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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1927, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1927, AND MAY, 1926, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1927.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during May was higher by 16.7 p.c. than in April, 1927, and by 11.0 p.c. than in May, 1926, according to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics; these showed that the authorizations amounted to \$20,532,147, as compared with \$17,587,536 ^{1/} in the preceding month and with \$18,504,296 in May, 1926. The total for May exceeded that for the same month in any other year since this record was begun in 1920, while building costs continued lower than in any of the last eight years.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 2,000 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$9,000,000 and for some 4,000 other buildings estimated to cost more than \$10,250,000. In April, authority was given for the erection of nearly 1,700 dwellings and 3,800 other buildings, valued at approximately \$8,200,000 and \$8,000,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with April, 1927, the largest gain of \$1,326,615 or 18.2 p.c., being registered in Ontario. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$1,158,617 or 21.4 p.c. in Quebec was most pronounced.

As compared with May, 1926, Quebec and British Columbia recorded reductions, of \$1,115,749 or 20.7 p.c. and \$57,444 or 2.3 p.c., respectively. The other provinces recorded increases, of which those of \$898,029, or 104.4 p.c., in Saskatchewan and \$975,314, or 12.7 p.c., in Ontario were greatest.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg reported higher totals of building permits issued than in either April, 1927, or May, 1926, while Vancouver showed an increase in the former and a decrease in the latter comparison. Of the other centres, Sydney, Moncton, Saint John, Shawinigan Falls, Brantford, Chatham, Galt, Ottawa, Peterborough, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, Ford, Riverside, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatchewan, Calgary, Edmonton, Kamloops, Point Grey and Victoria reported increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with both the preceding month and the corresponding month of last year.

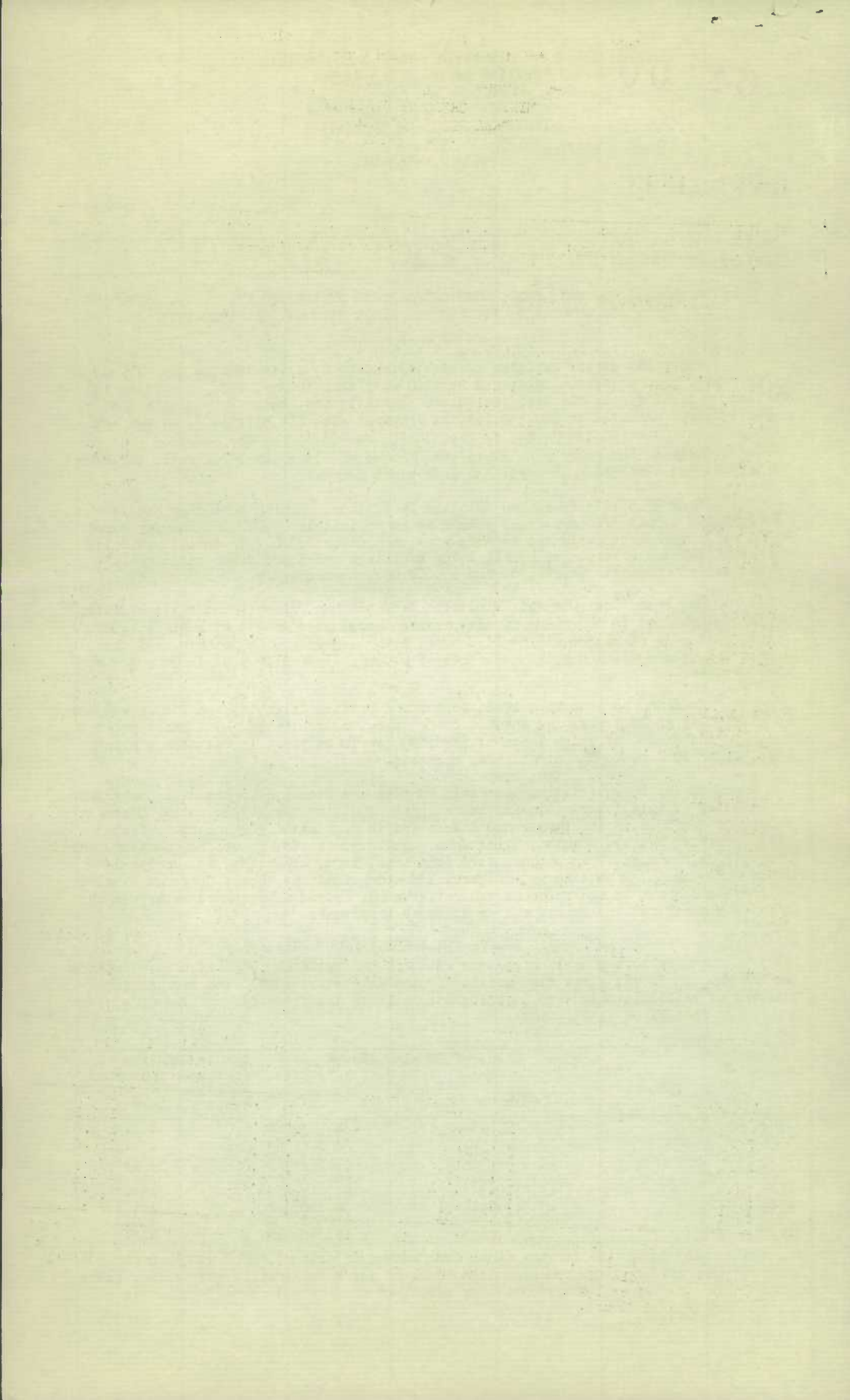
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1927.

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

Year	Value of Permits issued		Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first five months
	In May	In first five months	
1927	\$20,532,147	\$62,973,761	147.3
1926	18,504,296	60,042,369	151.1
1925	15,520,435	50,983,833	153.8
1924	14,807,589	46,544,689	166.0
1923	18,937,638	57,946,608	165.7
1922	19,527,061	54,040,922	161.1
1921	14,460,878	41,530,750	200.7
1920	13,082,015	47,640,916	215.9

The aggregate for the first five months of this year was nearly 5 per cent greater than in 1926, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued to be lower than in any other year since 1920.

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 Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by
 Building Permits issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	May 1927	April 1927	May 1926
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown			
Nova Scotia	331,699	400,320	92,591
x Halifax	138,813	372,220	88,052
New Glasgow	1,185	700	600
x Sydney	191,701	27,400	4,039
New Brunswick	171,620	111,400	109,068
Fredericton	12,300	79,500	5,580
x Moncton	139,985	22,275	94,978
x St. John	19,335	9,625	8,400
Quebec	4,264,352	5,422,969	5,380,101
x Montreal -xMaisonneuve	3,043,089	2,061,253	2,781,110
x Quebec	637,468	2,516,699	377,636
Shawinigan Falls	56,985	44,040	43,000
x Sherbrooke	37,100	112,025	188,000
x Three Rivers	136,150	425,300	409,230
x Westmount	353,560	233,652	1,591,125
Ontario	8,627,948	7,301,333 1/	7,052,634
Belleville	9,240	24,045	14,595
x Brantford	137,000	22,320	19,520
Chatham	103,238	75,899	70,650
x Fort William	156,800	71,910	184,580
Galt	42,065	9,340 1/	14,058
x Guelph	40,590	78,360	24,650
x Hamilton	456,150	371,400	502,400
x Kingston	30,020	11,617	208,364
x Kitchener	142,385	136,478	169,557
x London	416,235	403,460	418,120
x Niagara Falls	160,825	298,163	187,645
Oshawa	292,810	518,065	47,375
x Ottawa	435,725	300,030	382,875
Owen Sound	15,200	238,000	25,060
x Peterborough	131,310	35,915	50,770
x Port Arthur	675,395	51,704	93,466
x Stratford	21,140	66,870	7,700
x St. Catharines	119,204	35,536	91,180
x St. Thomas	4,838	21,425	31,427
Sarnia	72,621	99,475	70,085
Sault Ste. Marie	32,434	38,503	31,362
x Toronto	3,210,693	2,207,632	2,668,044
York & East York Townships	689,510	754,625	400,110
Welland	23,600	60,040	51,150
x Windsor	353,005	634,515	771,320
Ford	211,336	171,840	193,275
Riverside	37,400	33,915	61,400
Sandwich	102,000	428,700	219,925
Walkerville	189,000	96,000	269,000
Woodstock	5,169	4,521	12,061
Manitoba	1,628,672	1,251,073	1,273,319
x Brandon	14,832	610	93,822
St. Boniface	246,790	53,753	127,197
x Winnipeg	1,367,050	1,196,700	1,052,300
Saskatchewan	1,758,047	827,740	860,018
x Moose Jaw	314,127	273,100	28,120
x Regina	639,390	283,170	519,010
x Saskatoon	804,530	271,070	312,888
Alberta	1,333,982	553,758	563,194
x Calgary	430,982	292,192	279,894
x Edmonton	885,070	221,935	372,575
Lethbridge	17,255	38,040	9,775
Medicine Hat	675	691	950
British Columbia	2,415,827	1,719,343	2,473,271
Kamloops	70,170	12,935	Nil
Nanaimo	8,100	24,555	13,500
x New Westminster	134,250	177,450	43,465
Prince Rupert	5,325	18,300	9,375
x Vancouver	992,990	735,731	1,537,455
Point Grey	592,300	164,460	580,750
North Vancouver	49,210	51,495	24,510
South Vancouver	99,400	29,043	164,800
x Victoria	463,582	114,844	102,316
Total, 63 Cities	20,532,147	17,587,536 1/	18,504,296
xTotal, 35 Cities	17,075,504	13,827,453	15,767,998

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