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

According to reports from 56 cities tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of building permits issued declined from \$4,021,088 in January to \$3,657,525 in February, 1924. In February, 1923, these cities had authorized building to the value of \$5,599,821. There were, therefore, reductions of \$363,563 or 9 per cent during February as compared with the preceding month, and of \$1,942,296 or 35 per cent as compared with February of last year.

Thirty-six cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued approximately 475 permits for dwellings estimated to cost some \$1,900,000 and for nearly 900 other buildings at a proposed cost of over \$1,600,000. The number of buildings to be erected is usually greater than the number of permits issued, since the construction of several buildings may be authorized by a single permit.

As compared with January, 1924, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia registered increases in the value of the building permits issued. British Columbia, where the total exceeded that for the preceding month by \$367,648 or 98.6 per cent, showed the largest actual increase, while Nova Scotia, with a gain of \$151,063 or 465 per cent, registered the most pronounced proportional increase. In New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba there were declines in the value of building authorized in this comparison. The twenty-six Ontario cities reporting showed the most extensive actual decrease, of \$628,779 or 32.8 per cent. The percentage reduction of 84.1 per cent in New Brunswick, however, was the greatest proportional loss.

A comparison between the figures for February, 1924, and those for the same month of last year shows that Ontario and Saskatchewan recorded decreases in the estimated value of building. In the former there was a reduction of \$2,435,138 or 59 per cent and in the latter of \$38,950 or 51 per cent. Of the remaining provinces, Quebec, with an increase of \$291,895 or 59 per cent, recorded the largest actual gain, but Nova Scotia reported the greatest proportional increase.

Montreal and Winnipeg registered decreases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with January, 1924, but increases over February of last year. In Toronto there was a slight decline as compared with the preceding month and a large reduction in comparison with the returns for February, 1923. Vancouver recorded substantial improvement as compared with January and a rather small contraction as compared with the corresponding month of last year. Halifax, Moncton, Three Rivers, Guelph, Kingston, Oshawa, Ottawa, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, Windsor, St. Boniface, Regina, Edmonton, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Point Grey and South Vancouver reported increases in the value of estimated building as compared with January, 1924, and also as compared with February, 1923.

The value of the building permits issued during the first two months of this year was \$7,678,613 as compared with \$9,656,834 in 1923, \$7,966,002 in 1922 and \$6,063,345 in 1921. There was, therefore, a decline of 20.5 per cent in comparison with the 1923 figures and of 3.6 per cent as compared with 1922 and an increase of 26.6 per cent as compared with 1921.

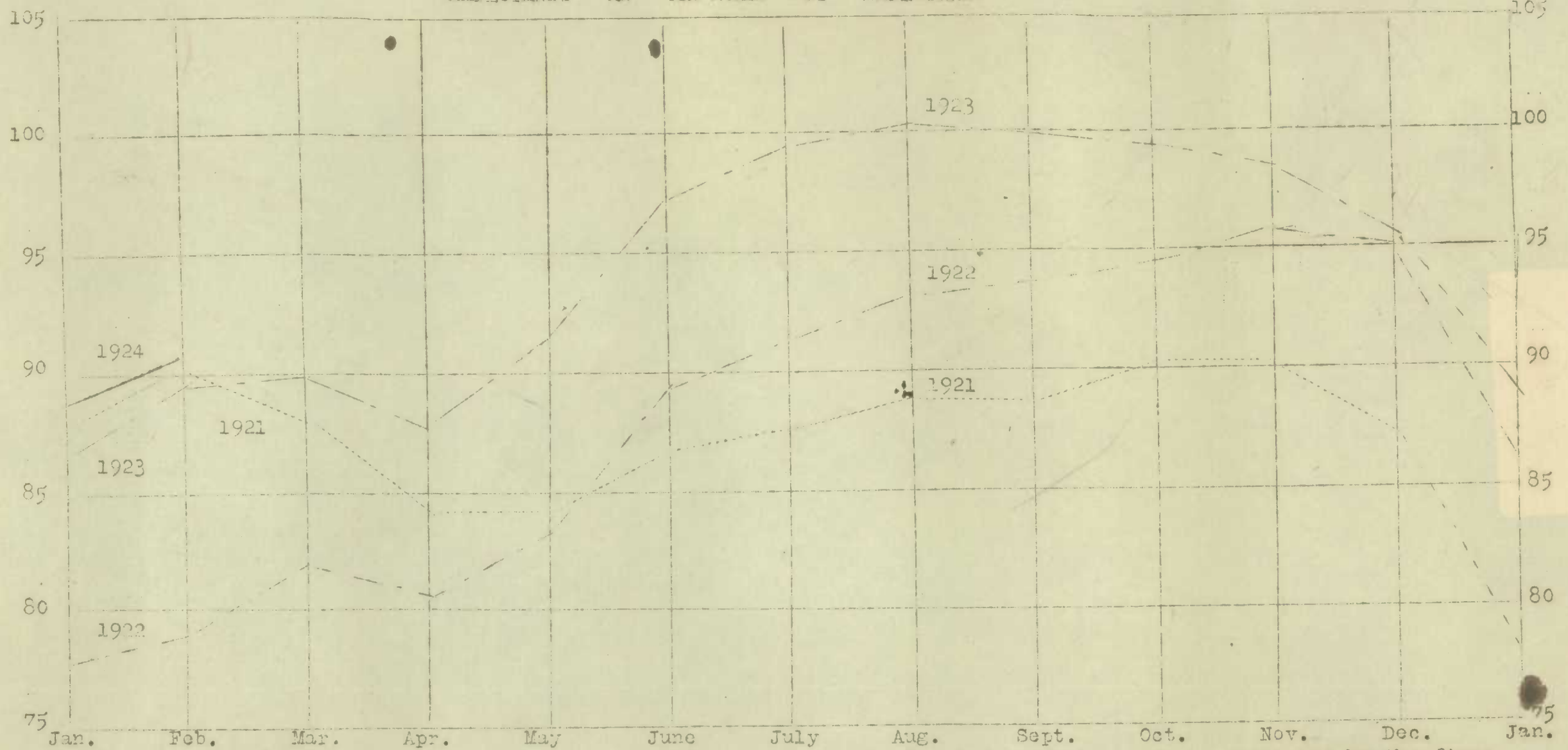
The table on the other side of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during February, 1924, as compared with January, 1924, and with February, 1923. The thirty-five cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked by asterisks.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by
Building Permits.

City	Feb. 1924 \$	Jan. 1924 \$	Feb. 1923. \$
P. E. I. -Charlottetown		nil	nil
Nova Scotia	183,545	32,482	8,315
x Halifax	183,410	16,332	3,800
New Glasgow	nil	50	nil
x Sydney	135	16,100	4,515
New Brunswick	7,936	49,986	5,800
Fredericton	nil	nil	nil
x Moncton	7,286	4,086	800
x St. John	650	45,900	5,000
Quebec	785,960	901,045	494,065
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	671,985	724,780	323,435
x Quebec	45,215	174,365	149,480
Shawinigan Falls	nil	nil	nil
x Sherbrooke	5,000	nil	8,000
x Three Rivers	57,760	1,900	6,250
x Westmount	6,000	nil	6,900
Ontario	1,694,506	2,523,285	4,129,644
Belleville	nil	5,100	nil
x Brantford	1,325	7,025	2,840
Chatham	9,800	16,200	3,650
x Fort William	12,400	15,700	609,600
Galt	75	nil	2,100
x Guelph	7,685	140	1,868
x Hamilton	82,850	105,800	137,805
x Kingston	13,500	545	1,150
x Kitchener	13,710	73,625	36,450
x London	61,670	235,400	55,535
Niagara Falls	4,150	19,425	3,800
Oshawa	26,050	8,350	2,200
x Ottawa	93,600	7,400	37,600
Owen Sound	nil	nil	5,000
x Peterboro	nil	3,625	4,595
x Port Arthur	915	853,938	775
x Stratford	2,730	4,645	9,150
x St. Catharines	11,831	65,575	9,985
x St. Thomas	1,500	5,725	5,425
Sarnia	21,605	28,705	27,953
Sault Ste. Marie	18,000	2,050	1,150
x Toronto	787,289	795,017	2,123,555
York Township	104,100	176,100	850,550
Welland	9,050	1,500	4,000
x Windsor	408,201	91,565	184,070
Woodstock	2,470	130	3,838
Manitoba	91,640	105,600	75,850
x Brandon	nil	4,350	10,000
St. Boniface	2,840	300	1,700
x Winnipeg	88,800	100,950	64,150
Saskatchewan	36,870	13,085	75,820
x Moose Jaw	3,395	200	4,600
x Regina	13,275	11,510	7,720
x Saskatoon	20,200	1,375	63,500
Alberta	126,690	32,875	87,915
x Calgary	14,800	18,600	63,000
x Edmonton	110,095	10,780	19,495
Lethbridge	1,570	3,355	5,420
Medicine Hat	225	140	nil
British Columbia	730,378	362,730	722,412
Nanaimo	7,800	3,900	920
x New Westminster	45,775	6,135	8,300
Point Grey	267,600	112,400	172,950
Prince Rupert	nil	4,000	nil
South Vancouver	48,637	22,175	30,480
x Vancouver	326,740	196,815	347,140
x Victoria	33,826	17,305	162,622
Total - 56 cities	3,657,529	4,021,088	5,599,821
Total - x 35 cities	3,133,553	3,617,208	4,484,110
Accumulative Total for 56 cities - first two months	1924 7,678,613	1923 9,656,834	1922 7,966,002

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EMPLOYMENT AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYERS.



The curve is based on the number of employees actually at work on the first day of the month as indicated by the firms reporting, in comparison with the number of employees they reported in January, 1920.

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