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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR MAY, 1925, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS  
FOR APRIL, 1925, AND MAY, 1924.

There was a slight increase in the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities during May as compared with April, 1925, and the total was also higher than in the same month of last year, which is the more significant comparison. The building authorized was valued at \$15,296,080 during the month under review; this was \$253,561 or 1.7 p.c. higher than the April, 1925, aggregate of \$15,042,519, and \$674,980 or 4.6 p.c. above the total for May, 1924, of \$14,621,100.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they issued nearly 1,700 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$7,000,000 and about 3,200 permits for other buildings at a proposed cost of more than \$6,600,000.

Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with April, 1925. The gain of \$334,637, or 105.7 p.c., in Saskatchewan and of \$1,107,709, or 15.5 p.c., in Ontario were most pronounced. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, those of \$550,209, or 85.5 p.c., in Nova Scotia and of \$394,720 or 90.1 p.c. in New Brunswick were largest.

As compared with May, 1924, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia recorded improvement. The greatest increase of \$2,363,240, or 40.2 p.c. was in Ontario, although Nova Scotia showed the greatest proportional gain of \$30,160, or 47.7 p.c. In the other provinces there were reductions, of which Alberta reported the most marked. In that province, there was a loss of \$1,175,725, or 71.1 p.c. during the month under review; the total for May, 1924, was exceptionally high, owing to a permit having been issued for the construction of a Dominion government grain elevator at Edmonton.

In Montreal and Winnipeg, there were decreases in the value of the building authorized as compared with April, 1925, and May, 1924; Toronto showed improvement in both comparisons, while in Vancouver the total was lower than in the preceding month, but higher than in the same month of last year. New Glasgow, Fredericton, Shawinigan Falls, Chatham, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Welland, Ford, Sandwich, St. Boniface, Regina, Prince Rupert and South Vancouver registered larger aggregates of permits issued than in either April, 1925, or May, 1924.

Accumulative Record for First Five Months, 1920-25.

The value of the building permits issued in the first five months of this year was \$50,011,236, as compared with \$45,890,525 in the same period of 1924, \$57,852,503 in 1923, \$53,918,812 in 1922, \$41,320,556 in 1921 and \$47,574,581 in 1920. There was, therefore, an increase of 9.0 p.c. as compared with 1924, a decrease of 13.6 p.c. as compared with 1923 and of 7.2 p.c. as compared with 1922, and increases of 21.0 p.c. and 5.1 p.c. as compared with 1921 and 1920, respectively. The Bureau's weighted index number of wholesale prices of building materials averaged 154.1 during the first five months of this year, as compared with 166.0, 165.7, 166.1, 200.8 and 215.9 in 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921 and 1920, respectively.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities during May and April, 1925, and May, 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	May 1925	April 1925	May 1924
P. E. I. Charlottetown	5,000	6,000	1,200
Nova Scotia	93,437	643,646	63,277
x Halifax	79,412	639,255	38,460
New Glasgow	11,750	645	3,955
x Sydney	2,275	3,746	20,062
New Brunswick	43,165	437,885	69,465
Fredericton	29,200	16,500	7,600
x Moncton	8,465	10,655	36,865
x St. John	5,500	410,530	25,000
Quebec	3,214,110	3,478,381	3,881,080
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,140,920	2,343,820	2,300,810
x Quebec	569,905	245,836	661,780
Shanigan Falls	77,100	28,700	64,015
x Sherbrooke	35,160	58,100	54,000
x Three Rivers	281,650	597,225	66,700
x Westmount	109,375	204,700	233,775
Ontario	8,245,735	7,138,026	5,882,495
Belleville	22,475	37,600	1,000
x Brantford	8,590	15,072	22,561
Chatham	67,200	7,985	14,520
x Fort William	65,925	265,720	163,300
Galt	18,143	28,160	11,002
x Guolph	45,220	56,582	82,881
x Hamilton	310,300	307,800	361,400
x Kingston	27,092	133,954	30,465
x Kitchener	166,588	299,058	170,545
x London	224,680	305,700	271,700
Niagara Falls	172,240	94,105	113,425
Oshawa	76,590	82,790	100,965
x Ottawa	1,875,385	738,122	373,785
Owen Sound	426,425	50,550	20,075
x Peterboro	25,210	55,734	30,015
x Port Arthur	179,785	46,055	179,557
x Stratford	54,278	77,560	154,654
x St. Catharines	52,590	119,452	43,480
x St. Thomas	25,020	14,711	9,433
Sarnia	116,390	73,749	70,450
Sault Ste Marie	41,715	54,649	50,904
x Toronto	2,823,972	2,363,910	2,169,997
York Township	446,950	698,350	411,000
Welland	18,720	11,070	17,190
x Windsor	441,650	793,050	606,190
Ford	149,208	133,980	97,553
Riverside	121,500	13,500	121,750
Sandwich	111,130	94,100	100,850
Walkerville	116,000	117,000	65,000
Woodstock	14,564	14,318	16,848
Manitoba	727,420	833,050	718,325
x Brandon	18,500	26,150	11,332
St. Boniface	46,980	34,500	38,493
x Winnipeg	661,940	772,400	668,500
Saskatchewan	651,347	316,710	925,117
x Moose Jaw	12,680	11,025	143,521
x Regina	219,890	200,915	212,960
x Saskatoon	418,777	104,770	568,636
Alberta	466,295	393,948	1,642,020
x Calgary	181,850	122,850	184,370
x Edmonton	270,575	240,310	1,414,100
Lethbridge	13,560	25,448	31,545
Medicine Hat	310	5,340	12,005
British Columbia	1,849,571	1,794,873	1,438,121
Nanaimo	8,300	5,065	12,120
x New Westminster	33,645	45,025	43,645
Point Grey	551,100	608,800	498,000
Prince Rupert	264,864	26,800	27,635
South Vancouver	163,790	125,575	66,610
x Vancouver	795,980	958,307	640,076
x Victoria	31,892	25,301	150,035
Total - 60 Cities	15,296,080	15,042,519	14,621,100
xTotal - 35 Cities	12,204,876	12,647,240	12,645,390
Accumulative total for	1925	1924	1923
60 Cities - First five months	50,011,236	45,890,525	57,852,503