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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1925, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS  
FOR FEBRUARY, 1925, AND MARCH, 1924.

There was a substantial increase in the value of the building permits issued in March as compared with February, but the total was lower than in March of last year. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated reports from 60 cities which issued in March 1925 permits aggregating \$8,457,791, as compared with \$5,781,642 in the preceding month and with \$9,365,070 in March, 1924. The increase in the first comparison was \$2,676,149, or 46.3 p.c., while the decrease in the second comparison was \$907,279, or 9.7 p.c.

Detailed statements were furnished by some 50 cities, showing that they had issued over 1,100 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$5,200,000 and about 1,200 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of approximately \$2,900,000.

Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia registered increases in the value of building authorized as compared with February. The largest actual gain of \$2,325,148 or 118.2 p.c. was in Ontario, but Manitoba showed the greatest proportional advance of \$573,305 or 371.4 p.c. Of the reductions in the other provinces, those of \$774,443 or 33.5 p.c. in Quebec and of \$28,005 or 78.7 p.c. in New Brunswick were most pronounced.

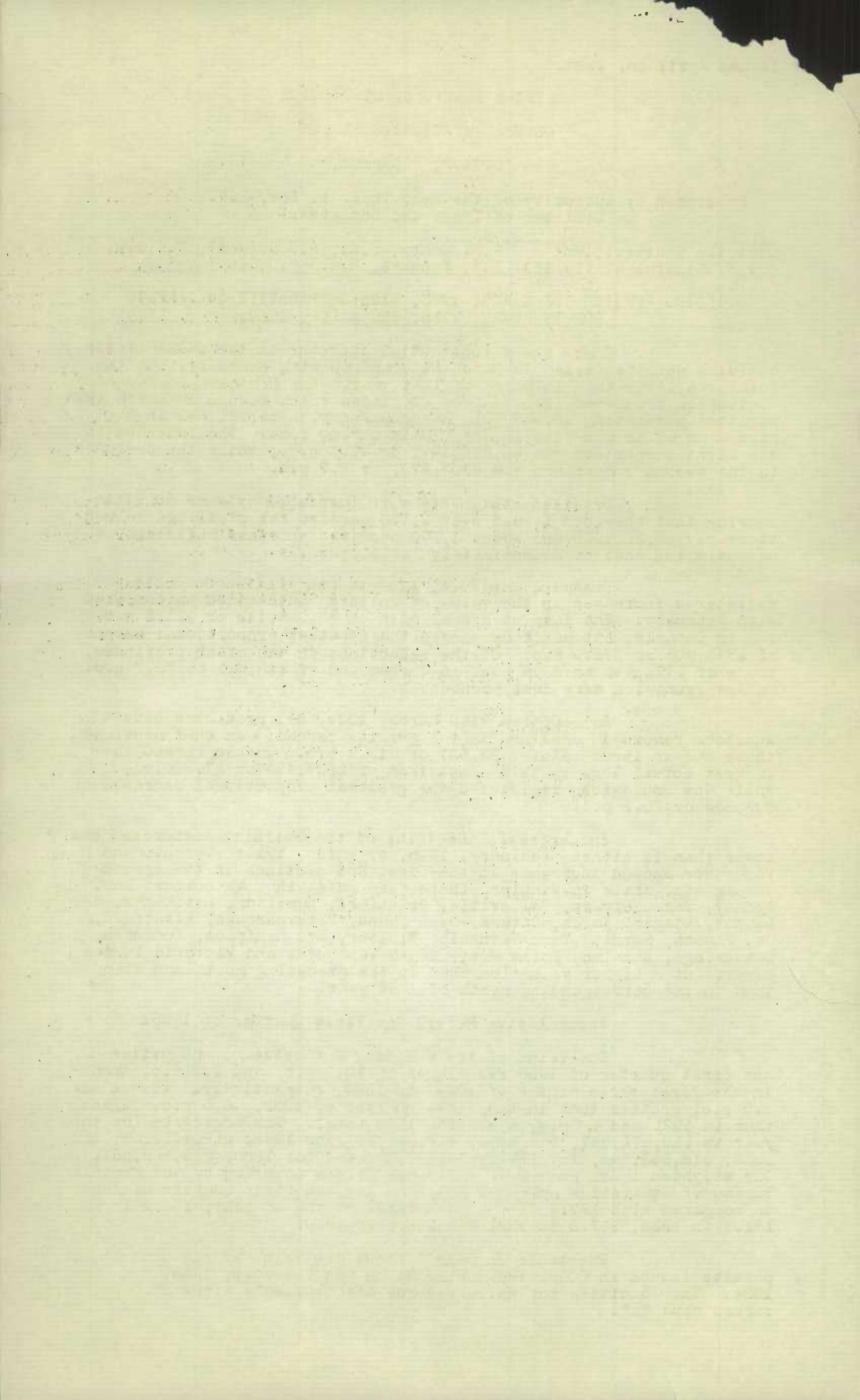
As compared with March, 1924, all provinces except Manitoba recorded declines in the permits issued; in that province there was an increase of \$483,531 or 313.2 p.c. Quebec showed the largest actual loss in this comparison of \$927,494 or 37.6 p.c., while New Brunswick registered the greatest proportional decrease of \$23,655 or 75.8 p.c.

In Montreal, the value of the building authorized was lower than in either February, 1925, or March, 1924; Toronto and Vancouver showed increases in the first and declines in the second comparison, while in Winnipeg there were gains in both comparisons. Sydney, Three Rivers, Belleville, Brantford, Hamilton, Kitchener, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, St. Thomas, Sarnia, York Township, Windsor, St. Boniface, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Nanaimo, Point Grey, South Vancouver and Victoria issued permits at a higher valuation than in the preceding month and also than in the corresponding month of last year.

Accumulative Record for First Quarter of 1925.

The value of the building authorized in 60 cities during the first quarter of 1925 was higher by 10.2 p.c. and 1.2 p.c. than in the first three months of 1924 and 1923, respectively. It was also 5.5 p.c. greater than in the first quarter of 1922, 46.5 p.c. higher than in 1921 and 4.7 p.c. above the 1920 total. The aggregate for this year is \$19,672,637, for 1924, \$17,846,969, for 1923, \$19,441,159, for 1922, \$18,643,948, for 1921, \$13,426,227 and for 1920, \$18,866,351. The weighted index number of wholesale prices, compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics averaged 153.8 during the first quarter of 1925, as compared with 167.3 in the same three months of 1924, 164.9 in 1923, 161.1 in 1922, 207.3 in 1921 and 208.1 in 1920.

The table on page 2 shows the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities during March and February, 1925, and March 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	March 1925	February 1925	March 1924
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	32,720	32,860	33,205
x Halifax	25,945	32,560	26,605
New Glasgow	1,700	Nil	2,110
x Sydney	5,075	300	4,490
New Brunswick	7,545	35,550	31,200
Fredericton	Nil	4,000	Nil
x Moncton	3,045	26,150	6,300
x St. John	4,500	5,400	24,900
Quebec	1,537,420	2,311,863	2,464,914
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,331,360	1,983,668	2,164,585
x Quebec	55,385	68,420	217,995
Shawinigan Falls	16,200	18,000	3,784
x Sherbrooke	15,800	20,700	6,500
x Three Rivers	70,525	19,875	21,525
x Westmount	48,150	201,200	50,525
Ontario	4,292,523	1,967,375	4,362,110
Belleville	11,460	7,600	3,500
x Brantford	14,790	3,340	9,395
Chatham	11,000	1,800	15,100
x Fort William	31,840	11,060	43,200
Galt	2,081	1,300	13,660
x Guelph	35,000	28,550	48,430
x Hamilton	307,200	170,550	254,500
x Kingston	20,276	515	49,537
x Kitchener	139,953	37,860	81,000
x London	134,920	28,525	104,160
Niagara Falls	57,525	30,730	41,921
Oshawa	66,250	3,450	94,850
x Ottawa	141,730	91,017	139,335
Owen Sound	14,500	Nil	3,000
x Peterboro	15,567	5,475	7,650
x Port Arthur	7,275	3,795	30,241
x Stratford	62,180	38,840	34,923
x St. Catharines	35,455	11,200	40,370
x St. Thomas	229,740	830	863
Sarnia	88,736	48,310	54,263
Sault Ste Marie	15,406	2,600	17,490
x Toronto	1,865,651	1,054,935	2,386,230
York Township	370,100	167,353	326,750
Welland	3,720	2,905	18,125
x Windsor	322,780	147,025	215,745
Other Border Cities	275,670	59,675	235,050
Woodstock	4,648	3,138	37,623
Manitoba	727,680	154,375	244,149
x Brandon	200	5,000	1,250
St. Boniface	511,780	22,225	73,147
x Winnipeg	215,700	127,150	169,750
Saskatchewan	42,720	47,080	78,966
x Moose Jaw	14,510	16,650	10,460
x Regina	23,775	14,050	50,550
x Saskatoon	4,435	16,380	17,956
Alberta	172,045	61,261	229,957
x Calgary	94,800	45,000	113,800
x Edmonton	47,540	11,790	53,175
Lethbridge	29,645	4,471	21,630
Medicine Hat	60	Nil	61,352
British Columbia	1,645,138	1,171,278	1,920,569
Nanaimo	14,415	4,800	5,125
x New Westminster	22,200	46,675	21,505
Point Grey	561,600	547,700	575,000
Prince Rupert	11,600	19,150	33,450
South Vancouver	92,025	64,690	63,675
x Vancouver	873,215	458,925	1,373,145
x Victoria	70,083	29,338	48,668
Total, 60 Cities	3,457,791	5,781,642	3,365,070
Total, 35 Cities	6,290,600	4,762,748	7,809,468
Accumulative total for	1925	1924	1923
60 Cities - first three months	19,672,637	17,346,969	19,441,150

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