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

According to returns from 60 cities, the value of the building permits issued in April showed the substantial increase of 77.9 p.c. over March, 1925. There was also a gain of 12.1 p.c. in the more significant comparison with April, 1924. The total for the month under review was \$15,042,519; for March, 1925, it was \$8,457,791 and for April of last year, \$13,422,456.

Returns in some detail were furnished by 51 cities, showing that they issued during April some 2,200 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$8,000,000, and more than 3,500 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$5,000,000. In addition, authority was granted for the construction of a grain elevator valued at some \$600,000 at Halifax, and a new paper mill estimated to cost over \$500,000 at Three Rivers, as well as for some smaller engineering works at Kitchener and Fort Arthur.

All provinces recorded increases in the value of building permits issued as compared with March. The largest actual gains of \$2,845,503 and \$1,940,961 were in Ontario and Quebec, but New Brunswick and Nova Scotia showed the greatest proportional increases.

As compared with April, 1924, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan reported percentage declines of 20.0, 13.6, 2.4 and 5.5, respectively, while elsewhere improvement was indicated. British Columbia registered the most pronounced actual gain of \$756,062, or 72.8 p.c., but the percentage increases in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were larger.

Montreal and Toronto recorded increases in the building authorized as compared with March, 1925, but the value was slightly lower than in April, 1924. In Winnipeg and Vancouver there were gains in both comparisons. The permits issued in Halifax, Fredericton, Moncton, St. John, Shavivigan Falls, Three Rivers, Fort William, Galt, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Fort Arthur, St. Catharines, Sault Ste Marie, Windsor, Ford, Walkerville, Brandon, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, New Westminster, Point Grey, Prince Rupert and South Vancouver exceeded the value for both March, 1925, and April, 1924.

Accumulative Record for First Four Months

The 60 cities making returns authorized building to the value of \$34,715,156 during the first four months of 1925; this was 11.0 p.c. higher than the total of \$31,269,425 for the same months of last year, but it was 10.3 p.c. below the 1923 aggregate of \$38,935,035. As compared with totals of \$34,450,071 for 1922, \$26,826,566 for 1921 and \$34,493,201 for 1920, the increase during January-April, 1925, was 0.8 p.c., 29.1 p.c., and 0.6 p.c., respectively. The weighted index number of wholesale prices of building materials compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics averaged 154.0 during the first four months of 1925, as compared with 166.5 in the same period of 1924, 165.3 in 1923, 160.7 in 1922, 204.6 in 1921 and 213.4 in 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities during April and March, 1925, and April, 1924. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".



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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits

City	April 1925	March 1925	April 1924
P. E. I. Charlottetown	\$ 6,000	nil	7,500
Nova Scotia	643,646	32,720	81,525
x Halifax	639,255	25,945	51,660
New Glasgow	645	1,700	2,110
x Sydney	3,746	5,075	27,755
New Brunswick	437,885	7,545	42,828
Fredericton	16,500	nil	12,300
x Moncton	10,855	3,045	6,528
x St. John	410,530	4,500	24,000
Quebec	3,478,381	1,537,420	4,027,193
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,343,820	1,331,360	2,690,615
x Quebec	245,836	55,385	500,922
Shawinigan Falls	28,700	16,200	17,528
x Sherbrooke	58,100	15,800	317,978
x Three Rivers	597,225	70,525	23,175
x Westmount	204,700	48,150	476,975
Ontario	7,138,026	4,292,523	7,314,238
Bellville	37,600	11,460	45,250
x Brantford	15,072	14,790	25,235
Chatham	7,985	11,000	19,850
x Fort William	265,720	31,840	112,920
Galt	28,160	9,081	18,050
x Guelph	56,582	35,000	49,290
x Hamilton	307,800	307,200	840,150
x Kingston	133,954	20,276	593,249
x Kitchener	299,058	139,953	141,031
x London	305,700	134,920	295,015
Niagara Falls	94,105	57,525	80,065
Oshawa	82,790	66,250	152,195
x Ottawa	738,122	141,730	247,335
Owen Sound	50,550	14,500	42,000
x Peterboro	55,734	15,567	60,007
x Port Arthur	46,055	7,275	25,680
x Stratford	77,560	62,180	148,434
x St. Catharines	119,452	35,455	82,483
x St. Thomas	14,711	229,740	70,550
Sarnia	73,749	88,736	103,315
Sault Ste. Marie	54,649	15,406	31,390
x Toronto	2,363,910	1,865,651	2,463,275
York Township	698,350	370,100	708,550
Walland	11,070	3,790	13,630
x Windsor	793,050	322,780	557,345
Ford	133,980	52,720	94,890
Riverside	13,500	18,000	29,000
Sandwich	94,100	115,950	102,605
Walkerville	117,000	89,000	107,000
Woodstock	14,318	4,648	54,449
Manitoba	833,050	727,680	340,277
x Brandon	26,150	200	1,062
St. Boniface	34,500	511,780	21,315
x Winnipeg	772,400	215,700	317,900
Saskatchewan	316,710	42,720	335,220
x Moose Jaw	11,025	14,510	168,900
x Regina	200,915	23,775	77,900
x Saskatoon	104,770	4,435	88,420
Alberta	393,948	172,045	234,864
x Calgary	122,850	94,800	85,370
x Edmonton	240,310	47,540	117,315
Lethbridge	25,448	29,645	25,179
Medicine Hat	5,340	60	7,000
British Columbia	1,794,873	1,645,138	1,038,811
Nanaimo	5,065	14,415	3,850
x New Westminster	45,025	22,200	43,380
Point Gray	608,800	561,600	429,600
Prince Rupert	26,800	11,600	18,800
South Vancouver	125,575	92,025	105,820
x Vancouver	958,307	873,215	400,175
x Victoria	25,301	70,083	37,186
Total - 60 Cities	15,042,519	8,457,791	13,422,456
Total - 35 Cities x	12,647,240	6,290,600	11,169,215
Accumulative total for	1925	1924	1923
60 Cities - first four months	34,715,156	31,269,425	33,935,085