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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1923, WITH
COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR JANUARY, 1923, AND FEBRUARY, 1922.

The value of the building authorized during February as indicated by reports tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was considerably higher than in the preceding month and also than during February, 1922. The 56 cities making returns issued permits valued at \$4,744,478 as compared with \$3,705,256 in January, 1923, and with \$4,201,956 in February of last year. The increase in the first comparison was \$1,039,222 or 28.0 per cent and in the latter it stood at \$542,523 or 12.9 per cent.

Statements were furnished in some detail by 37 of these cities, showing that they had issued permits for slightly over 400 dwellings valued at \$1,323,430. Permits for buildings other than residences, (including garages, stables, stores, factories, etc.) of which 575 were issued, reached a total of \$3,157,308. In a number of centres no permits were issued during February, building being at a low level on account of seasonal conditions.

An analysis of the returns by provinces shows that New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported larger totals of authorized building than in the preceding month, while in the other provinces declines were registered. The greatest actual increase occurred in Ontario; the twenty-five cities making returns in that province recorded an estimated building cost of \$3,275,451, which was \$660,045 or 25.2 per cent above the value for January. The percentage gains in the Western provinces enumerated above and also in New Brunswick were, however, very much higher than in Ontario, although the actual increases were substantially smaller. The losses in the remaining provinces were on a much smaller scale, that of \$80,360 or 14 per cent in Quebec being the most pronounced.

The value of prospective building in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia was higher than in February, 1922, but in the other provinces less anticipated activity was indicated. The largest actual gain in this comparison was that of \$566,505 or 20.9 per cent in Ontario, while the most decided percentage increase occurred in Saskatchewan, where the permits valued at \$75,820, were 182.1 per cent greater than in the corresponding month of last year.

Of the larger cities, Toronto and Vancouver registered larger totals of authorized building than in January, 1923, and also than in February, 1922. On the other hand, Montreal and Winnipeg recorded declines in both cases. Of the smaller centres Quebec, Fort William, Ottawa, Brandon, Calgary, Point Grey and Victoria showed improvement as compared with the preceding month and with the corresponding month of last year.

The table on page 2, shows the value of the building permits issued during the month under review as compared with January, 1923, and February, 1922. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked by asterisks.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as indicated
by Building Permits.

CITY	February 1923	January 1923	February 1922
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ nil	\$ nil	\$ nil
Nova Scotia	8,315	25,580	37,255
xHalifax	3,800	25,580	28,990
New Glasgow	nil	nil	nil
xSydney	4,515	nil	8,265
New Brunswick	5,800	350	55,750
Fredericton	nil	nil	nil
xMoncton	800	350	18,250
xSt. John	5,000	nil	37,500
Quebec	494,065	574,425	677,285
xMontreal - Maisonneuve	323,435	477,475	561,100
xQuebec	149,430	26,050	60,825
Shawinigan Falls	nil	nil	5,500
xSherbrooke	8,000	8,000	10,000
xThree Rivers	6,250	32,900	33,800
xWestmount	6,900	30,000	6,000
Ontario	3,275,451	2,615,406	2,703,946
Belleville	nil	nil	8,300
xBrantford	2,840	12,290	2,825
Chatham		1,700	200
xPort William	609,600	16,800	3,300
Galt	2,100	nil	7,200
xGuelph	1,868	12,600	7,150
xHamilton	137,805	141,400	412,850
xKingston	1,150	4,005	7,150
xMitchener	36,457	12,291	118,055
xLondon	55,535	140,725	33,070
Niagara Falls	3,800	175	4,050
Oshawa	2,200	23,075	1,600
xOttawa	37,600	17,875	24,600
Owen Sound	5,000	nil	nil
xPeterborough	4,595	6,250	4,250
xPort Arthur	775	151,899	173,511
xStratford	9,150	4,225	7,350
xSt. Catharines	9,935	nil	9,025
xSt. Thomas	5,425	2,900	10,650
Sarnia	27,953	46,322	9,215
Sault Ste. Marie	1,150	2,050	7,675
xToronto	2,128,555	1,503,299	1,703,470
Welland	4,000	1,200	6,200
xWindsor	134,070	506,925	135,000
Woodstock	3,838	2,400	2,250
Manitoba	75,850	79,000	119,350
xBrandon	10,000	nil	500
St. Boniface	1,700	10,000	1,350
xWinnipeg	64,150	69,000	117,500
Saskatchewan	75,820	7,735	26,075
xMoose Jaw	4,600	110	4,000
xRegina	7,720	5,350	13,975
xSaskatoon	63,500	2,275	8,900
Alberta	87,915	33,965	84,250
xCalgary	63,000	24,000	46,200
xEdmonton	19,495	8,900	33,050
Lethbridge	5,420	1,065	1,540
Medicine Hat	nil	nil	3,460
British Columbia	721,262	363,795	492,244
Nanaimo	920	540	2,842
xNew Westminster	8,300	11,325	11,250
Point Grey	172,950	93,400	171,100
Prince Rupert	5,100	2,700	18,525
South Vancouver	30,480	32,075	15,655
xVancouver	347,140	208,570	232,900
xVictoria	156,372	20,185	39,912
Total - 56 cities	4,744,478	3,705,256	4,201,955
xTotal - 35 cities	4,477,867	3,438,554	3,935,233

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