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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR DECEMBER, 1924, WITH COMPARATIVE
STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1924, AND DECEMBER, 1923.

The value of the building permits issued during December declined by 34.5 per cent as compared with the preceding month; there was also a reduction of 9.4 per cent as compared with December, 1923 - a more significant comparison. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 56 cities which authorized building to the value of \$6,259,942. In November, 1924, the total was \$9,555,472 and in December, 1923, it was \$6,912,400.

Reports in some detail were furnished by 34 municipalities, showing that they had issued some 400 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,900,000, and for nearly 800 other buildings also valued at almost \$1,900,000.

All provinces reported decreases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with November, 1924; those of \$2,245,531, or 51.8 per cent in Quebec, and \$59,260, or 86.8 per cent in Nova Scotia, were the largest actual and proportionate losses, respectively.

As compared with December, 1923, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta showed increases. Quebec registered the most pronounced actual increase, of \$95,375, or 4.8 per cent, while the gain of \$24,565, or 88.1 per cent in Alberta was proportionally largest. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that in Ontario of \$448,577, or 11 per cent, was the most marked.

The permits issued in Toronto had a slightly higher valuation in December 1924 than in either November 1924 or December, 1923; in Montreal and Vancouver there were reductions in both comparisons, while the total for Winnipeg was smaller than in the preceding month but larger than in December, 1923. Three Rivers, Belleville, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, St. Thomas, Moose Jaw, New Westminster and South Vancouver registered improvement in both comparisons.

The building permits issued during 1924 were 7.3 per cent lower in value than in 1923, and 17.0 per cent lower than in 1922, but the total exceeded that for 1921 by 5.2 per cent. The aggregate for 1924 (based upon unrevised figures) was \$120,365,956; for 1923, \$129,906,946; for 1922, \$144,980,388 and for 1921, \$114,423,974. The last three totals are based upon revised figures furnished by city officials.

The table on the back of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during December and November, 1924 and December, 1923. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".


 Estimated Cost of Building Work as indicated
 by Building Permits

CITY	Dec. 1924	Nov. 1924	Dec. 1923
P.E.I. - Charlottetown			2,000
Nova Scotia	9,025	68,285	20,825
x Halifax	7,175	27,920	17,090
New Glasgow	100	1,000	250
x Sidney	1,750	39,365	3,485
New Brunswick	6,500	10,750	20,150
Fredericton	4,000		1,000
x Moncton	nil	4,250	10,450
St. John	2,500	6,500	8,700
Quebec	2,092,205	4,337,736	1,996,830
x Montreal -x Maisonneuve	1,612,385	3,956,900	1,780,525
x Quebec	76,495	142,061	88,810
Shawinigan Falls	nil	11,250	nil
x Sherbrooke	3,000	7,500	68,150
x Three Rivers	317,175	26,400	10,595
x Westmount	83,150	193,625	48,750
Ontario	3,638,102	4,020,745	4,086,679
Belleville	37,000	8,800	nil
x Brantford	6,515	5,650	9,685
Chatham	30,000	18,250	30,000
x Fort William	50,350	23,400	270,530
Galt	181	8,510	7,000
x Guelph	3,445	30,949	24,165
x Hamilton	164,800	176,850	195,750
x Kingston	10,800	24,988	19,347
x Kitchener	187,220	81,515	41,865
x London	80,245	151,610	89,805
Niagara Falls	98,200	52,465	44,480
Oshawa	28,550	27,225	285,685
x Ottawa	59,650	228,480	401,550
Owen Sound	nil	14,400	1,500
x Peterboro	15,750	33,665	14,885
x Port Arthur	4,602	3,387	5,085
x Stratford	5,310	11,090	2,720
x St. Catharines	21,250	39,085	53,282
x St. Thomas	5,000	3,095	3,850
Sarnia	51,725	142,700	43,210
Sault Ste Marie	16,375	20,190	2,860
x Toronto	2,383,260	2,213,585	2,021,830
York Township	227,650	389,400	348,500
Welland	6,000	13,190	860
x Windsor	143,120	256,730	164,075
Woodstock	1,104	41,536	4,160
Manitoba	63,065	133,700	48,325
x Brandon	1,825	3,300	3,500
St. Boniface	12,840	26,800	6,875
x Winnipeg	48,400	103,600	37,950
Saskatchewan	22,120	47,610	13,150
x Moose Jaw	4,420	3,770	500
x Regina	9,325	27,435	8,850
x Saskatoon	8,375	16,405	3,800
Alberta	52,440	107,921	27,875
x Calgary	23,775	74,070	6,200
x Edmonton	23,825	28,675	12,160
Lethbridge	4,840	4,791	9,515
Medicine Hat	nil	385	nil
British Columbia	376,485	828,725	696,566
Nanaimo	600	2,500	579
x New Westminster	28,880	24,420	12,150
Point Grey	132,700	230,100	56,300
Prince Rupert	3,290	16,275	100
South Vancouver	42,425	26,350	8,260
x Vancouver	166,395	302,950	584,951
x Victoria	2,195	225,850	34,220
Total 56 cities	6,259,942	9,555,472	6,912,400
Total 35 cities x	5,562,362	8,499,055	6,059,266

Accumulative total for 56 cities	1924	1923	1922
twelve months - (1924 not revised)	120,365,956	129,906,946	144,980,388