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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1929, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
 FOR JANUARY, 1929, AND FEBRUARY, 1928.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was higher by \$2,108,809 or 25.2 p.c. than in the preceding month, and by \$155,141 or 1.5 p.c. than in February of last year: the total stood at \$10,473,479 during February, 1929, as compared with \$8,364,670 in January, 1929, and \$10,318,338 in February, 1928, which had one day more for registration of building projects. The February, 1929, total was the highest for that month in the record for the 61 cities, which goes back to 1920, while building costs continue lower than in most years of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted nearly 600 permits for dwellings, valued at over \$2,000,000 and nearly 1,000 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$8,000,000. In January authority was given for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 900 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$2,600,000 and \$5,000,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Ontario and the four Western Provinces reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1929, while elsewhere comparatively small declines were indicated. The largest gain, of \$1,035,697, took place in Alberta; this was chiefly due to the authorization of an addition to a leading hotel in Calgary.

As compared with February, 1928, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta registered gains, that of \$1,578,798, or 38 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced. Of the decreases in the remaining provinces, that of 48.1 p.c. in British Columbia was greatest.

Of the larger cities, Montreal recorded a reduction in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1929, and February, 1928. In Toronto, there was a decline as compared with the preceding month, but the total was higher than in the same month of last year. Winnipeg reported an advance in both comparisons, while in Vancouver the value of the building authorized was greater than in January, 1929, but lower than in February, 1928, when a permit was issued for the construction of a grain elevator valued at \$2,000,000. Of the other cities, the following registered increases in the value of building authorized during February as compared with January, 1929, and February, 1928:- New Glasgow, Sydney, Fredericton, Moncton, Quebec, Belleville, Chatham, Kitchener, London, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Sarnia, York Townships, Windsor, Riverside, Walkerville, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, Nanaimo and Victoria.

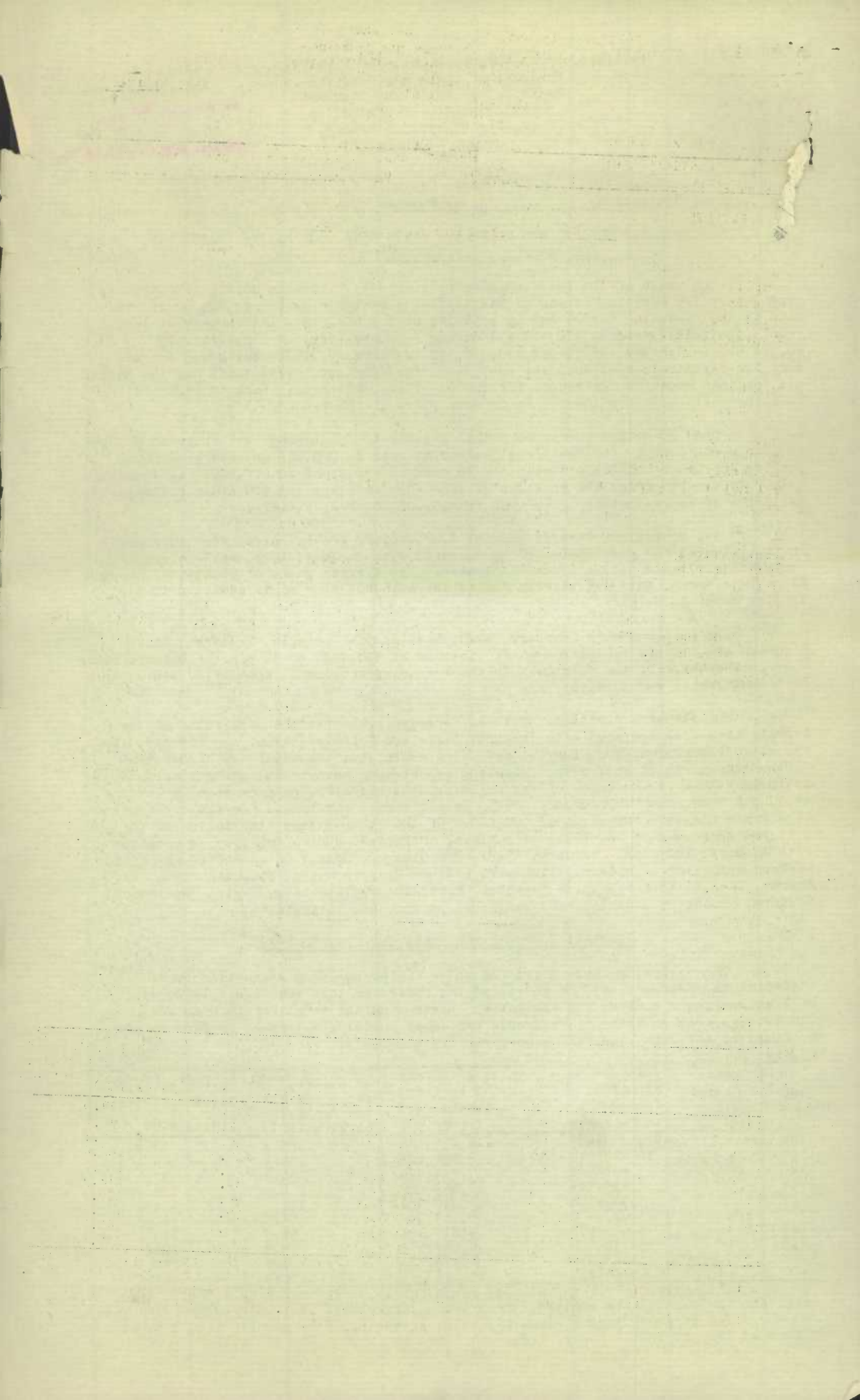
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1929.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 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 (1926 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in February	Value of Permits Issued in first Two Months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first two months, (1920 = 100)	Average indexes of Wholesale prices of Building materials, in first two months, (1926 = 100)
1929	\$10,473,479	\$18,838,149	185.2	99.6
1928	10,318,338	18,034,925	177.3	96.4
1927	7,638,176	13,314,713	130.8	97.1
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	116.6	102.4
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	111.6	103.2
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	84.0	112.3
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	96.5	110.1
1922	4,738,105	8,064,642	79.3	108.3
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	61.7	140.5
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	100.0	137.5

The aggregate for the elapsed months of 1929 was higher by 4.5 p.c. than the total for the same months of 1928, the previous high level of this record of ten years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January and February, 1929, and February, 1928. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are indicated thus "x".



Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	February, 1929	January, 1929	February, 1928
	\$	\$	\$
New Scotia	23,532	423,450	21,240
x Halifax	15,432	423,400	21,240
New Glasgow	1,200	50	Nil
x Sydney	6,900	Nil	Nil
New Brunswick	14,155	5,385	18,950
Fredericton	5,000	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	4,550	Nil	Nil
x Saint John	4,605	5,385	18,950
Quebec	920,885	1,060,305	1,714,808
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	782,610	856,515	1,303,385
x Quebec	77,275	65,890	44,273
Shawinigan Falls	5,200	8,000	Nil
x Sherbrooke	20,000	27,000	11,600
x Three Rivers	25,400	18,900	80,350
x Westmount	10,400	84,000	275,200
Ontario	5,738,040	4,871,197	4,159,242
Belleville	9,650	Nil	100
x Brantford	4,150	3,884	12,979
Chatham	131,000	1,500	13,100
x Fort William	22,450	3,200	537,300
Galt	3,675	23,374	2,795
x Guelph	7,885	7,640	22,085
x Hamilton	255,800	283,800	238,750
x Kingston	70	9,310	14,170
x Kitchener	61,216	17,067	6,531
x London	135,200	28,125	101,800
Niagara Falls	57,191	37,212	20,660
Oshawa	22,250	560	106,625
x Ottawa	91,035	255,400	59,590
Owen Sound	Nil	Nil	7,200
x Peterborough	7,535	11,450	17,860
x Port Arthur	9,510	9,310	10,175
x Stratford	510	3,0815	965
x St. Catharines	116,200	18,075	25,475
x St. Thomas	45,600	950	1,000
Sarnia	70,085	30,236	12,925
Sault Ste. Marie	5,660	4,484	9,850
x Toronto	2,710,559	3,019,162	2,452,407
York & East York Townships	806,950	449,125	232,800
Welland	1,700	20,400	7,000
x Windsor	687,750	348,900	164,800
Ford	8,700	6,300	11,525
Riverside	87,600	8,600	19,400
Sandwich	2,250	224,600	4,100
Walkerville	371,000	31,000	43,000
Woodstock	4,859	13,718	2,275
Manitoba	515,350	261,985	392,100
x Brandon	5,800	Nil	8,050
St. Boniface	10,800	16,885	19,750
x Winnipeg	498,750	245,100	364,300
Saskatchewan	270,075	91,170	131,625
x Moose Jaw	1,400	21,350	2,150
x Regina	158,750	65,220	97,775
x Saskatoon	109,925	4,600	31,700
Alberta	1,170,870	135,173	372,805
x Calgary	1,094,440	79,913	328,730
x Edmonton	71,150	27,100	27,835
Lethbridge	4,180	28,160	15,455
Medicine Hat	1,100	Nil	785
British Columbia	1,820,572	1,516,005	3,507,568
Kamloops	1,000	Nil	Nil
Nanaimo	4,735	Nil	4,100
x New Westminster	19,275	37,425	147,300
Prince Rupert	2,360	7,050	2,825
x Vancouver 1/	11,525,785	1,226,405	3,179,010
North Vancouver	10,250	14,150	46,000
x Victoria	257,167	230,975	128,333
Total - 61 Cities	10,473,479	8,364,670	10,318,338
x Total - 35 Cities	8,849,943	7,439,256	9,087,988

1/ Includes Point Grey and South Vancouver, formerly given separately.

