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

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 61 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was higher by \$1,638,129 or 22.8 p.c. than in the preceding month, but was lower by \$1,637,460 or 15.6 p.c. than in February of last year: the total stood at \$8,827,870 during February, 1930, as compared with \$7,189,741 in January, 1930, and \$10,465,330 in February, 1929. The February, 1930, total was twice exceeded in the 11 years' record, the aggregates for 1929 and 1928 having both been larger, but it was considerably greater than the average February figure, while the cost of building materials was lower than in any other year of the record except 1928, when the index was fractionally lower.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted nearly 600 permits for dwellings valued at over \$2,000,000, and more than 1,100 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$6,000,000. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 300 dwellings and 900 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$1,400,000 and \$5,700,000, respectively.

All provinces except Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1930; the largest gain, of \$1,283,010, or 43.5 p.c., took place in Ontario.

As compared with February, 1929, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec registered gains, that of \$809,422, or 89.4 p.c. in Quebec being most pronounced. Of the decreases in the remaining provinces, that of \$1,503,261 or 26.2 p.c. in Ontario was greatest.

Of the larger cities, Montreal recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1930, and February, 1929. In Toronto and Vancouver, there were gains as compared with the preceding month, but the totals were lower than in the same month of last year, while Winnipeg reported a decline in both comparisons. Of the other cities, the following registered increases in the value of building authorized during February as compared with January, 1930, and February, 1929:- Halifax, Fredericton, Moncton, Saint John, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Chatham, Fort William, Galt, Hamilton, Kingston, Ottawa, Port Arthur, Welland, East Windsor, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, New Westminster, Prince Rupert and North Vancouver.

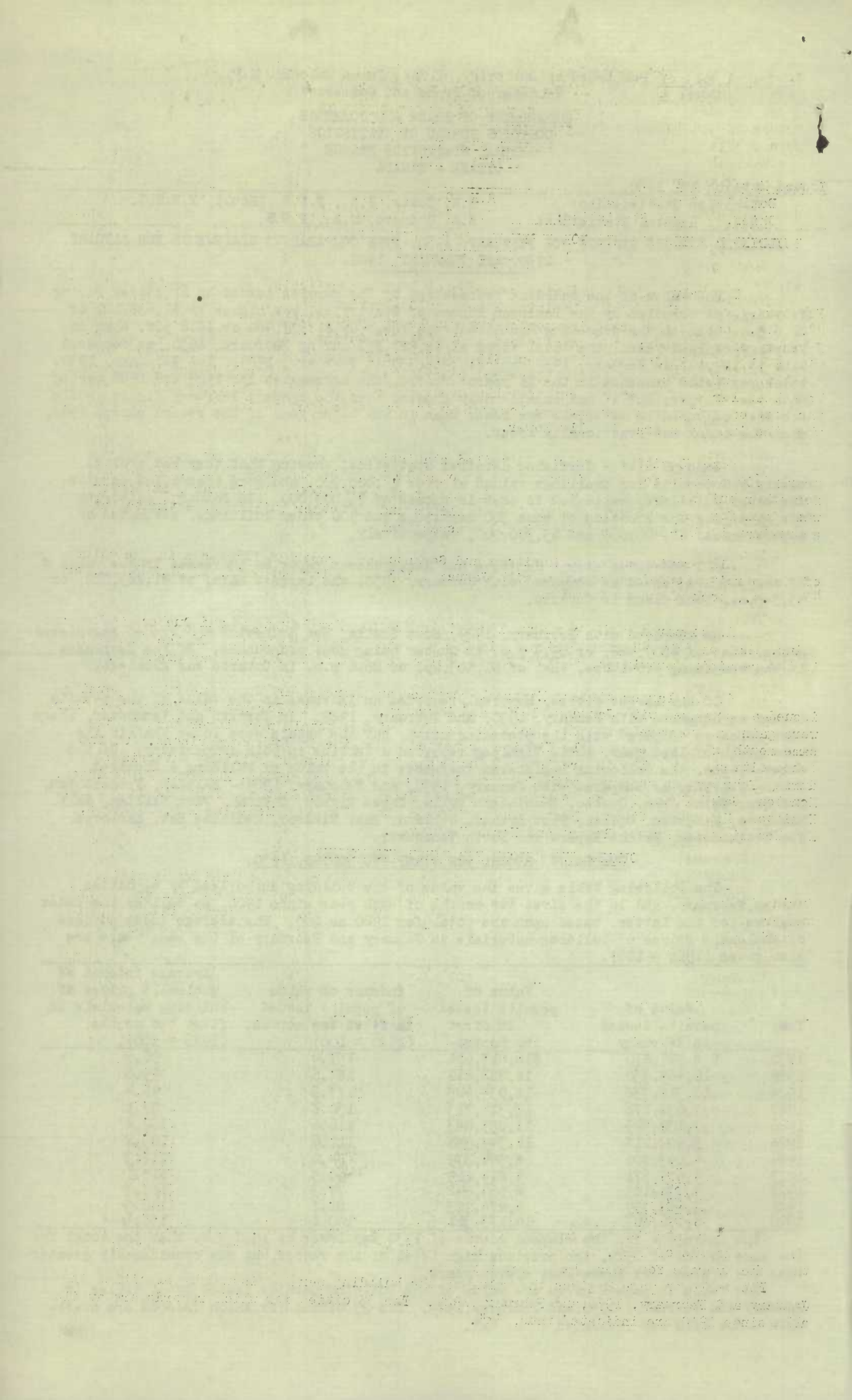
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1930.

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).
1930	\$ 8,827,870	\$16,017,611	157.4	96.8
1929	10,465,330	18,882,210	185.6	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 1930 was lower by 15.2 p.c. than the total for the same months of 1929, the previous high level of the record, but was considerably greater than the average for these last eleven years.

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



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

Cities	February, 1930	January, 1930	February, 1929
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	324,825	148,540	23,532
x Halifax	321,405	148,540	15,432
New Glasgow	700	Nil	1,200
x Sydney	2,720	Nil	6,900
New Brunswick	458,495	22,210	10,905
Fredericton	416,000	Nil	5,000
x Moncton	14,050	Nil	1,300
x Saint John	28,445	22,210	4,605
Quebec	1,715,307	1,060,733	905,885
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,458,790	891,875	767,610
x Quebec	111,717	54,158	77,275
Shawinigan Falls	42,250	800	5,200
x Sherbrooke	19,900	73,600	20,000
x Three Rivers	45,450	300	25,400
x Westmount	37,200	40,000	10,400
Ontario	4,234,880	2,951,870	5,738,141
Belleville	8,750	Nil	9,650
x Brantford	7,770	13,904	4,150
Chatham	406,750	35,700	131,000
x Fort William	30,000	2,000	22,450
Galt	4,950	3,035	3,675
x Guelph	7,740	8,360	7,885
x Hamilton	516,200	320,650	255,800
x Kingston	32,050	15,825	70
x Kitchener	12,675	18,696	61,217
x London	31,815	44,150	135,200
Niagara Falls	20,850	15,180	57,191
Oshawa	5,875	4,250	22,250
x Ottawa	97,430	44,500	91,035
Owen Sound	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Peterborough	1,000	19,325	7,535
x Port Arthur	10,055	450	9,510
x Stratford	36,200	42,325	510
x St. Catharines	14,865	43,965	116,200
x St. Thomas	835	300	45,600
Sarnia	16,490	75,385	70,085
Sault Ste. Marie	1,675	1,845	5,660
x Toronto	2,632,228	1,730,887	2,710,559
York & East York Townships	166,509	133,100	806,950
Welland	20,685	170	1,700
x Windsor	66,690	217,840	687,750
East Windsor	14,750	1,700	8,700
Riverside	35,000	4,200	87,700
Sandwich	12,900	61,100	2,250
Walkerville	18,000	90,000	371,000
Woodstock	4,143	3,028	4,859
Manitoba	403,270	722,700	515,350
x Brandon	Nil	Nil	5,800
St. Boniface	6,570	2,500	10,800
x Winnipeg	396,700	720,200	498,750
Saskatchewan	57,056	1,073,493	270,075
x Moose Jaw	625	Nil	1,400
x Regina	8,506	54,143	158,750
x Saskatoon	47,925	1,019,350	109,925
Alberta	256,987	231,721	1,170,870
x Calgary	205,148	191,636	1,094,440
x Edmonton	39,490	20,600	71,150
Lethbridge	7,084	17,985	4,180
Medicine Hat	5,265	1,500	1,100
British Columbia	1,377,050	978,474	1,830,572
Kamloops	15,690	Nil	1,000
Nanaimo	3,420	17,500	4,735
x New Westminster	44,755	12,125	19,275
Prince Rupert	26,736	4,600	2,360
x Vancouver	1,081,544	866,744	1,525,785
North Vancouver	16,835	3,800	10,250
x Victoria	188,070	73,705	267,167
Total - 61 Cities	8,827,870	7,189,741	10,465,330
x Total - 35 Cities	7,549,993	6,712,363	8,836,835

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