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

The value of the building permits issued in 56 cities showed a large increase during April as compared with March, 1924, but there was a decrease as compared with April of last year. Statements received by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics showed that the reporting cities authorized building to the value of \$13,452,359, as compared with \$9,162,762 in the preceding month and with \$19,207,171 in the corresponding month of 1923. There was, therefore, an increase of \$4,289,597 or 46.3 per cent in the first comparison and a decline of \$5,754,812 or 30 per cent as compared with April, 1923.

Detailed reports were furnished by 47 cities, showing that they had issued some 1,600 permits for dwellings at an estimated cost of approximately \$7,000,000, and for nearly 3,400 other buildings at a proposed cost of \$5,000,000. Since the construction of several buildings is frequently authorized by a single permit, the number of buildings to be erected is usually greater than the number of permits issued.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan registered increases in the value of building permits issued as compared with March; those in Quebec of \$1,862,235 or 75.5 per cent and in Ontario of \$2,982,826 or 72.9 per cent were the largest actual gains. Saskatchewan, with an increase of \$256,254 or 324.5 per cent showed, however, the greatest proportional improvement. Of the declines registered in the remaining provinces, that of \$957,511 or 48.2 per cent in British Columbia was the most pronounced.

As compared with April, 1923, all provinces except Nova Scotia and British Columbia registered reductions. In those two provinces there were gains of \$26,282 or 47.6 per cent and \$94,821 or 10.1 per cent, respectively. Quebec reported the largest decline in this comparison, of \$3,575,472 or 45.2 per cent.

The value of authorized building during April was greater than during March in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg, but those three cities showed declines as compared with April, 1923. Vancouver, on the other hand, reported the value of building permits issued to be less than in March but greater than in April of last year. Halifax, Sydney, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Fort William, Galt, Hamilton, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Owen Sound, Stratford, St. Thomas, Windsor, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, New Westminster and South Vancouver showed increases in the value of estimated building in both comparisons.

The value of the building permits issued during the first four months of this year was lower than in either 1923 or 1922, but it was slightly in excess of the total for 1921. The aggregate for the first four months of 1924 was \$30,293,734; for 1923, \$38,296,355; for 1922, \$33,930,146 and for 1921, \$26,553,041. There were, therefore, declines of 20.9 per cent and 10.7 per cent in the first two comparisons, and an increase of 14.1 per cent over the 1921 total.

The table on the back of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during April as compared with March, 1924 and with April, 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.

C i t y	April 1924	March 1924	April 1923
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown		nil	nil
Nova Scotia	81,525	31,095	55,243
x Halifax	51,660	25,605	35,040
New Glasgow	2,110	nil	4,575
x Sydney	27,755	4,490	15,628
New Brunswick	30,528	31,200	143,125
Fredericton		nil	28,775
x Moncton	6,528	6,300	46,350
x St. John	24,000	24,900	68,000
Quebec	4,327,145	2,464,910	7,902,617
x Montreal-Maisonneuve	2,690,615	2,164,535	6,913,572
x Quebec	500,922	217,995	416,795
Shawinigan Falls	17,530	3,780	12,000
x Sherbrooke	617,928	6,500	95,000
x Three Rivers	23,175	21,525	228,850
x Westmount	476,975	50,525	236,400
Ontario	7,077,156	4,094,330	8,974,904
Belleville	38,900	nil	12,200
x Brantford	25,235	9,395	92,415
Chatham	19,850	15,100	41,770
x Fort William	112,920	43,200	37,900
Galt	13,050	13,660	15,746
x Guelph	19,290	48,430	91,196
x Hamilton	840,150	254,500	611,825
x Kingston	593,249	49,537	413,481
x Kitchener	141,031	81,000	270,658
x London	295,015	104,160	371,800
Niagara Falls	80,065	41,920	56,010
Oshawa	152,195	94,850	202,820
x Ottawa	247,335	139,335	638,950
Owen Sound	42,000	8,000	21,000
x Peterboro	60,070	7,850	61,527
x Port Arthur	25,680	30,241	629,355
x Stratford	143,434	35,643	53,307
x St. Catharines	82,483	40,370	145,417
x St. Thomas	72,250	863	22,081
Sarnia	103,315	54,263	111,056
Sault Ste. Marie	31,390	37,540	27,965
x Toronto	2,463,275	2,386,230	3,230,590
York Township	808,550	326,750	1,324,000
Welland	13,630	18,125	77,325
x Windsor	557,345	215,745	398,480
Woodstock	54,449	37,623	15,970
Manitoba	340,277	244,149	488,775
x Brandon	1,002	1,252	4,850
St. Boniface	21,315	73,147	35,075
x Winnipeg	317,900	169,750	448,850
Saskatchewan	335,220	78,986	399,649
x Moose Jaw	163,900	10,460	80,716
x Regina	77,900	50,550	235,355
x Saskatoon	88,420	17,956	83,578
Alberta	229,864	229,957	307,035
x Calgary	85,370	113,800	120,000
x Edmonton	117,315	33,175	152,200
Lethbridge	20,179	21,630	29,775
Medicine Hat	7,000	61,352	5,060
British Columbia	1,030,644	1,988,155	935,823
Nanaimo	3,850	5,125	24,495
x New Westminster	43,380	21,505	35,580
Point Grey	429,600	449,000	301,400
Prince Rupert	17,300	33,450	3,500
South Vancouver	105,820	63,675	81,290
x Vancouver	400,175	1,373,145	334,306
x Victoria	30,519	42,255	155,252
Total - 56 Cities	13,452,359	9,162,762	19,207,171
Total - x 35 Cities	11,465,261	7,803,772	16,775,304
Accumulative Total for 56 cities	1924	1923	1922
first four months	30,293,734	38,296,355	33,930,146

