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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1928, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR APRIL, 1928 AND MAY, 1927, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES
FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1928.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during May, 1928, was higher by 48.4 p.c. than in April, 1928, and by 36.5 p.c. than in May, 1927, according to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics; these showed that the authorizations amounted to \$27,497,189 as compared with \$18,527,846 in the preceding month and with \$20,138,657 in May, 1927. 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 nine years except 1927.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 2,100 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$11,400,000 and for some 4,600 other buildings estimated to cost nearly \$11,800,000. In April, authority was given for the erection of some 1,600 dwellings and 3,500 other buildings, valued at approximately \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with April, 1928, the largest gain of \$5,263,713 or 66.5 p.c., being registered in Ontario. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$868,224 or 34.0 p.c. in British Columbia was most pronounced.

As compared with May, 1927, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta recorded increases, that of \$4,890,976 or 59.0 p.c. in Ontario being largest. The other provinces recorded declines, of which that of \$738,815 or 30.5 p.c., in British Columbia was most noteworthy.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg reported higher totals of building permits issued than in either April, 1928, or May, 1927, while Vancouver showed decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Fredericton, Saint John, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Chatham, Fort William, Galt, Guelph, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, Stratford, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Walkerville, Woodstock, Brandon, Saskatoon, Medicine Hat and South Vancouver reported increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with both the preceding month and the corresponding month of last year.

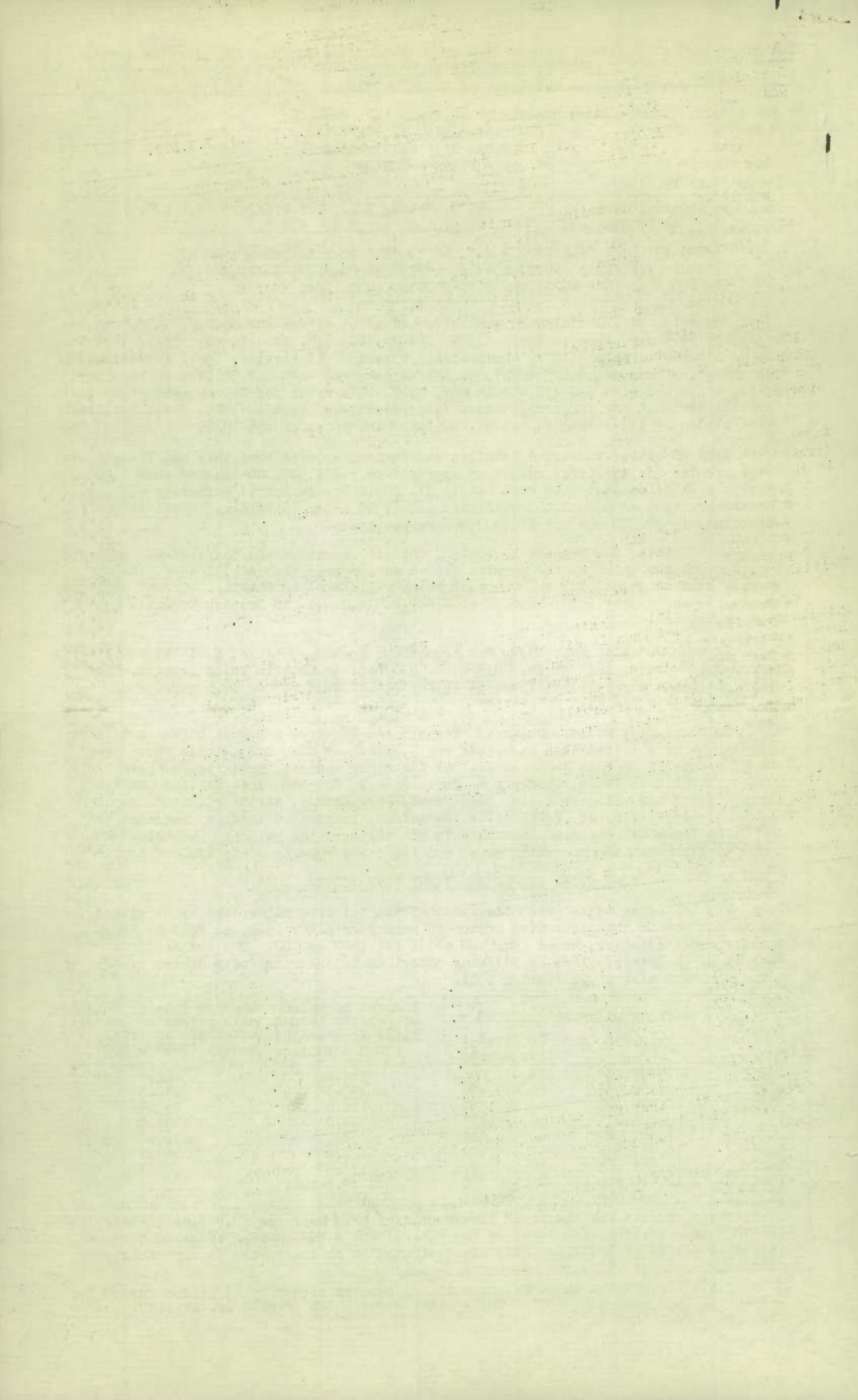
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1928.

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, 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 five months of the same years are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued		Indexes of value of permits issued, first five months (1920 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first five months (1913 = 100)
	In May	In first five months		
1928	\$27,497,189	\$78,977,291	165.8	148.6
1927	20,138,657	62,479,480	131.1	147.3
1926	18,504,296	60,042,369	126.0	151.1
1925	15,520,435	50,983,833	107.0	153.8
1924	14,807,589	46,544,689	97.7	166.0
1923	18,937,638	57,946,608	121.6	165.7
1922	19,527,061	54,040,922	113.4	161.1
1921	14,460,878	41,530,750	87.2	200.7
1920	13,082,015	47,640,916	100.0	215.9

The aggregate for the first five months of this year was 26.4 p.c. greater than in 1927, 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, except 1927.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during May and April, 1928, and May, 1927. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".



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

Cities	May, 1928	April, 1928	May, 1927
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	-	-	Nil
Nova Scotia	122,325	63,555	331,699
x Halifax	115,640	7,260	138,813
New Glasgow	2,300	26,715	1,185
x Sydney	4,385	29,580	191,701
New Brunswick	179,457	120,595	176,332
Fredericton	67,000	10,115	20
x Moncton	28,915	52,580	139,985
x Saint John	83,542	57,900	36,327
Quebec	6,889,400	3,027,004	4,264,477
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	4,066,945	1,862,030	3,043,089
x Quebec	1,297,975	366,084	637,468
Shawinigan Falls	180,765	80,065	56,985
x Sherbrooke	288,200	23,600	37,100
x Three Rivers	678,825	124,175	136,250
x Westmount	376,690	571,050	353,585
Ontario	13,183,864	7,920,151	8,292,888
Belleville	42,150	87,655	9,240
x Brantford	44,064	58,235	137,000
Chatham	268,450	49,175	103,238
x Fort William	295,500	96,300	156,800
Galt	87,937	30,443	42,065
x Guelph	63,999	43,876	40,590
x Hamilton	491,450	814,800	456,150
x Kingston	46,161	171,732	30,620
x Kitchener	329,915	133,830	142,385
x London	230,110	336,725	416,235
Niagara Falls	210,020	104,895	160,825
Oshawa	284,610	379,880	292,810
x Ottawa	420,400	351,150	435,725
Owen Sound	88,500	12,100	15,200
x Peterborough	79,187	38,827	131,310
x Port Arthur	3,441,035	71,230	675,805
x Stratford	68,637	9,435	20,990
x St. Catharines	78,030	98,220	119,204
x St. Thomas	30,454	4,915	4,838
Sarnia	128,810	48,575	72,621
Sault Ste. Marie	61,845	39,506	32,434
x Toronto	4,653,687	3,103,740	3,210,693
York and East York Townships	802,748	1,013,406	629,600
Welland	38,930	44,480	23,600
x Windsor	327,860	463,438	353,005
Ford	36,300	105,900	211,336
Riverside	71,550	63,500	72,400
Sandwich	40,425	17,225	102,000
Walkerville	346,000	85,000	189,000
Woodstock	75,100	41,958	5,169
Manitoba	2,087,260	1,624,192	1,628,672
x Brandon	85,380	24,992	14,832
St. Boniface	88,730	150,300	246,790
x Winnipeg	1,913,150	1,448,900	1,367,050
Saskatchewan	1,551,470	1,052,770	1,687,047
x Moose Jaw	176,550	50,360	243,127
x Regina	526,515	413,005	639,390
x Saskatoon	848,405	589,405	804,530
Alberta	1,798,668	2,166,610	1,333,982
x Calgary	842,421	1,407,750	430,982
x Edmonton	884,225	568,615	885,070
Lethbridge	36,695	185,765	17,255
Medicine Hat	35,327	4,480	675
British Columbia	1,684,745	2,552,969	2,423,560
Kamloops	14,136	22,347	70,170
Nanaimo	1,577	3,220	8,100
x New Westminster	30,329	123,800	134,250
Prince Rupert	16,850	18,000	5,225
x Vancouver	909,944	1,118,187	992,990
Point Grey	414,150	481,320	592,300
North Vancouver	23,565	485,740	49,210
South Vancouver	153,000	115,700	99,400
x Victoria	121,194	184,655	471,915
Total - 63 Cities	27,497,189	18,527,846	20,138,657
x Total - 35 Cities	23,879,719	14,820,381	17,029,804

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