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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE
STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1929, AND JANUARY, 1929.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, and the aggregate was also lower than in January, 1929 and 1928. It was, however, greater than in the same month of any other year since this record was instituted in 1920. The co-operating municipalities reported permits for building estimated to cost \$7,189,741, as compared with \$14,688,682 in December, 1929, and \$8,416,880 in January, 1929. There was, therefore, a reduction of 51.1 p.c. in the former, but of only 14.6 p.c. in the latter, more significant comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted over 300 permits for dwellings valued at about \$1,400,000 and nearly 900 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$5,700,000. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 1,100 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$3,400,000 and \$11,000,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, the gain of 119.9 p.c. in the last named being most noteworthy. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$4,075,707, or 58 p.c., in Ontario was most pronounced.

As compared with January, 1929, there were increases in New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, while there was also a very slight gain in Quebec. The most marked advance in this comparison was in Saskatchewan, where the value of the building authorized increased by \$982,323, or 1077.5 p.c. Reductions were recorded in Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia, that of \$1,959,337, or 40 p.c. in Ontario being greatest.

In Toronto and Vancouver, there were decreases in the value of the building permits granted as compared with the preceding month and with the corresponding month of last year. Winnipeg showed an advance in both comparisons, while in Montreal the January total was lower than in December, but higher than in January, 1929. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons - Sherbrooke, Brantford, Hamilton, Kingston, London, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Walkerville, Saskatoon and Nanaimo.

The value of the permits issued by 61 cities in January of the years 1920-30 is shown below.

Year	Value \$
1930	7,189,741
1929	8,416,880
1928	7,716,587
1927	5,676,537
1926	4,719,534
1925	5,447,270
1924	4,460,579
1923	4,139,498
1922	3,326,537
1921	2,595,564
1920	4,017,024

As previously stated, the 1930 figure for January was only twice exceeded in the 11 years' record, i.e., by the aggregates for 1929 and 1928.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January, 1930, and December and January, 1929. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "X".

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

Cities	January 1930	December 1929	January 1929
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	-	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	148,540	68,930	423,450
x Halifax	148,540	63,930	423,400
New Glasgow	Nil	Nil	50
x Sydney	Nil	5,000	Nil
New Brunswick	22,210	175,268	7,585
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	Nil	31,760	2,500
x Saint John	22,210	143,508	5,085
Quebec	1,060,733	2,488,339	1,060,305
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	891,875	1,556,954	856,515
x Quebec	54,158	180,575	65,880
Shawinigan Falls	800	Nil	8,000
x Sherbrooke	73,600	16,000	27,000
x Three Rivers	300	279,300	18,900
x Westmount	40,000	455,510	84,000
Ontario	2,951,870	7,027,577	4,911,207
Belleville	Nil	400	Nil
x Brantford	13,904	13,124	3,884
Chatham	35,700	134,650	1,500
x Fort William	2,000	2,850	3,200
Galt	3,035	740	23,374
x Guelph	8,360	16,765	47,640
x Hamilton	320,650	151,600	283,800
x Kingston	15,825	1,590	9,310
x Kitchener	18,696	23,356	17,067
x London	44,150	38,715	28,125
Niagara Falls	15,180	26,350	37,212
Oshawa	4,250	60,300	570
x Ottawa	44,500	21,300	255,400
Owen Sound	Nil	150	Nil
x Peterborough	19,325	56,475	11,450
x Port Arthur	450	6,400	9,310
x Stratford	42,325	7,825	3,815
x St. Catharines	43,965	18,575	18,075
x St. Thomas	300	730	950
Sarnia	75,385	14,180	30,236
Sault Ste. Marie	1,845	17,927	4,484
x Toronto	1,730,887	6,199,952	3,019,162
York and East York Townships	133,100	143,173	449,125
Welland	170	75	20,400
x Windsor	217,840	45,850	348,900
East Windsor	1,700	675	6,300
Riverside	4,200	300	8,600
Sandwich	61,100	6,550	224,600
Walkerville	90,000	17,000	31,000
Woodstock	3,028	Nil	13,718
Manitoba	722,700	440,071	261,985
x Brandon	Nil	6,268	Nil
St. Boniface	2,500	45,703	16,885
x Winnipeg	720,200	388,100	245,100
Saskatchewan	1,073,493	488,024	91,170
x Moose Jaw	Nil	4,775	21,350
x Regina	54,143	426,024	65,220
x Saskatoon	1,019,350	57,225	4,600
Alberta	231,721	1,866,358	135,173
x Calgary	191,636	1,836,508	79,913
x Edmonton	20,600	19,005	27,100
Lethbridge	17,385	8,720	28,160
Medicine Hat	1,500	2,125	Nil
British Columbia	978,474	2,134,115	1,526,005
Kamloops	Nil	16,206	Nil
Nanaimo	17,500	1,125	Nil
x New Westminster	12,125	143,750	37,425
Prince Rupert	4,600	2,500	7,050
x Vancouver	866,744	1,917,790	1,226,405
North Vancouver	3,800	2,500	14,150
x Victoria	73,705	50,244	240,975
Total - 61 Cities	7,189,741	14,688,682	8,416,880
xTotal - 35 Cities	6,712,363	14,187,333	7,491,466

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