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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR APRIL, 1926, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1926,
AND APRIL, 1925, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1920-1926.

According to returns from 60 cities, the value of the building permits issued during April showed the considerable increase of \$8,450,332, or 80.2 p.c. over March, 1925, while there was also a gain of \$3,545,900 or 23.0 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the corresponding month of last year. The building authorized in April was estimated to cost \$18,988,755, as compared with \$10,538,423 in the preceding month and \$15,442,855 in April, 1925. The total for the month was also higher than in April of any year since 1920, with the exception of April, 1923, when it was slightly higher. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials was then, however, 16 points higher than in April, 1926, when at 150.4, it was lower than in any month since 1919, the first year for which records are available on a monthly basis.

Some 50 cities reported that they had issued permits for nearly 1,700 dwellings valued at over \$7,000,000, and for more than 2,900 other buildings, also estimated at approximately \$7,000,000. In March, authorizations included some 1,200 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings valued at about \$5,300,000 and \$4,800,000, respectively.

As compared with March, 1926, there were increases in all provinces except New Brunswick and Alberta, where there were declines of 12.1 and 30.2 p.c., respectively. The largest gains were indicated in Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia registered much higher totals of building permits issued than in April, 1925, but in the remaining provinces there were decreases, of which that of \$762,000 or 10.1 p.c. in Ontario was the greatest absolute loss. The reduction in Nova Scotia of 86.9 p.c. was, however, the largest proportional decline. Manitoba showed the most pronounced gain of \$4,465,368.

Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver reported increases in the value of building authorized as compared with both March, 1926, and April, 1925, while in Montreal there was a falling off in both comparisons. Moncton, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Hamilton, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, Welland, Windsor, Ford, Riverside, Sandwich, Walkerville, Regina, Saskatoon, Medicine Hat and New Westminster recorded greater totals of building permits issued in April than in either the preceding month or the corresponding month of last year.

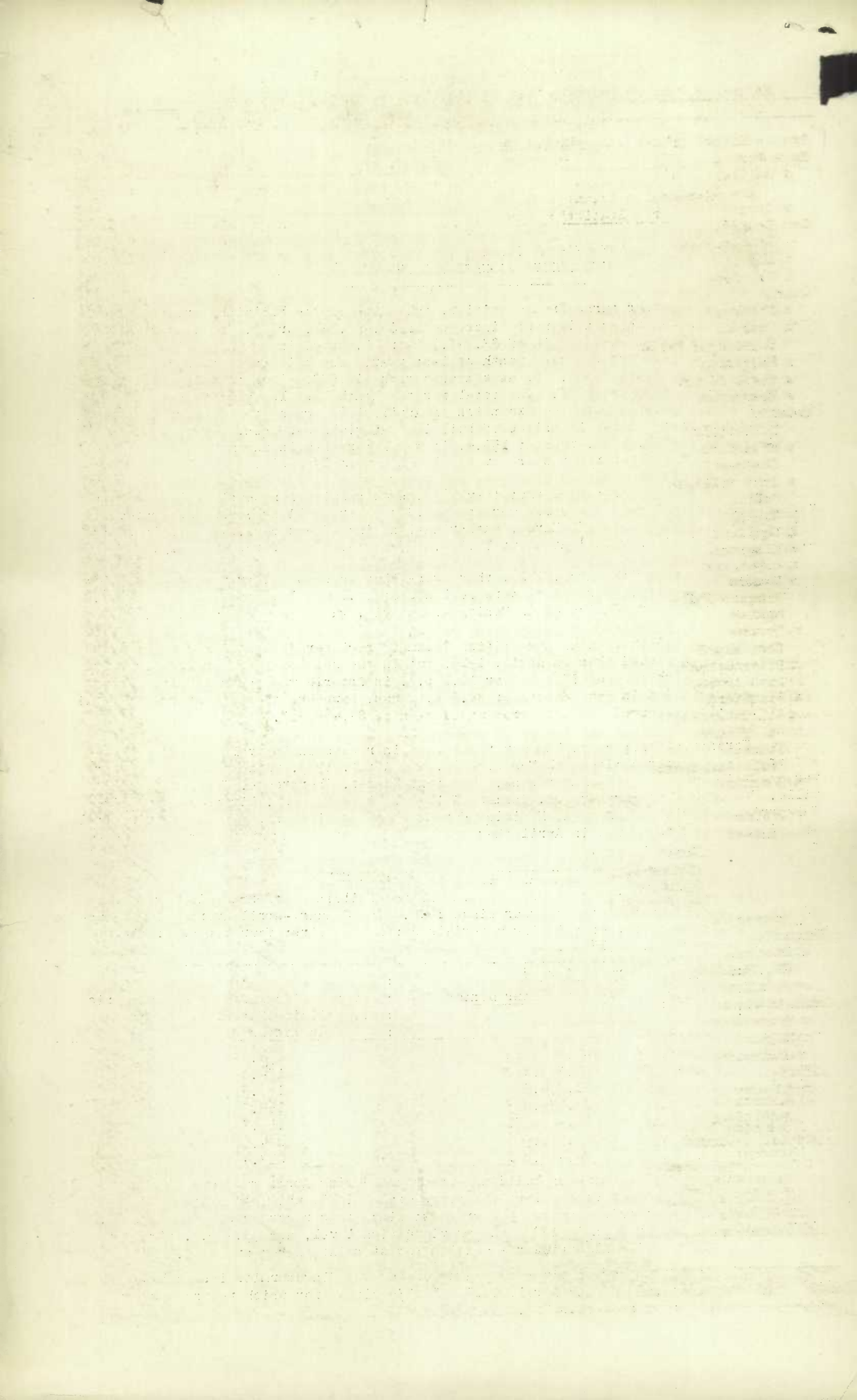
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1926

The table following shows the value of the building authorized in April and in the first four months of each year since 1920. The January-April average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials during the first four months of those years are also given. (1913 = 100)

Year	Value of permits issued		Average Indexes of wholesale Prices of Building Materials in first four months
	In April	In first four months	
1926	\$18,988,755	\$41,240,209	152.0
1925	15,442,855	35,377,215	154.0
1924	13,594,306	31,594,975	166.5
1923	19,493,926	38,935,085	165.3
1922	15,806,123	34,450,071	160.7
1921	13,460,339	26,886,566	204.6
1920	15,631,850	34,498,201	213.4

The aggregate value of building authorized during April was thus higher than in the same month in any of the last six years except 1923, while the total for the first four months of this year was the greatest since this record was begun in 1920, being 5.9 p.c. larger than in 1923, the previous high level, and 53.4 p.c. higher than in 1921, when building in the cities reached its lowest point in recent years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by cities in March and April, 1926, and April, 1925. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".



Estimated Cost of Building Work as indicated By Building Permits.

Cities	Apr. 1926	Mar. 1926	Apr. 1925
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	6,000
Nova Scotia	84,576	74,245	643,646
x Halifax	26,995	23,895	639,255
New Glasgow	160	Nil	645
x Sydney	57,421	10,350	3,746
New Brunswick	97,205	110,618	437,985
Fredericton	3,300	14,400	16,600
x Moncton	52,505	1,000	10,855
x St. John	41,400	95,218	410,530
Quebec	3,273,084	2,408,355	3,498,031
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,942,197	2,048,365	2,346,820
x Quebec	358,237	131,675	245,836
Shawinigan Falls	26,925	5,875	45,350
x Sherbrooke	147,900	10,900	58,100
x Three Rivers	174,675	67,690	597,225
x Westmount	623,150	143,850	204,700
Ontario	6,746,731	4,876,125	7,508,731
Belleville	203,490	10,000	38,100
x Brantford	10,425	7,860	15,127
Chatham	37,155	37,550	7,985
x Fort William	55,220	223,725	265,720
Galt	54,320	63,910	28,160
x Guelph	32,705	53,390	56,582
x Hamilton	343,430	329,750	307,800
x Kingston	59,049	9,420	133,954
x Kitchener	160,212	54,145	299,058
x London	246,945	60,215	305,700
Niagara Falls	120,150	228,570	94,105
Oshawa	11,957	15,285	82,790
x Ottawa	176,915	77,425	771,762
Owen Sound	3,450	3,500	50,550
x Peterborough	14,730	10,560	55,734
x Port Arthur	85,938	13,250	46,055
x Stratford	53,482	11,865	77,560
x St. Catharines	91,070	23,282	119,452
x St. Thomas	30,410	18,600	14,711
Sarnia	55,312	52,350	73,749
Sault Ste. Marie	52,935	8,955	54,649
x Toronto	2,466,160	2,154,620	2,363,910
York Townships	556,365	586,500	1,070,500
Welland	122,114	13,725	11,070
x Windsor	969,308	535,820	793,050
Ford	162,175	53,500	133,980
Riverside	55,455	13,300	13,500
Sandwich	363,025	187,650	92,100
Walkerville	144,000	73,000	117,000
Woodstock	8,809	4,403	14,318
Manitoba	5,301,628	576,206	836,260
x Brandon	6,570	31,100	26,152
St. Boniface	33,708	20,906	37,708
x Winnipeg	5,261,350	524,200	772,400
Saskatchewan	815,895	182,164	316,710
x Moose Jaw	22,525	39,775	11,025
x Regina	550,465	60,469	200,915
x Saskatoon	242,905	81,920	104,770
Alberta	306,921	439,860	393,948
x Calgary	131,966	149,695	122,850
x Edmonton	153,710	244,865	240,310
Lethbridge	10,915	43,640	25,448
Medicine Hat	10,330	1,660	5,340
British Columbia	2,362,715	1,910,850	1,801,544
Nanaimo	7,450	17,425	5,065
x New Westminster	90,305	46,375	45,025
Point Grey	569,950	765,400	608,800
Prince Rupert	22,650	7,950	26,800
South Vancouver	145,850	160,900	125,575
x Vancouver	1,461,080	808,035	958,307
x Victoria	65,430	104,765	31,972
Total 60 Cities	18,988,755	10,538,423	15,442,855
x Total, 35 Cities	16,206,805	8,208,069	12,656,968
Cumulative Record for 60 Cities -	1926	1925	1924
first four months	41,240,209	35,377,215	31,594,975

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