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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1928, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR
JANUARY, 1928, AND FEBRUARY, 1927.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was higher by \$2,610,801 or 33.9 p.c. than in the preceding month, and by \$2,685,229 or 35.2 p.c. than in February of last year: the total stood at \$10,323,405 during the month under review, as compared with \$7,712,604 in January, 1928, and \$7,638,176 in February, 1927. The February, 1928, total was the highest for that month in the record for the 63 cities, which goes back to 1920, while building costs continued lower than in earlier years of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 700 permits for dwellings, valued at almost \$3,400,000 and nearly 1,600 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$6,860,000; the latter included the permit for a grain elevator in Vancouver, valued at \$2,000,000. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 600 dwellings and 1,200 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$3,000,000 and \$3,900,000, respectively.

New Brunswick and the four Western Provinces reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1928, while elsewhere comparatively small declines were indicated. The largest gain of \$2,308,482, or 192.2 p.c., took place in British Columbia; this was chiefly due to the authorized construction of a grain elevator in Vancouver, already mentioned.

As compared with February, 1927, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia registered improvement, that of \$1,919,547, or 120.7 p.c. in the last named being especially noteworthy. The decreases in the remaining provinces were small.

Montreal recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1928, but a slight reduction as compared with February of last year. In Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver there were advances in both comparisons. Increases over the preceding month and the same month of last year were also reported in Halifax, Saint John, Three Rivers, Westmount, London, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, St. Thomas, Welland, Woodstock, Brandon, St. Boniface, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Lethbridge, Kamloops, New Westminster, Point Grey, North and South Vancouver and Victoria.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1928.

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, as well as the index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. 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		Indexes of value of permits issued (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first two months. (1913=100)
	In February	In first two months.		
1928	\$10,323,405	\$18,036,009	177.3	147.8
1927	7,638,176	13,314,713	130.8	147.3
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	116.6	152.7
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	111.6	153.5
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	84.0	167.5
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	96.5	164.3
1922	4,738,105	8,064,642	79.3	161.6
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	61.7	209.7
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	100.0	205.2

The aggregate for the elapsed months of 1928 was higher by 35.4 p.c. than the total for the same months of 1927, the previous high level of this record of nine years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities in January and February, 1928, and February, 1927. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are indicated thus "x".

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

Cities	February, 1928	January, 1928	February, 1927
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	21,240	25,275	21,382
x Halifax	21,240	18,335	20,382
New Glasgow	Nil	2,000	1,000
x Sydney	Nil	4,940	Nil
New Brunswick	18,950	15,865	19,911
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	91
x Moncton	Nil	3,800	15,460
x Saint John	18,950	12,065	4,360
Quebec	1,714,808	1,944,850	1,488,360
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,303,385	1,225,480	1,349,435
x Quebec	44,273	583,570	32,350
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	8,500	3,575
x Sherbrooke	11,600	Nil	4,750
x Three Rivers	80,350	27,300	36,550
x Westmount	275,200	100,000	61,700
Ontario	4,159,242	4,213,114	4,239,080
Belleville	100	8,500	1,200
x Brantford	12,979	14,648	49,275
Chatham	13,100	18,000	5,000
x Fort William	537,300	2,920	539,300
Galt	2,795	900	15,225
x Guelph	22,085	1,225	40,245
x Hamilton	238,750	250,600	99,150
x Kingston	14,170	6,770	28,310
x Kitchener	6,531	7,196	79,674
x London	101,800	101,550	41,190
Niagara Falls	20,660	55,450	136,150
Oshawa	106,625	51,500	94,900
x Ottawa	59,590	75,100	88,950
Owen Sound	7,200	2,500	Nil
x Peterborough	17,860	7,515	700
x Port Arthur	10,175	633,675	76,865
x Stratford	965	1,100	3,615
x St. Catharines	25,475	33,910	45,030
x St. Thomas	1,000	800	820
Sarnia	12,925	15,201	11,730
Sault Ste. Marie	9,850	8,145	14,390
x Toronto	2,452,407	2,162,329	1,226,350
York & East York Townships	232,800	380,150	390,000
Welland	7,000	5,355	5,640
x Windsor	164,800	190,175	634,110
Ford	11,525	4,000	82,860
Riverside	19,400	80,800	8,300
Sandwich	4,100	54,100	60,950
Walkerville	43,000	38,000	457,000
Woodstock	2,275	1,000	2,151
Manitoba	395,100	127,475	98,400
x Brandon	11,050	825	Nil
St. Boniface	19,750	17,000	2,500
x Winnipeg	364,300	109,650	95,900
Saskatchewan	131,625	53,950	45,625
x Moose Jaw	2,150	5,300	4,100
x Regina	97,775	31,650	38,375
x Saskatoon	31,700	17,000	3,150
Alberta	372,805	130,922	135,330
x Calgary	328,730	101,317	104,700
x Edmonton	27,835	13,650	30,190
Lethbridge	15,455	15,430	440
Medicine Hat	785	525	Nil
British Columbia	3,509,635	1,201,153 ^{1/2}	1,590,088
Kamloops	9,400	4,000	Nil
Nanaimo	4,100	5,980	100
x New Westminster	147,300	92,145	74,210
Prince Rupert	3,825	3,700	5,175
x Vancouver	2,530,930	587,640	827,810
Point Grey	516,780	343,690	478,700
North Vancouver	46,000	29,910	43,095
South Vancouver	131,300	78,600	118,450
x Victoria	120,000	55,488	42,548
Total - 63 Cities	10,323,405	7,712,604 ^{1/2}	7,638,176
x Total - 35 Cities	9,082,655	6,479,668	5,699,554

^{1/2} Revised total.

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