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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1927, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JANUARY, 1927, AND FEBRUARY, 1926.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was higher by \$2,349,253 or 43.3 p.c. than in the preceding month, and by \$639,003 or 9.0 p.c. than in February of last year: the total stood at \$7,778,552 during the month under review, as compared with \$5,429,299 in January, 1927, and \$7,139,549 in the corresponding month of 1926. The February total was the highest for that month in the record for the 63 cities, which goes back to 1920. Building costs, however, were lower in 1927 than in any other year of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 750 permits for dwellings, valued at more than \$3,300,000, and nearly 1,100 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$4,000,000. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 500 dwellings and 950 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$1,980,000 and \$3,150,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases in the value of permits issued as compared with January, 1927, while in Alberta and British Columbia there were comparatively small declines. The largest gain, of \$1,971,946 or 81.5 p.c., took place in Ontario.

As compared with February, 1926, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia registered improvement, that of \$2,322,415 or 112.3 p.c. in Ontario being especially noteworthy. Quebec reported the greatest decline, of \$1,615,410, or 52.0 p.c.

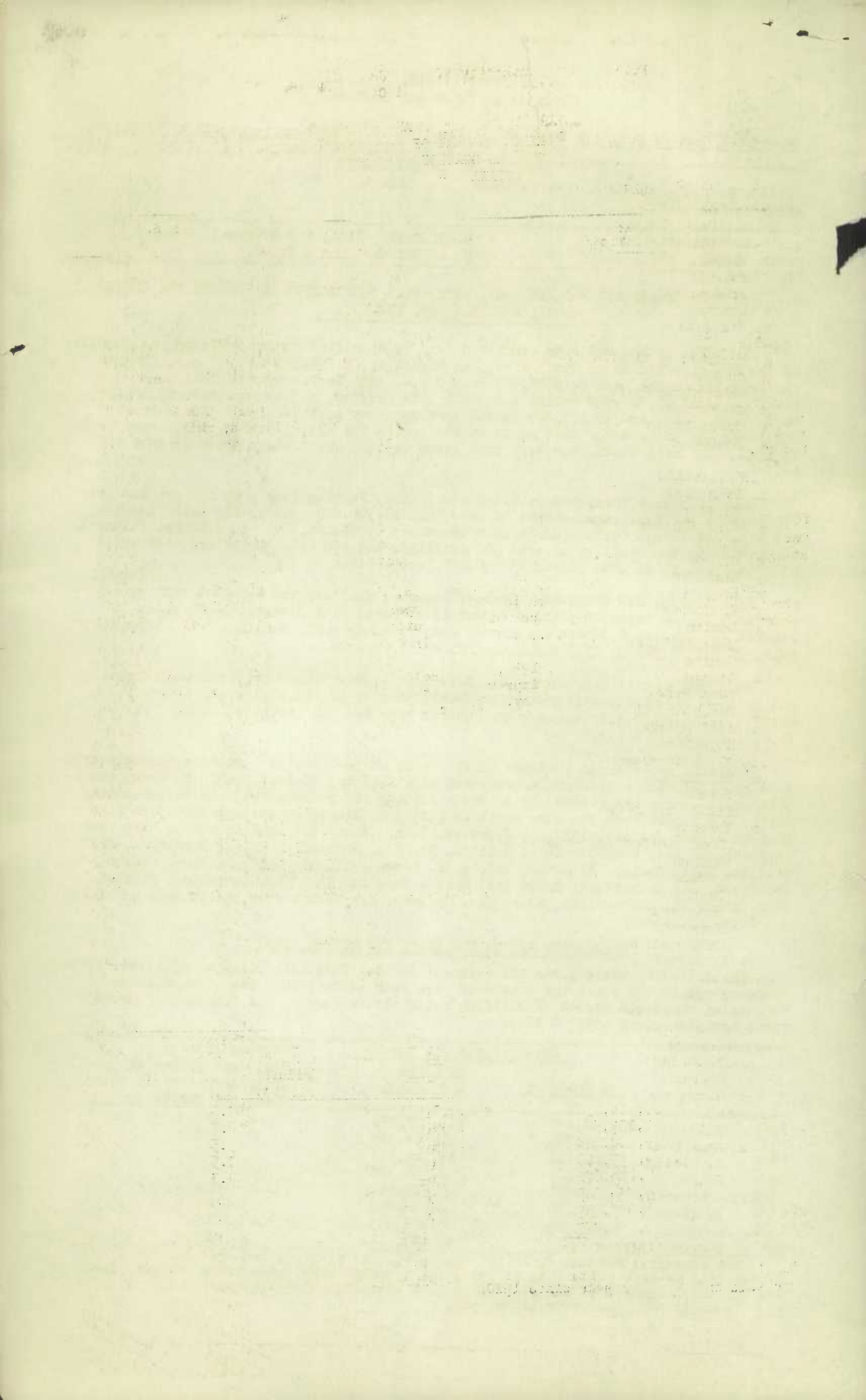
Montreal recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1927, but a decrease as compared with February of last year. In Toronto and Vancouver, on the other hand, there was a falling off as compared with the preceding month, but a gain over the same month in 1926. In Winnipeg, the aggregate was higher than in either January, 1927, or February, 1926. Among the smaller cities there were increases in both comparisons in Halifax, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Brantford, Fort William, Galt, Guelph, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Ottawa, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, York and East York Townships, Windsor, Ford, Sandwich, Walkerville, Moose Jaw, Calgary, New Westminster, Point Grey and North and South Vancouver.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1927

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during February and in the first two months of each year since 1920. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January and February of the same years are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued		Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first two months
	In February	In First Two Months	
1927	\$7,778,552	\$13,207,831	147.3
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	152.7
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	153.5
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	167.5
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	164.3
1922	4,738,105	8,064,642	161.6
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	209.7
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	205.2

The aggregate for the first two months of this year was thus greater by \$1,348,768, or 11.4 p.c., than in 1926, the previous high level of the record. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued to be lower than in any other year since 1920.



Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.
 February, 1927 January, 1927 February, 1926

	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	20,382	6,989	20,235
x Halifax	20,382	4,350	18,225
New Glasgow	Nil	Nil	10
x Sydney	Nil	2,639	2,000
New Brunswick	18,620	5,360	125
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	15,460	Nil	125
x St. John	3,160	5,360	Nil
Quebec	1,488,360	920,830	3,103,770
x Montreal - xMaisonneuve	1,349,435	839,305	2,900,470
x Quebec	32,350	39,350	30,975
Shawinigan Falls	3,575	1,075	Nil
x Sherbrooke	4,750	17,700	8,000
x Three Rivers	36,550	8,400	72,325
x Westmount	61,700	15,000	92,000
Ontario	4,391,080	2,419,134	2,068,665
Belleville	1,200	3,700	5,200
x Brantford	49,275	3,150	15,600
Chatham	5,000	22,175	11,500
x Fort William	539,000	4,000	9,600
Galt	15,225	5,365	660
x Guelph	40,245	26,975	3,500
x Hamilton	99,150	139,000	118,950
x Kingston	28,310	5,325	10,955
x Kitchener	79,674	7,986	22,380
x London	41,180	31,650	16,255
Niagara Falls	136,150	63,915	124,300
Oshawa	94,900	12,665	12,250
x Ottawa	88,950	59,300	24,540
Owen Sound	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Peterborough	700	16,835	1,395
x Port Arthur	76,865	101,708	48,455
x Stratford	3,415	450	1,630
x St. Catharines	45,030	29,925	1,200
x St. Thomas	820	340	1,140
Sarnia	11,730	11,530	18,955
Sault Ste. Marie	166,400	Nil	1,455
x Toronto	1,226,350	1,437,480	1,133,910
York and East York Townships	390,000	146,215	217,050
Welland	5,640	6,750	5,350
x Windsor	634,110	116,440	164,870
Ford	82,860	34,500	24,800
Riverside	8,800	37,800	13,000
Sandwich	60,950	47,500	32,400
Walkerville	457,000	40,000	25,000
Woodstock	2,151	6,455	2,365
Manitoba	98,400	55,965	98,850
x Brandon	Nil	Nil	1,700
St. Boniface	2,500	4,315	12,000
x Winnipeg	95,900	51,650	85,150
Saskatchewan	45,625	33,105	215,815
x Moose Jaw	4,100	3,250	3,800
x Regina	38,375	23,155	204,725
x Saskatoon	3,150	6,700	7,290
Alberta	135,330	145,225	120,483
x Calgary	104,700	101,421	71,373
x Edmonton	30,190	35,950	37,450
Lethbridge	440	7,854	11,660
Medicine Hat	Nil	Nil	Nil
British Columbia	1,580,755	1,842,691	1,511,606
Kamloops	Nil	3,000	1,525
Nanaimo	100	141,600	7,600
x New Westminster	74,210	52,375	47,800
Prince Rupert	4,175	5,850	25,500
x Vancouver	827,810	1,258,545	792,485
Point Grey	478,700	264,540	458,900
North Vancouver	43,095	19,995	30,505
South Vancouver	118,450	82,700	85,320
x Victoria	34,215	14,086	61,971
Total - 63 Cities	7,778,552	5,429,299	7,139,549
x Total - 35 Cities	5,689,511	4,459,800	6,012,244

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