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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1928, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1928,  
AND MARCH, 1927, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920-1928.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during March was \$14,916,247; this was an increase of \$4,592,842 or 44.5 p.c. over the February total of \$10,323,405, and of \$3,202,607 or 27.3 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$11,713,640 reported for the corresponding month in 1927. The March, 1928, total was the highest for that month in the record of the 63 cities. Building costs, as shown by the Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of building materials, continued lower than in earlier years of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 1,100 permits for dwellings valued in excess of \$5,100,000 and for some 2,200 other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$9,600,000. In February, authority was given for the erection of over 700 dwellings and nearly 1,600 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$3,400,000 and \$6,800,000, respectively; the latter included the permit for a grain elevator in Vancouver, valued at \$2,000,000.

All provinces except British Columbia reported increases in the building authorized during March as compared with the preceding month. The greatest absolute gain was that of \$1,871,832 or 45.0 p.c. in Ontario, but larger proportionate increases were shown in the other provinces.

As compared with March, 1927, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded increases, that of \$1,195,742, or 76.5 p.c., in Quebec being most pronounced. There were decreases in New Brunswick and British Columbia, the former showing a decline of 80.8 p.c. and the latter of 17.0 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg registered increases as compared with the preceding month and also as compared with March of last year. In Vancouver, on the other hand, there were decreases in both comparisons. Of the smaller centres, Halifax, Westmount, Belleville, Brantford, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Port Arthur, St. Boniface, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert and South Vancouver reported higher totals than in either February, 1928, or March, 1927.

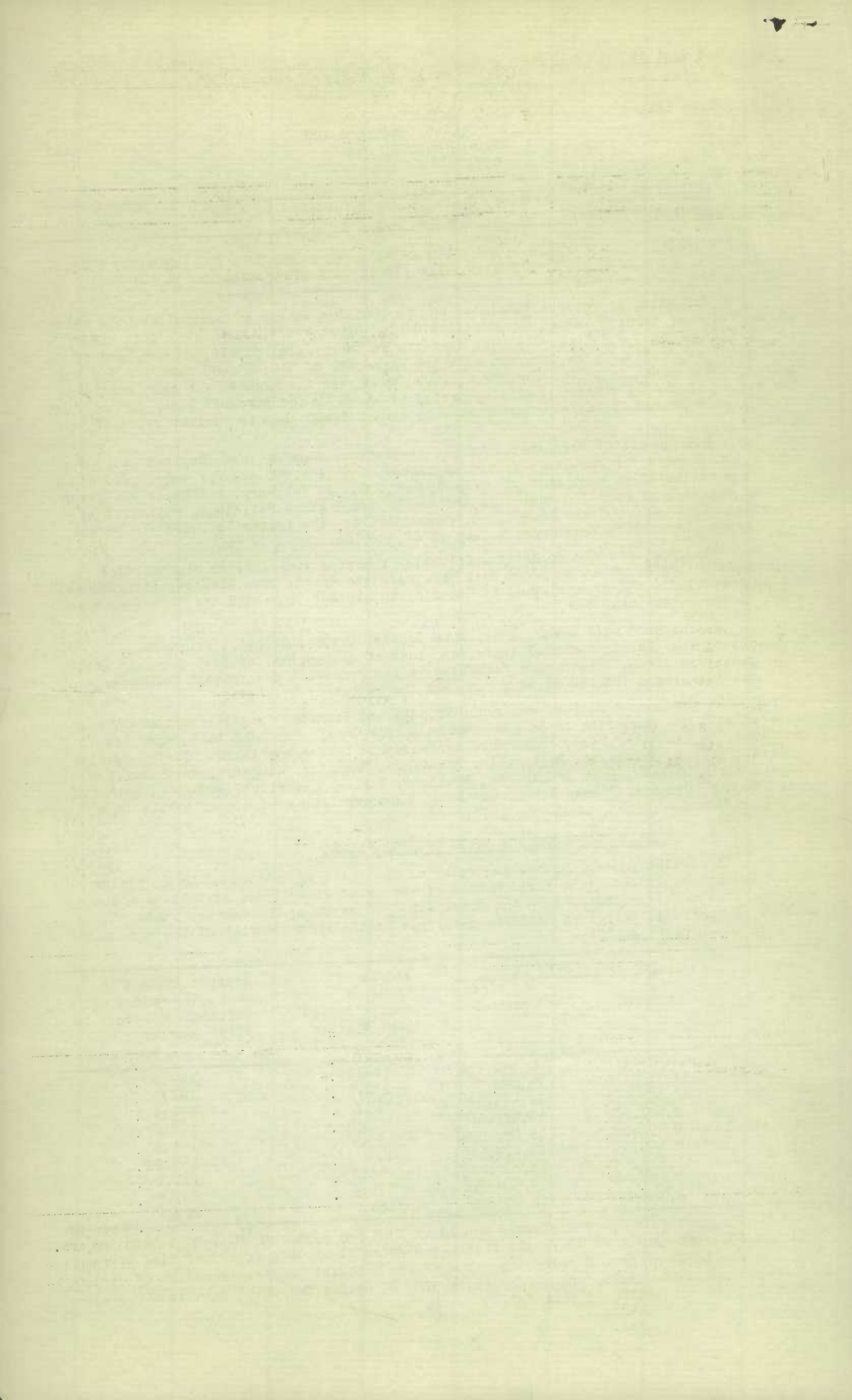
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1928.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during March, and in the first three months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first quarter of the same years are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued		Indexes of value of permits issued first quarter (1920 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first quarter (1913 = 100)
	In March	In first quarter		
1928	\$14,916,247	\$32,952,256	174.3	147.8
1927	11,713,640	25,028,353	132.4	147.3
1926	10,634,491	22,493,574	119.0	152.3
1925	8,631,627	19,981,015	105.7	153.8
1924	9,493,620	18,047,999	95.4	167.3
1923	9,658,950	19,478,119	103.0	164.9
1922	10,615,531	18,680,173	98.8	161.1
1921	7,290,589	13,569,512	71.8	207.8
1920	8,736,675	18,909,986	100.0	208.1

The aggregate for the elapsed months of 1928 was higher by 31.7 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 February and March, 1928, and March, 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	March, 1928.	February, 1928.	March, 1927.
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	-	-	Nil
Nova Scotia	898,175	21,240	37,739
x Halifax	895,950	21,240	32,117
New Glasgow	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Sydney	2,225	Nil	5,622
New Brunswick	36,467	18,950	190,313
Fredericton	1/	Nil	386
x Moncton	11,650	Nil	158,020
x Saint John	24,817	18,950	31,907
Quebec	3,407,888	1,714,808	2,212,146
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,695,020	1,303,385	1,218,720
x Quebec	277,943	44,273	510,206
Shawinigan Falls	1,600	Nil	23,765
x Sherbrooke	28,850	11,600	27,705
x Three Rivers	36,375	80,350	271,825
x Westmount	368,100	275,200	159,925
Ontario	6,031,074	4,159,242	6,029,261
Belleville	10,275	100	7,450
x Brantford	51,864	12,979	33,895
Chatham	26,225	13,100	35,600
x Fort William	20,480	537,300	24,960
Galt	4,736	2,795	28,840
x Guelph	43,195	22,085	54,981
x Hamilton	1,115,400	238,750	377,500
x Kingston	71,830	14,170	24,734
x Kitchener	48,049	6,531	39,649
x London	209,535	101,800	224,755
Niagara Falls	201,471	20,660	197,038
Oshawa	291,850	106,625	225,150
x Ottawa	46,250	59,590	244,275
Owen Sound	Nil	7,200	22,075
x Peterborough	3,245	17,860	9,310
x Port Arthur	155,080	10,175	42,350
x Stratford	4,000	965	15,555
x St. Catharines	38,300	25,475	82,284
x St. Thomas	1,105	1,000	6,510
Sarnia	64,015	12,925	96,292
Sault Ste. Marie	7,630	9,850	41,250
x Toronto	2,787,485	2,452,407	2,261,313
x York & East York Townships	335,850	232,800	508,050
Welland	7,000	7,000	98,455
x Windsor	312,955	164,800	822,315
Ford	21,350	11,525	85,115
Riverside	21,850	19,400	74,625
Sandwich	65,100	4,100	115,515
Walkerville	47,000	43,000	202,000
Woodstock	17,949	2,275	27,360
Manitoba	1,294,444	395,100	598,072
x Brandon	7,044	11,050	25,602
St. Boniface	96,800	19,750	25,420
x Winnipeg	1,190,600	364,300	547,050
Saskatchewan	945,815	131,625	281,305
x Moose Jaw	7,555	2,150	9,445
x Regina	231,910	97,775	121,205
x Saskatoon	706,350	31,700	150,655
Alberta	519,386	372,805	216,633
x Calgary	293,626	328,730	119,013
x Edmonton	197,545	27,835	82,750
Lethbridge	21,750	15,455	11,035
Medicine Hat	6,465	785	3,835
British Columbia	1,782,998	3,509,635	2,148,171
Kamloops	3,575	9,400	35,749
Nanaimo	7,150	4,100	3,290
x New Westminster	54,250	147,300	127,460
Prince Rupert	80,900	3,825	6,550
x Vancouver	836,970	2,530,930	875,835
Point Grey	457,230	516,780	766,870
West Vancouver	20,360	46,000	28,464
North Vancouver	222,545	131,300	119,900
x Victoria	100,018	120,000	184,053
Total - 63 Cities	14,916,247	10,323,405	11,713,640
x Total - 35 Cities	12,038,601	9,082,655	8,923,561

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