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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1924, WITH
COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR DECEMBER, 1923, AND JANUARY, 1923.

There was a fairly large decline in the value of building permits issued during January, 1924, as compared with the preceding month, while as compared with January, 1923, there was a very slight reduction; the value of authorized building during the month under review was estimated at \$4,021,088, while in December, 1923, it was \$6,906,650 and in January, 1923, \$4,057,013. There was, therefore, a decrease of 41.8 per cent in the former comparison and of 0.9 per cent in the latter.

Reports in some detail were received from 39 cities, which had issued some 400 permits for dwellings valued at over \$1,600,000, and for more than 700 other buildings estimated to cost in excess of \$1,500,000. In addition, a permit was issued for a grain elevator at Port Arthur at a proposed cost of \$850,000.

As compared with December, 1923, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, and Alberta recorded increases in the value of building permits issued, while in Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia there were decreases. The actual increase in Manitoba of \$57,275 or 118.5 per cent was largest, but the increase of \$29,835 or 148 per cent in New Brunswick was the largest proportional gain. Quebec, with a decline of \$1,095,985 or 55 per cent showed the most extensive reduction.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with January, 1923, while elsewhere there were reductions. Quebec, with a gain of \$326,620 or 57 per cent, showed the largest actual increase in this comparison. Of the provinces that registered decreases in building permits issued, Ontario, where there was a falling off of \$432,028 or 14.6 per cent, showed the most extensive decline.

Montreal recorded a decrease in the value of building permits issued as compared with the preceding month, but the total was higher than in January of last year. In Toronto and Vancouver there were reductions in both comparisons, while Winnipeg showed improvement as compared with December, and also with January, 1923. Other cities reporting increases in the value of authorized building in both comparisons were Sydney, St. John, Quebec, Kitchener, London, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Brandon, Regina, Nanaimo and Point Grey.

The table on the other side of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during January, 1924, as compared with December, 1923, and with January, 1923. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked by asterisks.

Correction. - The first sentences of the second paragraph on page 1 of the "Review of Building Permits in Canada during 1923" issued on January 23, should have read as follows: - "An analysis of the returns by provinces shows that the value of the building permits issued in Quebec was higher than in 1922, 1921 or 1920. This province, with a total of \$35,483,853, registered increases of 17 per cent, 23 per cent and 63 per cent, respectively, over those years. In Ontario, there was a decrease of nine per cent as compared with 1922 and increases of 24 per cent over 1921 and 27 per cent over 1920."

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by
Building Permits.

City.	Jan. 1924	Dec. 1923.	Jan. 1923.
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	nil	2,000	nil
Nova Scotia	32,482	20,825	25,530
x Halifax	16,332	17,090	25,580
New Glasgow	50	250	nil
x Sydney	16,100	3,435	nil
New Brunswick	49,986	20,150	350
Fredericton	nil	1,000	nil
x Moncton	4,086	10,450	350
x St. John	45,900	8,700	nil
Quebec	901,045	1,997,030	574,425
x Montreal-x Maisonneuve	724,780	1,780,525	477,475
x Quebec	174,365	88,810	26,050
Shawinigan Falls	nil	nil	nil
x Sherbrooke	nil	68,150	8,000
x Three Rivers	1,900	10,795	32,900
x Westmount	nil	48,750	30,000
Ontario	2,523,285	4,086,679	2,955,313
Belleville	5,100	nil	nil
x Brantford	7,025	9,635	12,290
Chatham	16,200	30,000	1,750
x Fort William	15,700	270,530	16,800
Gait	nil	7,000	nil
x Guelph	140	24,165	12,600
x Hamilton	105,800	195,750	141,400
x Kingston	545	19,347	4,005
x Kitchener	73,625	41,865	12,273
x London	235,400	89,805	140,725
Niagara Falls	19,425	44,480	175
Oshawa	8,350	285,685	23,075
x Ottawa	7,400	401,550	17,875
Owen Sound	nil	1,500	nil
x Peterboro	3,625	14,885	6,250
x Port Arthur	853,938	5,085	151,899
x Stratford	4,645	2,720	4,225
x St. Catharines	65,575	53,282	3,070
x St. Thomas	5,725	3,850	2,900
Sarnia	28,705	43,210	46,322
Sault Ste. Marie	2,050	2,860	2,050
x Toronto	795,017	2,021,830	1,508,299
York Township	176,100	348,500	336,800
Welland	1,500	860	1,200
x Windsor	91,565	164,075	506,925
Woodstock	130	4,160	2,400
Manitoba	105,600	48,325	79,000
x Brandon	4,350	3,500	nil
St. Boniface	300	6,875	10,000
x Winnipeg	100,950	37,950	69,000
Saskatchewan	13,085	13,150	7,735
x Moosejaw	200	500	110
x Regina	11,510	8,850	5,350
x Saskatoon	1,375	3,800	2,275
Alberta	32,875	27,875	33,965
x Calgary	18,600	6,200	24,000
x Edmonton	10,780	12,160	8,900
Lethbridge	3,355	9,515	1,065
Medicine Hat	140	nil	nil
British Columbia	362,730	690,616	380,645
Nanaimo	3,900	579	540
x New Westminster	6,125	12,150	11,325
Point Grey	112,400	56,300	93,400
Prince Rupert	4,000	400	8,300
South Vancouver	22,175	8,260	32,075
x Vancouver	196,815	584,957	208,570
x Victoria	17,305	27,970	26,435
Total - 56 cities	4,021,088	6,906,650	4,057,013
Total - x 35 cities	3,617,208	6,053,216	3,497,861

