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

There was a slight increase in the value of the building permits issued during May as compared with April, but the total was a good deal lower than in May, 1923. According to reports from 56 cities, building to the value of \$14,215,670 was authorized last month as compared with \$13,452,359 in the preceding month and with \$18,610,611 in May of last year. The increase in the former comparison was 5.7 per cent and the decline in the latter was 23.6 per cent.

Reports in some detail were furnished by 48 cities which issued some 1,650 permits for dwellings at an estimated cost of more than \$7,000,000 and for almost 4,000 other buildings valued at over \$5,700,000. In addition, authority was granted for the construction of a grain elevator in Edmonton at a proposed cost of \$1,300,000.

New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with April. The gain of \$1,392,156 in Alberta was the largest actual and percentage increase. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, that in Ontario of \$1,583,614 or 22.4 per cent was the most pronounced.

As compared with May, 1923, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia registered increases in the value of authorized building. In this comparison also Alberta reported the largest gain; the value exceeded that for May of last year by \$1,198,870 or 283 per cent. In the remaining provinces the value of authorized building was lower. Ontario, with a decline of \$5,679,586 or 50.8 per cent, showed the largest decrease.

The value of the building permits issued in Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver was greater than in April, but in the two cities first named it was smaller than in May, 1923, while in Vancouver it was larger. Toronto reported declines in both comparisons. Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Fort William, Guelph, Stratford, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Point Grey and Victoria registered increases in the value of authorized building as compared with April, 1924 and also with May, 1923.

The building permits issued during the first five months of this year in the 56 cities had a lower valuation than in either 1923 or 1922, but the total was larger than in 1921. The aggregate for this year stands at \$44,509,404; as compared with the 1923 and 1922 totals of \$56,906,966, and \$53,242,862, this is a decline of 21.8 per cent and 16.4 per cent, respectively. In the first five months of 1921 the permits issued were valued at \$40,761,706. The 1924 total, therefore, was larger by 9.2 per cent than in that year.

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



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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by
Building Permits.

| Cities | May 1924 | April 1924 | May 1923 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| P.E.I.-Charlottetown | | | 12,000 |
| Nova Scotia | 63,277 | 81,525 | 76,869 |
| x Halifax | 38,460 | 51,660 | 43,462 |
| New Glasgow | 3,955 | 2,110 | 5,500 |
| x Sydney | 20,862 | 27,775 | 27,907 |
| New Brunswick | 78,035 | 30,528 | 119,555 |
| Fredericton | 16,200 | | 19,750 |
| x Moncton | 36,835 | 6,528 | 39,805 |
| x St. John | 25,000 | 24,000 | 60,000 |
| Quebec | 3,881,180 | 4,327,145 | 4,566,509 |
| x Montreal -Maisonneuve | 2,800,810 | 2,690,615 | 3,524,825 |
| x Quebec | 661,780 | 500,922 | 402,269 |
| Shawinigan Falls | 64,015 | 17,530 | 20,925 |
| x Sherbrooke | 54,100 | 617,928 | 48,000 |
| x Three Rivers | 66,700 | 23,175 | 132,400 |
| x Westmount | 233,775 | 476,975 | 438,090 |
| Ontario | 5,493,542 | 7,077,156 | 11,173,128 |
| Belleville | 1,000 | 38,900 | 22,675 |
| x Brantford | 22,561 | 25,235 | 109,265 |
| Chatham | 14,520 | 19,850 | 28,650 |
| x Fort William | 163,300 | 112,920 | 44,625 |
| Galt | 11,002 | 18,050 | 35,650 |
| x Guelph | 82,881 | 49,290 | 74,116 |
| x Hamilton | 361,400 | 840,150 | 1,020,535 |
| x Kingston | 30,465 | 593,249 | 56,402 |
| x Kitchener | 180,545 | 141,031 | 326,080 |
| x London | 271,700 | 295,015 | 500,930 |
| Niagara Falls | 113,825 | 80,065 | 194,709 |
| Oshawa | 86,765 | 152,195 | 159,995 |
| x Ottawa | 373,785 | 247,335 | 503,742 |
| Owen Sound | 20,075 | 42,000 | 183,000 |
| x Peterboro | 30,015 | 60,070 | 26,175 |
| x Port Arthur | 179,557 | 25,680 | 1,335,418 |
| x Stratford | 154,654 | 148,434 | 110,895 |
| x St. Catharines | 43,480 | 82,483 | 121,430 |
| x St. Thomas | 9,433 | 73,250 | 43,345 |
| Sarnia | 70,450 | 103,315 | 69,751 |
| Sault Ste Marie | 50,904 | 31,390 | 76,785 |
| x Toronto | 2,169,997 | 2,463,275 | 4,048,565 |
| York Township | 411,000 | 808,550 | 1,172,450 |
| Welland | 17,190 | 13,130 | 16,510 |
| x Windsor | 606,190 | 557,345 | 869,315 |
| Woodstock | 16,848 | 54,449 | 22,115 |
| Manitoba | 713,773 | 340,277 | 857,486 |
| x Brandon | 11,330 | 1,062 | 17,556 |
| St. Boniface | 38,943 | 21,315 | 57,530 |
| x Winnipeg | 668,500 | 317,900 | 782,400 |
| Saskatchewan | 925,117 | 335,220 | 515,845 |
| x Moose Jaw | 143,521 | 168,900 | 29,760 |
| x Regina | 212,960 | 77,900 | 274,225 |
| x Saskatoon | 568,636 | 88,420 | 211,860 |
| Alberta | 1,622,020 | 229,864 | 423,150 |
| x Calgary | 184,370 | 85,370 | 133,560 |
| x Edmonton | 1,414,100 | 117,315 | 275,940 |
| Lethbridge | 11,545 | 20,179 | 10,950 |
| Medicine Hat | 12,005 | 7,000 | 2,700 |
| British Columbia | 1,433,726 | 1,030,644 | 866,069 |
| Nanaimo | 12,120 | 3,850 | 33,583 |
| x New Westminster | 43,645 | 43,380 | 35,723 |
| Point Grey | 579,000 | 429,600 | 297,100 |
| Prince Rupert | 29,935 | 17,300 | 6,810 |
| South Vancouver | 66,610 | 105,820 | 42,360 |
| x Vancouver | 640,076 | 400,175 | 413,113 |
| x Victoria | 143,340 | 30,519 | 37,380 |
| Total 56 Cities | 14,215,670 | 13,452,359 | 18,610,611 |
| Total x 35 Cities | 12,648,763 | 11,465,261 | 16,119,113 |
| Accumulative total for first five months - 56 cities | 1924 44,509,404 | 1923 56,906,966 | 1922 53,242,862 |