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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR MAY, 1923, WITH
COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR APRIL, 1923, and May, 1922.

The value of the building permits issued in 56 cities during May was practically the same as in April, there being an increase of .3 per cent only, while as compared with the figures for the corresponding month of last year there was a slight decline of .8 per cent. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, building to the value of \$17,593,615 was authorized in comparison with totals of \$17,544,061 and \$17,743,216 in April, 1923 and May, 1922, respectively.

Forty-seven cities furnished detailed reports, showing that they had issued approximately 2,500 permits for dwellings, valued at over \$9,500,000; the number of dwellings to be built would be somewhat larger, since the construction of several houses or apartments is very frequently authorized by one permit. Some 4,700 permits were issued for garages, stores, factories, etc., etc., at an approximate valuation of \$5,800,000. In addition, authority was given for the erection of 3 grain elevators at Port Arthur and for several smaller engineering works in other cities, together estimated to cost nearly \$1,800,000.

All provinces except Quebec and British Columbia reported greater anticipated activity in building; in the former there was a considerable decline from the high level recorded during April, while in the latter the reduction was comparatively slight. The most pronounced increase was that in Ontario of \$2,383,688 or 31 per cent.

In comparison with the returns for May of last year Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia recorded decreases in the value of the permits issued, that of \$765,586 or 59.7 per cent in Saskatchewan being the largest. In Quebec and Ontario there were increases of \$714,580 or 18 per cent and of \$1,497,865 or 17.5 per cent, respectively.

The value of the building permits issued in Montreal, (\$3,524,825) was very much smaller than in April, when the total, (\$6,616,757) had been exceptionally high, but it was a good deal larger than in May, 1922. In Toronto and Winnipeg the amount of building authorized was greater than in the preceding month but rather less than in the same month of last year, while in Vancouver there were rather slight increases in both cases. The value of the building contemplated in Shawinigan Falls, Westmount, Hamilton, London, Niagara Falls, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, Windsor and Nanaimo exceeded the totals for both April, 1923 and May, 1922.

The table on page 2 shows the value of the building permits issued in May as compared with April, 1923 and May, 1922. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked by asterisks.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

DATE: [Illegible]

TO: [Illegible]

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DATE: [Illegible]

The value of the currency is... [Illegible text]

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All... [Illegible text]

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by
Building Permits.

	May 1923	April 1923	May 1922
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	nil	\$ nil	\$ 5,000
Nova Scotia	76,869	55,243	582,660
x Halifax	43,462	35,040	547,050
New Glasgow	5,500	4,575	3,175
x Sydney	27,907	15,628	32,435
New Brunswick	119,555	114,350	303,585
Fredericton	19,750	nil	50,000
x Moncton	39,805	46,350	178,285
x St. John	60,000	68,000	75,300
Quebec	4,692,839	7,600,282	3,978,331
x Montreal - Maisonneuve	3,524,825	6,616,757	2,831,690
x Quebec	402,269	416,795	618,486
Shawinighan Falls	168,225	12,500	20,250
x Sherbrooke	48,000	95,000	122,000
x Three Rivers	114,430	228,830	49,500
x Westmount	435,090	230,400	336,405
Ontario	10,034,342	7,650,654	8,536,477
Belleville	22,675	12,200	13,900
x Brantford	109,065	92,415	73,040
Chatham	28,650	41,770	16,870
x Fort William	44,625	37,900	117,575
Galt	35,650	15,746	61,415
Guelph	74,116	91,196	62,863
x Hamilton	1,020,535	611,825	680,800
x Kingston	56,402	413,481	72,594
x Kitchener	326,080	270,658	383,600
x London	500,930	371,800	439,825
Niagara Falls	195,709	56,010	62,670
Oshawa	159,995	202,880	109,615
x Ottawa	503,742	638,950	867,551
Owen Sound	183,000	21,000	54,075
x Peterborough	26,175	61,277	178,518
x Port Arthur	1,335,418	629,355	30,296
x Stratford	110,895	53,307	168,928
x St. Catharines	121,430	145,417	137,821
x St. Thomas	43,245	22,081	29,133
Sarnia	69,840	111,056	111,377
Sault Ste. Marie	76,785	27,965	121,686
x Toronto-	4,081,440	3,230,590	4,193,991
Welland	16,510	77,325	74,100
x Windsor	869,315	398,480	417,205
Woodstock	22,115	15,970	57,029
Manitoba	858,286	488,775	1,238,415
x Brandon	17,556	4,850	49,200
St. Boniface	58,330	35,075	80,565
x Winnipeg	782,400	448,850	1,108,650
Saskatchewan	515,845	399,649	1,281,431
x Moose Jaw	29,760	80,716	84,121
x Regina	274,225	235,355	344,550
x Saskatoon	211,860	83,578	852,760
Alberta	423,040	307,035	904,900
x Calgary	133,560	120,000	383,400
x Edmonton	275,980	152,200	491,575
Lethbridge	10,800	29,775	29,760
Medicine Hat	2,700	5,060	160
British Columbia	872,839	928,073	912,417
Nanaimo	33,583	23,995	24,230
x New Westminster	35,723	35,580	23,025
Point Grey	297,100	301,400	345,000
Prince Rupert	19,830	2,500	21,000
South Vancouver	42,360	81,290	66,070
x Vancouver	413,113	334,306	361,640
x Victoria	31,130	149,002	71,452
Total - 56 cities	17,593,615	17,544,061	17,743,216
xTotal - 35 cities	16,124,508	16,465,969	16,415,264

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