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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR MARCH, 1923, WITH
COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY, 1923, and MARCH, 1922.

According to reports tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of building permits issued by 56 cities during March was substantially higher than in the preceding month, but there was a decline as compared with the same period of last year. This decrease may be partly owing to the unusually severe weather that prevailed generally during March, which retarded building operations to some extent. The aggregate value of the building authorized by these centres was \$8,544,228 in comparison with totals of \$4,744,473 in February, 1923, and \$9,472,596 in March, 1922. There was, therefore, an increase of \$3,799,755 or 80.1 per cent in the former comparison and a decrease of \$928,368 or 9.8 per cent in the latter.

Detailed statements were furnished by 45 cities which showed that they had issued approximately 1,200 permits for dwellings at a valuation of \$3,987,056. In many cases the construction of a number of dwellings was authorized by the granting of a single permit. The value of the permits granted for other buildings (including garages, stores, stables, factories, etc.) of which some 1,650 were issued, reached a total of \$4,356,700. Seven cities gave only the value of the building authorized without attempting to classify the permits, while four centres registered no permits during the month.

In comparison with the returns for the preceding month, all provinces except Saskatchewan, reported substantial increases in the value of building anticipated. The largest actual gains occurred in Quebec and Ontario; in the former the total for March was \$1,632,415 or 330.4 per cent higher than in February and in the latter it was \$1,669,327 or 50.7 per cent higher. The decline in Saskatchewan was comparatively small, being only 9.2 per cent.

The value of prospective building in all provinces except Quebec was smaller than in March, 1922. The most pronounced decrease was reported in Ontario, where the permits issued declined by \$1,391,263 or 22 per cent as compared with the corresponding month of last year. In Quebec there was an increase in that comparison of \$349,365 or 66.5 per cent.

An analysis of the returns by cities shows that Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver reported increases in the value of building authorized as compared with both February, 1923, and March, 1922. In Winnipeg there was a gain in the former comparison but a reduction in the latter. Of the smaller centres, Guelph, Kingston, London, Stratford, Woodstock, Regina and Nanaino registered increases in both comparisons.

The table on page two shows the value of the building permits issued during March as compared with February, 1923, and March, 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	March 1923	February 1923	March 1922
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ nil	\$ nil	\$ 6,800
Nova Scotia	31,325	8,315	83,460
xHalifax	21,325	3,800	62,660
New Glasgow	nil	nil	nil
xSydney	10,000	4,515	20,800
New Brunswick	20,745	5,800	60,365
Fredericton	nil	nil	8,000
xMoncton	445	800	24,365
xSt. John	20,300	5,000	28,000
Quebec	2,126,480	494,065	1,277,115
xMontreal - Maisonneuve	1,999,200	323,435	925,712
xQuebec	89,645	149,480	85,702
Shawinigan Falls	nil	nil	400
xSherbrooke	25,300	8,000	135,000
xThree Rivers	8,700	6,250	42,600
xWestmount	8,833	6,900	48,700
Ontario	4,938,773	3,275,451	6,327,041
Belleville	5,500	nil	6,200
xBrantford	5,580	2,840	26,665
Chatham	5,150	nil	15,335
xFort William	153,550	609,600	7,000
Galt	7,350	2,100	31,748
xGuelph	54,258	1,868	41,815
xHamilton	379,400	137,805	405,100
xKingston	11,655	1,150	9,725
xKitchener	122,451	36,457	271,555
xLondon	249,900	55,535	163,045
Niagara Falls	17,807	3,800	44,215
Oshawa	72,000	2,200	364,520
xOttawa	94,750	37,600	192,225
Owen Sound	500	5,000	14,875
xPeterborough	2,015	4,595	10,020
xPort Arthur	3,982	775	658,540
xStratford	28,930	9,150	24,298
xSt. Catharines	21,655	9,985	45,187
xSt. Thomas	3,575	5,425	30,384
Sarnia	65,040	27,953	79,142
Sault Ste Marie	11,235	1,150	33,609
xToronto	3,068,318	2,128,555	2,883,335
Welland	1,685	4,000	11,550
xWindsor	436,170	184,070	948,300
Woodstock	103,312	3,838	8,653
Manitoba	134,860	75,850	221,700
xBrandon	585	10,000	3,635
St. Boniface	21,775	1,700	22,665
xWinnipeg	112,500	64,150	195,400
Saskatchewan	68,860	75,820	87,012
xMoose Jaw	5,520	4,600	15,032
xRegina	49,840	7,720	44,445
xSaskatoon	13,500	63,500	27,535
Alberta	177,685	87,915	261,385
xCalgary	97,200	63,000	131,400
xEdmonton	35,800	19,495	77,350
Lethbridge	42,580	5,420	51,935
Medicine Hat	2,105	nil	700
British Columbia	1,048,495	721,262	1,147,715
Nanaimo	22,655	920	14,574
xNew Westminster	16,000	8,300	35,975
Point Grey	244,600	172,950	423,300
Prince Rupert	6,555	5,100	20,985
South Vancouver	40,990	30,480	75,630
xVancouver	694,200	347,140	461,880
xVictoria	23,495	156,372	115,374
Total - 56 cities	8,544,228	4,744,478	9,472,596
Total - 35 cities	7,863,389	4,477,867	8,237,760

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