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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR MARCH, 1924, WITH
COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY, 1924, and MARCH, 1923.

A very large increase in the building authorized by 56 cities as compared with the preceding month, was reported during March, when the value of the building permits issued exceeded that for February by \$5,483,607 or 150 per cent. In comparison with the returns for March, 1923, however, there was a slight decline of 3 per cent. The total for March, 1924, was \$9,141,132 as compared with \$3,657,525 in February, 1924 and with \$9,432,550 in March, 1923.

Detailed reports were furnished the Dominion Bureau of Statistics by 45 cities, which reported that they had issued over 1,000 permits for the construction or alteration of dwellings at an estimated cost of approximately \$4,500,000. The number of other buildings for which permits were issued was about 1,700, at a proposed cost of some \$4,450,000. The construction of several buildings may be authorized by a single permit; the number of buildings to be erected, therefore, is usually in excess of the number of permits issued.

All provinces except Nova Scotia recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with February. The increases of \$1,678,950 or 214 per cent in Quebec, of \$2,399,824 or 142 per cent in Ontario and of \$1,257,777 or 172 per cent in British Columbia were especially large.

In comparison with the returns for March, 1923, Nova Scotia recorded a negligible decrease and Ontario reported a substantial decline. In the remaining provinces improvement was registered. The reduction of \$1,725,223 or 30 per cent in Ontario, however, was sufficiently large to offset the increases reported elsewhere, of which that of \$933,465 or 88.5 per cent in British Columbia was the largest.

The value of the building authorized during March in Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver exceeded that registered in February, 1924, and in March, 1923. In Toronto the building permit issued had a considerably higher valuation than in the preceding month, but the total was less than during the corresponding month of last year. St. John, Quebec, Westmount, Brantford, Chatham, Galt, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Ottawa, Port Arthur, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Point Grey, Prince Rupert, South Vancouver and Victoria recorded increases in the estimated value of building as compared with February of this year and also with March, 1923.

The value of the building permits issued during the first three months of 1924 was lower by 11.9 and 8.4 per cent than in the first quarter of 1923 and 1922, respectively, but it was 27 per cent higher than during the first three months of 1921. The total for this year is \$16,819,745; for 1923, \$19,089,134; for 1922, \$18,261,798 and for 1921, \$13,231,827.

The table on the back of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during March as compared with February, 1924, and with March, 1923. 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	Mar. 1924.	Feb. 1924	Mar. 1923.
	\$	\$	\$
P.E. Island - Charlottetown	nil	nil	nil
Nova Scotia	31,095	183,545	31,425
x Halifax	26,605	183,410	21,325
New Glasgow	nil	nil	nil
x Sydney	4,490	135	10,100
New Brunswick	31,200	7,936	20,745
Fredericton	nil	nil	nil
x Moncton	6,300	7,286	445
x St. John	24,900	650	20,300
Quebec	2,464,910	785,960	2,126,530
x Montreal - Maisonneuve	2,164,585	671,985	1,999,200
x Quebec	217,995	45,215	89,645
Shawinigan Falls	3,780	nil	nil
x Sherbrooke	6,500	5,000	25,300
x Three Rivers	21,525	57,760	8,750
x Westmount	50,525	6,000	3,635
Ontario	4,094,330	1,694,506	5,819,553
Belleville	nil	nil	5,500
x Brantford	9,395	1,325	5,580
Chatham	15,100	9,800	5,150
x Fort William	43,200	12,400	153,550
Galt	13,660	75	7,350
x Guelph	48,430	7,685	54,258
x Hamilton	254,500	82,350	379,400
x Kingston	49,537	13,500	11,655
x Kitchener	81,000	13,710	122,461
x London	104,160	61,670	249,900
Niagara Falls	41,920	4,150	17,807
Oshawa	94,850	26,050	72,000
x Ottawa	139,335	93,600	94,725
Owen Sound	8,000	nil	500
x Peterboro	7,850	nil	2,115
x Port Arthur	30,241	915	3,982
x Stratford	35,643	2,730	28,930
x St. Catharines	40,370	11,831	21,655
x St. Thomas	863	1,500	4,075
Sarnia	54,263	21,605	65,040
Sault Ste. Marie	37,540	18,000	11,235
x Toronto	2,386,230	787,289	3,068,318
York Township	326,750	104,100	893,200
Welland	18,125	9,050	1,685
x Windsor	215,745	408,201	436,170
Woodstock	37,623	2,470	103,312
Manitoba	244,149	91,640	134,862
x Brandon	1,252	nil	587
St. Boniface	73,147	2,840	21,775
x Winnipeg	169,750	88,800	112,500
Saskatchewan	78,966	36,870	68,860
x Moose Jaw	10,460	3,395	5,520
x Regina	50,550	13,275	49,840
x Saskatoon	17,956	20,200	13,500
Alberta	208,327	126,690	175,685
x Calgary	113,800	14,800	97,200
x Edmonton	33,175	110,095	33,800
Lethbridge	nil	1,570	42,580
Medicine Hat	61,352	225	2,105
British Columbia	1,988,155	730,378	1,054,690
Nanaimo	5,125	7,800	22,605
x New Westminster	21,505	45,775	16,000
Point Grey	449,000	257,600	244,600
Prince Rupert	33,450	nil	6,550
South Vancouver	63,675	48,637	40,990
x Vancouver	1,373,145	326,740	694,200
x Victoria	42,255	33,826	29,745
Total - 56 Cities	9,141,132	3,657,525	9,432,350
Total - x 35 Cities	7,803,772	3,133,553	7,868,366
Accumulative Total for 56 cities - first three months	1924 16,819,745	1923 19,089,184	1922 18,361,798

