,631,627	5,902,118	19,981,015	81.2	88.8	103.4	103.5	102.9
1924	9,493,620	4,093,800	18,047,999	89.3	80.2	112.0	112.1	112.2
1923	9,658,950	5,679,671	19,478,119	90.8	86.6	111.5	110.4	110.6
1922	10,615,531	4,738,105	18,680,173	99.8	83.0	107.4	107.2	108.0
1921	7,290,589	3,683,359	13,569,512	68.6	60.3	136.3	138.0	139.1
1920	8,736,675	6,156,287	18,909,986	82.2	84.1	143.4	140.5	139.5

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(2) Data not yet available.

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Table 3. - Value of Building Permits issued by 202 Municipalities in Canada in February and March 1940, together with the aggregate for the first three months of this year and for 58 Municipalities in March, 1939.

"N.P.I." - Indicates that no permits were issued during the current month.

"No Report" - Indicates that the municipality failed to furnish its monthly report.

	Value of Permits Issued during -			
	March, 1940	February, 1940	March, 1939	First 3 months 1940
CANADA	5,257,260	3,847,157(1)	3,359,661	12,442,014
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Charlottetown	No report	N.P.I.	N.P.I.	-
Nova Scotia	316,900	54,595(1)	83,958	494,745
Amherst	No report	No report		1,200
Bridgewater	" "	N.P.I.		-
Dartmouth	8,800	735(1)		11,435
Glace Bay	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		58,050
x Halifax	289,170	47,920	80,670	390,940
Liverpool	400	100		500
Lunenburg	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
New Glasgow	330	N.P.I.	3,200	330
New Waterford	No report	No report		-
North Sydney	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
x Sydney	11,900	1,665	88	20,815
Sydney Mines	1,200	N.P.I.		1,200
Truro	4,500	4,075(1)		9,575
Yarmouth	600	100		700
New Brunswick	40,872	8,703(1)	9,190	62,740
Campbellton	N.P.I.	200		700
Chatham	No report	No report		No report
Dalhousie	" "	" "		-
Fredericton	" "	N.P.I.	N.P.I.	1,400
x Moncton	" "	No report	3,635	No report
Newcastle	" "	N.P.I.		-
x Saint John	40,872	8,503	5,555	60,640
St. Stephen	No report	No report		No report
Quebec	1,339,417	1,007,208(1)	773,806	3,432,210
Cap-de-la-Madeleine	1,275	3,500(1)		7,175
Chicoutimi	18,450	7,430(1)		29,380
Coaticook	500	100		600
Drummondville	No report	No report		-
Granby	4,885	3,000		11,385
Grand'Mere	400	N.P.I.		1,400
Hull	5,613	1,800		8,513
Hampstead	No report	N.P.I.		-
Iberville	900	900		1,800
Joliette	18,650	4,500		44,270
Jonquiere	1,450	N.P.I.		23,450
Lachine	4,000	16,348		30,248
La Tuque	2,255	1,050(1)		5,275

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	March, 1940	February, 1940	March, 1939	First 3 months 1940
Quebec - (Concluded)				
Levis	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Longueuil	20,800	10,000		30,800
Megantic	1,000	N.P.I.		2,000
x Montreal (x Maisonneuve)	849,619	641,640	623,905	2,188,894
Montreal East	No report	400		400
Montreal North	4,400	N.P.I.		4,900
Montreal West	N.P.I.	13,300		23,400
Mount Royal	57,880	31,075		166,715
Noranda	13,350	4,200(1)		25,900
Outremont	4,350	18,250		23,800
Pointe aux Trembles	700	N.P.I.		700
Pointe Claire	5,910	2,550		9,060
x Quebec	107,255	43,140	70,510	165,570
Rimouski	500	5,500(1)		10,000
Riviere du Loup	9,600	N.P.I.		9,600
Rouyn	No report	No report		7,750
Ste. Agathe-des-Monts	5,000	700		5,700
Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue	615	N.P.I.		615
St. Hyacinthe	12,900	22,300(1)		35,200
St. Jean	No report	13,700		35,700
St. Jérôme	2,200	N.P.I.		2,350
St. Joseph de Grantham	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		10,500
St. Lambert	10,000	4,500		33,250
St. Laurent	12,000	43,000(1)		102,500
Shawinigan Falls	12,390	9,000	20,775	21,390
x Sherbrooke	68,100	29,500	33,600	129,800
Sorel	15,100	No report		15,100
x Trois-Rivières	No report	" "	14,005	1,275
Val d'Or	" "	N.P.I.		-
Valleyfield	675	15,925(1)		18,860
Verdun	58,100	40,100		158,100
x Westmount	8,625	19,800	11,011	28,925
Ontario	1,909,823	1,838,315(1)	1,483,117	5,196,694
Amherstburg	No report	4,500(1)		4,500
Barrie	2,490	1,775		7,465
Belleville	22,800	1,000	5,750	23,835
Bowmanville	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Bracebridge	No report	N.P.I.		-
Brampton	740	1,000		2,640
x Brantford	No report	6,500	29,180	8,565
Brockville	1,500	No report		1,500
Burlington	No report	3,200(1)		40,100
Campbellford	" "	250		250
Chatham	32,700	5,700	7,700	57,650
Cobourg	No report	1,000		1,000
Cochrane	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Collingwood	No report	No report		-
Cornwall	2,400	1,300		3,700

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Ontario - (Continued)				
Dundas	13,400	65,480		78,880
Eastview	No report	750		750
East York Twp.	229,067	20,750	21,850	319,857
Etobicoke Twp.	74,750	56,500		173,635
Forest Hill	4,500	70,500		102,500
Fort Erie	928	N.P.I.		2,053
Fort Frances	4,040	N.P.I.		4,040
x Fort William	10,725	3,250	32,059	47,473
Galt	13,240	117,999	12,150	139,929
Gananoque	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Goderich	No report	No report		No report
x Guelph	800	3,650	2,155	5,650
Haileybury	No report	N.P.I.		-
x Hamilton	101,205	113,889	115,102	277,344
Hanover	No report	No report		-
Hawkesbury	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Huntsville	No report	No report		600
Ingersoll	700	1,675		2,525
Kapuskasing	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Kenora	2,480	175		2,955
x Kingston	27,200	4,100	13,801	33,970
Kirkland Lake (Twp. of Teck)	15,470	2,000		44,595
x Kitchener	23,641	12,660	38,687	42,231
Leamington	8,100	N.P.I.		8,100
Leaside	87,100	82,400		222,600
Lindsay	200	N.P.I.		200
Listowel	No report	No report		No report
x London	70,675	52,845	44,960	169,770
Long Branch	No report	No report		4,000
Mimico	17,660	10,350		28,010
Napanee	No report	N.P.I.		-
New Liskeard	" "	No report		425
Newmarket	" "	" "		-
New Toronto	10,600	3,980		104,017
Niagara Falls	55,000	225	10,525	59,110
North Bay	1,900	15,000		18,900
North York Twp.	No report	132,985		196,535
Oakville	N.P.I.	3,565		16,315
Orillia	N.P.I.	1,800		2,600
Oshawa	2,525	3,560	325	14,735
x Ottawa	46,050	149,100	55,900	236,520
Owen Sound	3,350	3,600	2,000	8,750
Paris	450	1,000(1)		1,550
Parry Sound	No report	No report		100
Pembroke	" "	N.P.I.		-
Perth	" "	No report		No report
x Peterborough	5,070	7,750	3,225	87,170

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Ontario - (Concluded)				
Petrolia	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
x Port Arthur	11,155	4,005	30,563	15,160
Port Colborne	200	1,750		1,950
Preston	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		1,100
Renfrew	No report	No report		800
Riverside	6,200	1,610	3,200	12,425
x St. Catharines	60,135	31,450	9,360	120,835
St. Mary's	300	N.P.I.		300
x St. Thomas	7,851	1,600	1,786	10,526
Sarnia	2,877	24,398	7,592	32,450
Sault Ste. Marie	No report	No report	48,942	No report
Scarboro Twp.	19,910	13,257		74,967
Simcoe	No report	N.P.I.		-
Smith's Falls	" "	No report		-
x Stratford	430	2,800	200	3,330
Sudbury	53,950	5,550		71,550
Swansea	12,020	10,600		33,770
Tillsonburg	No report	No report		-
Timmins	77,425	10,310		139,285
x Toronto	612,263	660,782	876,475	1,689,211
Trenton	5,000	22,900		27,900
Wallaceburg	No report	No report		-
Waterloo	2,600	1,200(1)		4,100
Welland	16,900	5,550	330	41,200
Weston	6,200	N.P.I.		8,700
Whitby	2,500	N.P.I.		5,200
x Windsor	72,491	29,890	30,527	178,776
Woodstock	3,410	2,600	2,573	10,360
York Twp.	42,550	40,300	76,200	103,500
Manitoba	125,575	115,745(1)	92,375	270,120
x Brandon	10,000	60	6,300	10,060
Brooklands	N.P.I.	275		275
Dauphin	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		3,350
North Kildonan	1,725	1,000		2,725
Portage-la-Prairie	No report	2,000(1)		11,000
St. Boniface	4,025	2,700	9,625	11,775
Selkirk	No report	N.P.I.		800
The Pas	" "	N.P.I.		-
Transcona	1,275	260		1,535
x Winnipeg	108,550	109,450	76,450	228,600
Saskatchewan	18,376	86,365(1)	34,376	193,488
Biggar	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Estevan	N.P.I.	No report		-
Melville	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		750

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	Value of Permits Issued during -			
	March, 1940	February, 1940	March, 1939	First 3 months 1940
Saskatchewan - (Concluded)				
x Moose Jaw	N.P.I.	1,100	270	2,300
North Battleford	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Prince Albert	701	2,510		3,791
x Regina	4,275	75,400	25,381	160,467
x Saskatoon	10,850	5,400	8,725	21,600
Swift Current	2,550	300		2,850
Weyburn	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Yorkton	No report	1,655(1)		1,730
Alberta	251,778	64,198	165,219	402,615
x Calgary	122,453	50,233	37,424	196,515
Drumheller	No report	650		650
x Edmonton	90,320	7,925	95,785	135,920
Lethbridge	36,505	5,390	31,860	67,030
Medicine Hat	2,500	N.P.I.	150	2,500
British Columbia	1,254,519	672,028(1)	717,620	2,389,062
Chilliwack	2,100	7,800		11,400
Cranbrook	3,517	3,000		6,517
Fernie	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Kamloops	2,868	5,300	2,745	9,443
Kelowna	5,915	11,365		28,455
Nanaimo	79,443	2,205	8,250	81,648
Nelson	25,131	2,243(1)		32,407
x New Westminster	45,115	46,950	182,450	140,915
North Vancouver	33,500	16,800	6,610	61,250
Prince George	No report	N.P.I.		-
Prince Rupert	4,240	3,055	39,640	12,470
Revelstoke	No report	No report		332
Rossland	" "	75		75
Trail	2,200	845(1)		3,045
x Vancouver	888,485	488,585	400,005	1,669,785
Vernon	8,925	2,000		12,090
x Victoria	153,080	81,805	77,920	319,230
Total 202 Municipalities	5,257,260(2)	3,847,157		12,442,014
Total 58 Municipalities	4,464,780(3)	3,015,089(4)	3,359,661	9,891,819
Total 35 Municipalities	3,858,360(5)	2,743,347(6)	3,037,669	8,769,857

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(2) 150 Municipalities only, reporting.

(3) 52 Municipalities only, reporting.

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