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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1925, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR NOVEMBER, 1925, AND DECEMBER, 1924.

The value of the building authorized during December was seasonally, though only slightly lower than in the preceding month; it was however, higher than in the corresponding month of 1924. The aggregate was \$7,191,830, or 6.6 p.c. less than the November total of \$7,696,099, but 13.6 p.c. higher than the aggregate of \$6,333,619 in December, 1924.

Detailed statements were furnished by some 35 cities, which issued permits for nearly 500 dwellings valued at almost \$2,200,000, and for approximately 600 other buildings, estimated to cost some \$2,100,000.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan registered increases in the value of the permits issued; that of \$316,122 or 8.5 p.c. in Ontario was the greatest absolute gain, but the proportional increase in New Brunswick was larger. Of the declines recorded elsewhere, those of \$503,933 or 18.8 p.c. in Quebec, and \$140,141 or 76.3 p.c. in Alberta were most pronounced.

As compared with December, 1924, Alberta recorded a reduction of \$8,985 or 17.1 p.c., while in the remaining provinces there were gains, of which Ontario and British Columbia reported the largest - \$331,771 or 9.0 p.c. and \$314,720 or 82.1 p.c., respectively.

Montreal and Winnipeg showed decreases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with November, 1925, but increases as compared with December, 1924, while Toronto and Vancouver registered improvement in both comparisons. Halifax, Sydney, Moncton, St. John, Sherbrooke, Chatham, Galt, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Sarnia, Regina, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert and South Vancouver also recorded increases as compared with November, 1925, and December, 1924.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR TWELVE MONTHS, 1925.

The following table shows the value of the building permits issued by 60 cities during 1925 and in the last five years; the aggregate for 1925 is based upon unrevised monthly totals, while for the preceding years the figures are revised. Index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, (with 1913 as 100) are also shown.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Index No. of Wholesale Prices (average for 12 months)</u>
1925	\$ 122,442,786	153.7
1924	123,731,196	159.1
1923	133,201,347	167.0
1922	147,962,173	162.2
1921	116,361,710	183.2
1920	116,779,628	214.9

There were, therefore, declines of 1.0 p.c., 8.1 p.c. and 17.2 p.c. in the value of the permits issued in 1925, as compared with 1924, 1923 and 1922, respectively, but increases of 5.2 p.c. and 4.8 p.c. over 1921 and 1920, respectively. When the decrease in the cost of building materials is considered, it seems certain that building in 1925 was on a higher level in the cities than in 1924 and possibly than in 1923.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 60 cities during November and December, 1925, and December, 1924. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits.

Cities	Dec. 1925	Nov. 1925	Dec. 1924
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	7,400
Nova Scotia	35,655	24,715	9,025
x Halifax	24,995	23,825	7,175
New Glasgow	109	Nil	100
x Sydney	10,560	890	1,750
New Brunswick	10,500	1,760	7,500
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	5,000
x Moncton	6,000	1,760	Nil
x St. John	4,500	Nil	2,500
Quebec	2,183,012	2,686,945	2,092,007
x Montreal - Maisonneuve	2,021,000	2,331,420	1,613,187
x Quebec	26,890	165,210	75,495
Shawinigan Falls	925	Nil	Nil
x Sherbrooke	69,300	29,150	3,000
x Three Rivers	16,585	97,365	317,175
x Westmount	48,312	63,800	83,150
Ontario	4,028,687	3,712,565	3,696,916
Belleville	31,200	2,200	37,000
x Brantford	10,360	4,198	8,015
Chatham	38,700	16,278	30,000
x Fort William	28,350	45,725	50,350
Galt	4,818	700	181
x Guelph	8,505	31,410	3,445
x Hamilton	110,150	185,430	164,800
x Kingston	116,250	29,663	10,800
x Kitchener	106,000	103,911	81,220
x London	320,260	159,045	80,245
Niagara Falls	42,375	88,435	98,200
Oshawa	4,735	30,075	28,550
x Ottawa	61,100	92,945	59,650
Owen Sound	Nil	6,060	Nil
x Peterboro	6,725	11,660	15,750
x Port Arthur	2,611	13,334	4,602
x Stratford	560	18,945	5,310
x St. Catharines	17,205	64,953	21,250
x St. Thomas	1,075	10,700	5,000
Barnia	74,445	46,495	51,725
Sault Ste Marie	1,275	14,993	16,375
x Toronto	2,495,628	1,776,468	2,383,260
York Township	277,400	319,600	227,650
Welland	7,635	8,820	6,000
x Windsor	164,775	423,290	143,120
Ford	37,050	80,975	105,214
Riverside	13,500	39,000	7,000
Sandwich	26,000	29,000	13,100
Walkerville	20,000	59,000	38,000
Woodstock	Nil	3,257	1,104
Manitoba	73,000	194,075	63,065
x Brandon	500	900	1,825
St. Boniface	7,700	31,325	12,840
x Winnipeg	64,800	161,850	48,400
Saskatchewan	119,655	73,150	22,120
x Moose Jaw	2,060	745	4,420
x Regina	67,000	49,440	9,325
x Saskatoon	50,595	22,965	8,375
Alberta	43,450	183,591	52,435
x Calgary	22,070	125,825	23,770
x Edmonton	5,235	49,245	23,825
Lethbridge	5,945	4,935	4,840
Medicine Hat	200	3,586	Nil
British Columbia	697,871	319,298	383,151
Nanaimo	3,285	1,000	600
x New Westminster	30,925	138,113	28,880
Point Grey	148,900	233,600	132,700
Prince Rupert	14,650	13,105	3,290
South Vancouver	43,740	41,250	42,425
x Vancouver	429,452	355,660	166,395
x Victoria	26,218	36,575	8,861
Total 60 cities	7,191,830	7,396,099	6,333,619
x Total 35 cities	6,387,251	6,626,410	5,464,325
Cumulative total for 60 cities - twelve months (1925 figures not revised)	122,442,786	123,731,196	133,201,347

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