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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1930 AND MARCH, 1929, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920-1930.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during March was \$13,352,640; this was an increase of \$4,524,770 or 51.3 p.c. over the February total of \$8,827,870 but a decrease of \$10,715,378 or 44.5 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$24,060,018 reported for the same month in 1929. Last year's total was the highest for March since this record was commenced in 1920. Building costs, as shown by the Bureau's index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, showed a slight increase over the same period for 1929.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted nearly 1,000 permits for dwellings valued at about \$4,000,000 and some 1,900 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$9,000,000. In February, authority was given for the erection of some 600 dwellings and nearly 1,100 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$2,000,000 and \$6,000,000 respectively.

All provinces except New Brunswick and Manitoba reported increases in the building authorized during March as compared with the preceding month. The greatest gain was that of \$1,170,642 in Alberta.

As compared with March, 1929, British Columbia was the only province to record an advance, where there was a gain of \$1,097,069 or 75.9 p.c. There were decreases in every other province, the greatest decline of \$8,740,994 or 76.0 p.c. being in Quebec.

Of the larger cities, Montreal registered a gain as compared with the preceding month but a loss as compared with March of last year, while Toronto showed a decrease in both cases. In Winnipeg, there was a loss in the former, as well as in the latter comparison, while Vancouver showed gains in both comparisons.

Of the smaller centres, New Glasgow, Moncton, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Brantford, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Sarnia, East Windsor, Brandon, Moose Jaw, Edmonton, Lethbridge and Victoria reported higher totals than in either February, 1930 or March, 1929.

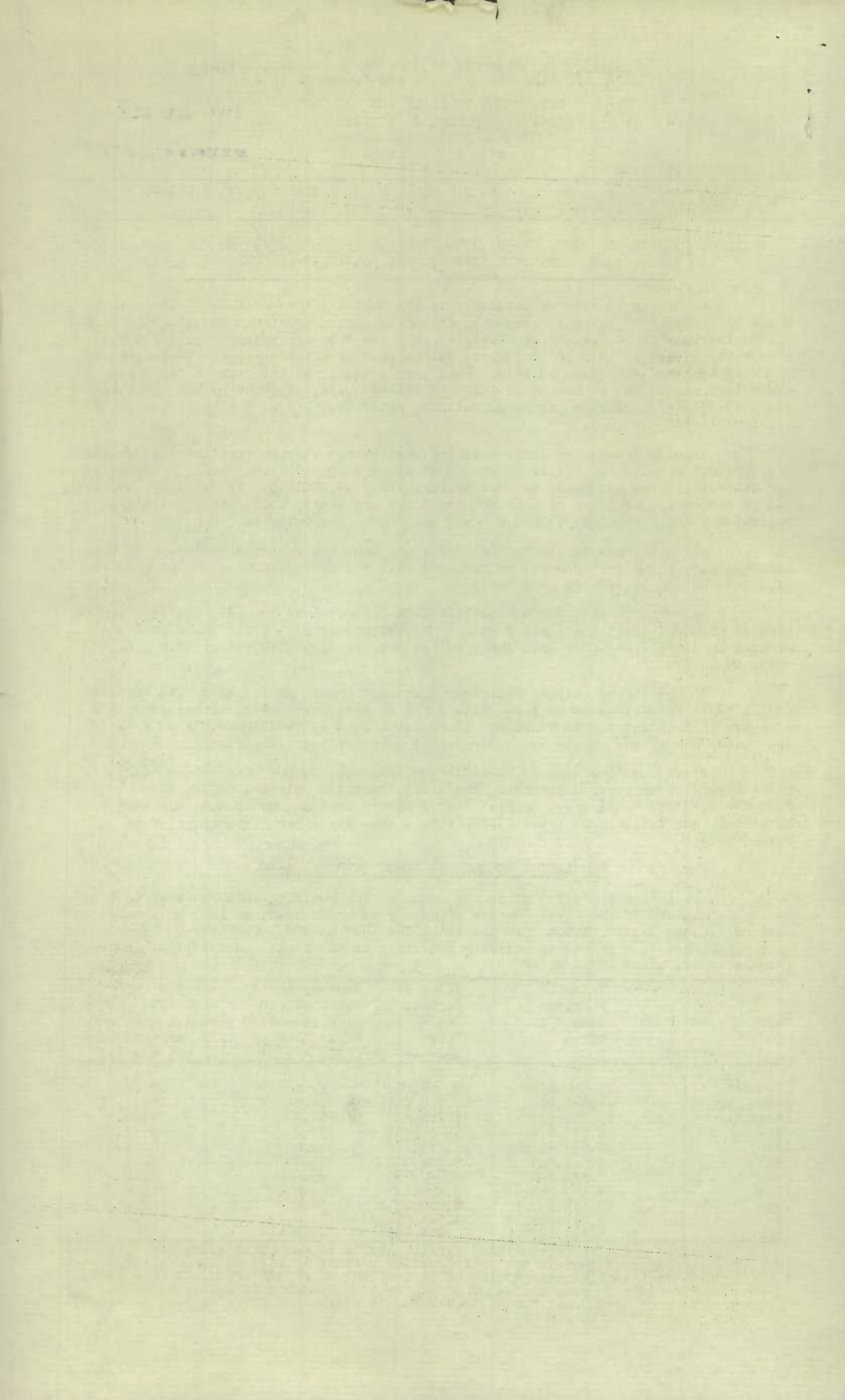
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1930.

The following tables gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during March, and in the first quarter 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 (1926 = 100)

Year	Value of Permits Issued in March	Value of Permits Issued in First Quarter	Indexes of value of permits issued in First Quarter (1920 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in First Quarter (1926 = 100)
1930	\$13,352,640	\$29,370,251	152.8	100.6
1929	24,060,018	42,950,228	226.8	100.1
1928	15,120,413	33,163,338	175.4	96.6
1927	11,713,640	25,020,353	132.4	97.0
1926	10,634,491	22,493,574	119.0	102.0
1925	8,631,627	19,981,015	105.7	102.9
1924	9,493,620	10,047,999	95.4	112.2
1923	9,650,950	19,470,119	103.0	110.6
1922	10,615,531	18,680,173	98.8	108.0
1921	7,290,589	13,569,512	71.8	135.7
1920	8,736,675	18,909,986	100.0	139.4

The aggregate value of the building permits issued in the first quarter of 1930 was thus considerably less than in the corresponding periods of 1929 or 1920. It was, however, substantially larger than in the first quarters of any of the years from 1920-1927.

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



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

Cities	March, 1930	February, 1930	March, 1929
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	15,000
Nova Scotia	349,527	324,825	568,365
x Halifax	347,102	321,405	551,070
New Glasgow	1,035	700	Nil
x Sydney	1,390	2,720	17,295
New Brunswick	227,365	458,495	305,290
Fredericton	6,000	416,000	13,000
x Moncton	77,215	14,050	2,595
x Saint John	144,150	28,445	289,695
Quebec	2,632,961	1,715,307	11,373,955
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,666,770	1,458,790	10,954,170
x Quebec	332,441	111,717	233,145
Shawinigan Falls	234,900	42,250	30,315
x Sherbrooke	16,800	19,900	35,060
x Three Rivers	112,050	45,450	74,275
x Westmount	270,000	37,200	46,990
Ontario	5,237,858	4,234,880	6,650,107
Belleville	27,400	8,750	7,800
x Brantford	20,889	7,770	17,740
Chatham	32,850	406,750	20,200
x Fort William	32,000	30,000	53,025
Galt	10,613	4,950	28,800
x Guelph	22,962	7,740	28,125
x Hamilton	1,025,600	516,200	786,350
x Kingston	26,300	32,050	32,785
x Kitchener	75,419	12,675	302,842
x London	79,075	31,815	101,450
Niagara Falls	46,745	20,850	29,150
Oshawa	7,950	5,875	61,050
x Ottawa	163,260	97,430	160,430
Owen Sound	1,700	Nil	28,000
x Peterborough	29,865	1,000	24,515
x Port Arthur	7,785	10,055	23,875
x Stratford	9,710	36,200	26,680
x St. Catherines	77,935	14,865	34,135
x St. Thomas	6,380	835	12,225
Sarnia	56,000	16,490	37,576
Sault Ste. Marie	15,695	1,675	17,050
x Toronto	2,451,868	2,632,228	2,830,217
York & East York Townships	649,930	166,509	1,029,530
Welland	2,875	20,685	1,490
x Windsor	198,170	66,690	426,965
East Windsor	97,925	14,750	91,186
Riverside	20,100	35,000	28,625
Sandwich	10,950	12,900	27,950
Walkerville	16,000	18,000	355,000
Woodstock	13,927	4,143	25,341
Manitoba	295,645	403,270	1,019,277
x Brandon	139,150	Nil	10,927
St. Boniface	15,945	6,570	16,100
x Winnipeg	140,550	396,700	992,250
Saskatchewan	638,465	57,056	1,157,820
x Moose Jaw	111,490	625	5,215
x Regina	446,530	8,508	779,745
x Saskatoon	80,445	47,925	372,860
Alberta	1,427,629	256,987	1,532,083
x Calgary	321,539	205,148	688,448
x Edmonton	1,060,575	39,490	798,825
Lethbridge	40,050	7,084	27,705
Medicine Hat	5,465	5,265	17,105
British Columbia	2,543,190	1,377,050	1,446,121
Kamloops	13,595	15,690	15,675
Nanaimo	175	3,420	4,100
New Westminster	39,225	44,755	81,940
Prince Rupert	9,100	26,736	800
x Vancouver	1,785,435	1,081,544	1,226,250
North Vancouver	11,790	16,835	21,475
x Victoria	683,870	188,070	95,881
Total - 61 Cities	13,352,640	8,827,870	24,068,018
x Total - 35 Cities	11,964,700	7,549,993	22,117,995

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