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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1925, WITH
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JANUARY, 1925, AND FEBRUARY, 1924

According to reports tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities increased from \$5,433,204 in January, to \$5,781,642 in February, a gain of \$348,438 or 6.4 p.c. In February, 1924, the building authorized was valued at \$4,027,780; there was, therefore, an increase in the month under review of \$1,753,862 or 43.5 p.c. in this more significant comparison.

Some 47 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had issued nearly 600 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$2,800,000, and for approximately 900 other buildings valued at more than \$2,800,000.

As compared with January, 1925, there were increases in the building permits issued in all provinces except Ontario, where there was a decline of \$900,434 or 31.4 p.c. Quebec showed the greatest actual gain of \$733,378, or 46.5 p.c., but the proportional increases in Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and British Columbia were larger.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Alberta registered reductions as compared with February, 1924; Nova Scotia showed the most pronounced loss of \$150,885 or 82.1 p.c. Of the increases recorded elsewhere, that in New Brunswick of \$31,700 or 823.4 p.c., was proportionally the largest, while Quebec reported the greatest actual gain of \$1,575,203 or 214.1 p.c.

The value of the building permits issued during February, 1925, in Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver was higher than in the preceding month and also than in February of last year. In Toronto there was a reduction as compared with January, but the value greatly exceeded that registered in February, 1924. The building permits issued in Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Westmount, Belleville, Guelph, Hamilton, Peterborough, Port Arthur, Stratford, Sarnia, York Township, Woodstock, Brandon, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Lethbridge, New Westminster, Point Grey and South Vancouver had a higher valuation than in January, 1925, or February, 1924.

The aggregate value of estimated building in 60 cities during the first two months of this year was \$11,214,846, as compared with \$8,431,899 and \$9,813,909 in the same two months of 1924 and 1923, respectively; there was, therefore, an increase of 32.2 p.c. in the former and of 14.3 p.c. in the latter comparison.

The table on the back of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities during February and January, 1925, and February, 1924. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated
by Building Permits.

C i t y	February	January	February
	1925	1925	1924
P. E. I. Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	5,000
Nova Scotia	32,860	2,190	183,548
x Halifax	32,560	2,190	183,410
New Glasgow	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Sydney	300	Nil	138
New Brunswick	35,550	32,300	3,650
Fredericton	4,000	24,000	Nil
x Moncton	26,150	2,300	33,000
x St. John	5,400	6,000	850
Quebec	2,311,863	1,577,265	735,360
x Montreal -x Maisonneuve	1,953,668	765,235	671,325
x Quebec	66,420	22,200	45,215
Shawinigan Falls	18,000	Nil	Nil
x Sherbrooke	20,700	24,000	5,000
x Three Rivers	19,875	714,125	7,760
x Westmount	201,200	52,325	6,000
Ontario	1,367,375	2,367,869	2,104,121
Belleville	7,600	275	Nil
x Brantford	3,340	11,500	1,325
Chatham	1,200	Nil	9,600
x Fort William	11,080	6,750	12,400
Galt	1,300	5,900	Nil
x Guelph	23,550	1,300	7,685
x Hamilton	170,550	59,300	82,850
x Kingston	515	1,325	15,500
x Kitchener	37,660	39,600	13,710
x London	28,525	45,260	61,670
Niagara Falls	30,730	32,325	4,150
Oshawa	8,450	7,720	26,050
x Ottawa	91,017	256,200	93,600
Owen Sound	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Peterboro	5,475	Nil	Nil
x Port Arthur	3,795	1,325	318
x Stratford	38,840	825	2,730
x St. Catharines	11,200	6,375	11,831
x St. Thomas	830	3,575	1,500
Sarnia	48,310	9,825	21,600
Sault Ste Marie	2,600	700	18,000
x Toronto	1,054,935	1,843,355	787,239
York Township	167,350	151,300	104,100
Welland	2,905	150	9,050
x Windsor	147,025	104,400	403,201
Other Border Cities	59,675	275,750	403,750
Woodstock	3,133	2,294	2,470
Manitoba	154,375	79,860	91,340
x Brandon	5,000	800	Nil
St. Boniface	22,225	60	2,840
x Winnipeg	127,150	79,000	88,800
Saskatchewan	47,080	22,300	36,370
x Moose Jaw	16,350	400	3,325
x Regina	14,050	18,350	13,275
x Saskatoon	16,380	4,050	20,200
Alberta	61,261	52,820	126,600
x Calgary	48,000	43,550	14,300
x Edmonton	11,790	9,875	110,035
Lethbridge	4,471	250	1,570
Medicine Hat	Nil	145	285
British Columbia	1,171,278	721,480	737,044
Nanaimo	4,800	3,800	7,300
x New Westminster	46,375	12,775	45,775
Point Grey	547,700	332,700	267,600
Prince Rupert	12,150	7,350	Nil
South Vancouver	64,690	32,000	46,657
x Vancouver	458,925	335,610	326,740
x Victoria	29,338	67,245	40,422
Total, 60 Cities	5,781,642	5,433,204	4,027,760
Total, 35 Cities x	4,762,748	4,546,660	3,086,133
Accumulative total for	1925	1924	1923
60 cities - first two months	11,214,846	8,431,899	9,813,909

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