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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1930,  
AND APRIL, 1929, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1930.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 61 cities which granted building permits valued at \$16,276,443 during April, as compared with \$13,352,640 in the preceding month and \$29,656,709 in the same month of last year, which had constituted a high record for the month of April. There was, therefore, an increase of \$2,923,803 or 21.9 p.c. in the first comparison, but a decrease of \$13,380,266, or 45.1 p.c., as compared with April, 1929. The aggregate for the elapsed months of this year, viz., \$45,646,694, was only twice exceeded in the years since 1920, the totals for 1929 and 1928 having been larger. This year, however, wholesale costs of building materials have averaged lower than in any of the past ten years.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,400 permits for dwellings valued at over \$5,000,000 and for some 3,300 other buildings estimated to cost more than \$8,000,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of some 1,000 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings, valued at approximately \$4,000,000 and \$9,000,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded increases in the value of building permits issued during April as compared with March, the greatest gains of \$1,218,824, or 23.2 p.c., and \$1,087,129, or 478.1 p.c., taking place in Ontario and New Brunswick, respectively.

As compared with April, 1929, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Alberta reported increases in the value of the building authorized; New Brunswick indicated the most pronounced advance of \$1,113,085. Among the remaining provinces, the greatest decline, of \$4,307,677 or 63.5 p.c., was in Quebec.

Of the larger cities, Toronto and Winnipeg registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month, but losses as compared with April, 1929. In Montreal and Vancouver there were declines in both comparisons. Of the smaller centres, Charlottetown, Saint John, Three Rivers, Guelph, London, Owen Sound, Stratford, Sarnia, Nanaimo and North Vancouver reported increases in the value of the building represented by the permits issued, as compared with March, 1930, and April, 1929.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1930.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during April and in the first four 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 four months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in April	Value of Permits Issued in First Four Months	Indexes of value of Permits issued in First Four Months (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in First Four Months (1926 average =100).
1930	\$ 16,276,443	\$ 45,646,694	132.1	96.2
1929	29,656,709	72,606,937	210.1	99.2
1928	18,606,167	51,769,505	149.8	96.8
1927	17,312,470	42,340,823	122.5	96.8
1926	19,044,499	41,538,073	120.2	101.7
1925	15,482,383	35,463,398	102.6	103.1
1924	13,689,101	31,737,100	91.8	111.6
1923	19,530,851	39,008,970	112.9	110.8
1922	15,833,688	34,513,861	99.9	107.7
1921	13,500,360	27,069,872	78.3	136.9
1920	15,648,915	34,558,901	100.	143.1

The aggregate for the first four months of this year was smaller than in 1929 and 1928, but was substantially higher than in any of the eight preceding years, while the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was lower than in any other year of the record.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during April and March, 1930, and April, 1929. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".





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

Cities	April, 1930	March, 1930	April, 1929
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	47,500	Nil	5,000
Nova Scotia	654,540	349,527	1,520,931
x Halifax	616,620	347,102	1,419,295
New Glasgow	30,700	1,035	81,875
x Sydney	7,220	1,390	19,761
New Brunswick	1,314,494	227,365	201,409
Fredericton	4,000	6,000	Nil
x Moncton	27,405	77,215	58,955
x Saint John	1,283,089	144,150	142,454
Quebec	2,476,778	2,632,961	6,784,455
x Montreal x Maisonneuve	1,403,765	1,666,770	4,955,460
x Quebec	529,385	332,441	995,620
Shawinigan Falls	21,200	234,900	48,825
x Sherbrooke	63,400	16,800	87,000
x Three Rivers	438,695	112,050	255,075
x Westmount	20,333	270,000	442,475
Ontario	6,456,682	5,237,858	10,181,046
Belleville	15,340	27,400	13,515
x Brantford	32,887	20,869	75,116
Chatham	23,720	32,850	46,225
x Fort William	49,200	32,000	1,035,225
Galt	34,785	10,613	58,135
x Guelph	54,778	22,962	48,465
x Hamilton	675,900	1,025,600	353,150
x Kingston	78,713	26,300	86,759
x Kitchener	251,566	75,419	272,140
x London	436,320	79,075	206,985
Niagara Falls	65,320	46,745	151,128
Oshawa	17,835	7,950	69,750
x Ottawa	279,095	163,260	900,000
Owen Sound	12,700	1,700	6,000
x Peterborough	36,945	29,865	130,965
x Port Arthur	38,410	7,785	75,125
x Stratford	68,891	9,710	59,485
x St. Catharines	76,665	77,935	328,903
x St. Thomas	14,410	6,380	22,340
Sarnia	60,861	56,000	42,082
Sault Ste. Marie	56,812	15,695	89,634
x Toronto	2,742,750	2,451,868	3,850,436
York and East York Townships	871,048	649,930	919,580
Welland	16,135	2,875	18,530
x Windsor	174,975	198,170	737,966
East Windsor	77,450	97,925	117,300
Riverside	22,350	20,100	96,500
Sandwich	9,975	10,950	38,375
Walkerville	141,000	16,000	233,000
Woodstock	19,846	13,927	98,232
Manitoba	862,327	295,645	1,971,919
x Brandon	9,812	139,150	68,204
St. Boniface	16,365	15,945	34,765
x Winnipeg	836,150	140,550	1,868,950
Saskatchewan	1,232,572	638,465	3,205,536
x Moose Jaw	47,610	111,490	46,990
x Regina	445,257	446,530	2,186,458
x Saskatoon	739,705	80,445	972,088
Alberta	1,865,175	1,427,629	1,766,147
x Calgary	847,888	321,539	935,907
x Edmonton	922,480	1,060,575	528,785
Lethbridge	92,312	40,050	135,125
Medicine Hat	2,495	5,465	166,330
British Columbia	1,366,375	2,543,190	4,020,266
Kamloops	30,835	13,595	31,464
Nanaimo	11,225	175	6,000
x New Westminster	99,470	39,225	125,300
Prince Rupert	3,250	9,100	22,050
x Vancouver	1,114,450	1,785,435	1,481,295
North Vancouver	19,315	11,790	10,425
x Victoria	87,830	683,870	2,343,732
Total - 61 Cities	16,276,443	13,352,640	29,656,709
x Total - 35 Cities	14,452,599	11,964,700	27,116,864

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