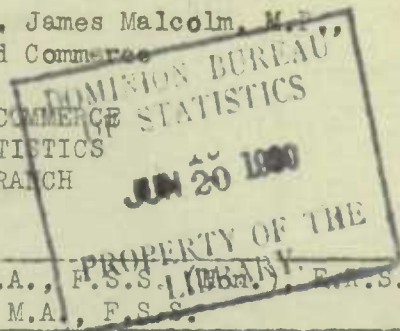


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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1930,
AND MAY, 1929, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1930

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May, 1930 was higher by 20.5 p.c. than in April, 1930, but lower by 18.9 p.c. than in May, 1929. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$19,621,302 as compared with \$16,286,993 in the preceding month and \$24,185,738 in May, 1929. The total for the first five months of 1930, namely, \$65,267,996, was higher than that for the corresponding period of any of the years from 1920 to 1927, but lower than in the same period of 1928 or 1929. Wholesale prices of building materials were lower in 1930 than in any other year of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 1,300 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$5,300,000 and for some 3,200 other buildings estimated to cost over \$10,000,000. In April, authority was given for the erection of some 1,400 dwellings and 3,300 other buildings, valued at approximately \$5,000,000 and \$19,000,000 respectively.

Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba reported increases of 105.6 p.c., 32.4 p.c. and 25.7 p.c., respectively, in the value of the permits issued as compared with April, 1930. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$1,185,714 or 90.2 p.c. in New Brunswick was most pronounced.

As compared with May, 1929, Ontario alone registered an increase. All the other provinces recorded declines, of which that of \$2,068,204 or 28.9 p.c. in Quebec was most noteworthy.

Of the larger cities, Montreal reported a higher total of building permits issued than in April, 1930, but a lower than in May, 1929; in Toronto there was a decrease in both comparisons, while Winnipeg and Vancouver showed an increase in the first, but a loss in the second. Of the other centres, Sydney, Moncton, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Kingston, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Welland, Woodstock, Kamloops and Prince Rupert recorded increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with both the preceding month and the same month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1930

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

Year	Value of Permits issued in May	Value of Permits issued in first five months	Indexes of value of permits issued first five months (1920 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first five months (1926 average = 100)
	\$	\$		
1930	19,621,302	65,267,996	137.0	92.8
1929	24,185,738	96,792,675	200.6	99.1
1928	27,515,522	79,285,027	166.4	96.9
1927	20,138,657	62,479,480	131.1	96.7
1926	18,504,296	60,042,369	126.0	101.3
1925	15,520,435	50,983,833	107.0	103.1
1924	14,807,589	46,544,689	97.7	111.3
1923	18,937,638	57,946,608	121.6	111.1
1922	19,527,061	54,040,922	113.4	102.0
1921	14,460,878	41,530,750	87.2	132.2
1920	13,082,015	47,640,916	100.0	144.7

The aggregate for the first five months of this year was 32.6 p.c. lower than in 1929, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in most of the years since 1920.

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

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

Cities	May, 1930	April, 1930	May, 1929
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	Nil	47,500	Nil
Nova Scotia	387,690	654,540	432,321
x Halifax	331,682	616,620	414,951
New Glasgow	9,950	30,700	4,850
x Sydney	46,058	7,220	12,520
New Brunswick	128,780	1,314,494	1,180,415
Fredericton	11/ -	4,000	5,500
x Moncton	87,225	27,405	84,155
x Saint John	41,555	1,283,089	90,780
Quebec	5,091,909	2,476,778	7,160,113
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	3,527,543	1,403,765	6,068,947
x Quebec	1,071,006	529,385	509,146
Shawinigan Falls	99,640	21,200	64,550
x Sherbrooke	97,300	63,400	87,300
x Three Rivers	35,920	438,695	122,000
x Westmount	260,500	20,533	308,170
Ontario	9,574,441	6,467,232	8,656,769
Belleville	29,975	15,340	30,125
x Brantford	28,792	32,887	81,180
Chatham	12,100	23,720	201,070
x Fort William	43,650	49,200	160,800
Galt	33,425	34,785	41,770
x Guelph	65,418	54,778	67,465
x Hamilton	334,650	675,900	615,850
x Kingston	271,886	78,713	21,827
x Kitchener	112,073	251,566	301,677
x London	1,125,730	436,320	342,405
Niagara Falls	108,260	65,320	62,430
Oshawa	16,710	17,635	270,360
x Ottawa	3,505,065	279,095	293,585
Owen Sound	10,150	12,700	35,200
x Peterborough	22,130	36,945	58,145
x Port Arthur	28,321	38,410	81,916
x Stratford	52,203	68,891	26,576
x St. Catharines	48,440	76,665	97,150
x St. Thomas	20,260	1/ 24,960	8,680
Sarnia	64,580	60,861	139,210
Sault Ste. Marie	61,498	56,812	71,506
x Toronto	2,520,908	2,742,750	4,137,328
York and East York Townships	806,050	871,048	880,395
Welland	28,660	16,135	10,175
x Windsor	143,772	174,975	365,930
East Windsor	8,170	77,450	104,850
Riverside	15,300	22,350	25,350
Sandwich	13,750	9,975	35,050
Walkerville	8,000	141,000	73,000
Woodstock	34,515	19,846	15,764
Manitoba	1,083,524	862,327	1,763,855
x Brandon	5,104	9,812	82,705
St. Boniface	18,220	16,365	92,300
x Winnipeg	1,060,200	836,150	1,588,850
Saskatchewan	1,148,134	1,232,572	2,321,119
x Moose Jaw	23,960	47,610	270,350
x Regina	409,969	445,257	1,209,599
x Saskatoon	714,205	739,705	841,170
Alberta	868,796	1,865,175	1,855,391
x Calgary	290,056	847,838	1,004,759
x Edmonton	503,210	922,490	783,450
Lethbridge	68,195	92,312	35,287
Medicine Hat	7,335	2,495	28,895
British Columbia	1,338,028	1,366,375	1,815,755
Kamloops	39,835	30,835	12,475
Nanaimo	3,600	11,225	10,460
x New Westminster	65,715	99,470	97,535
Prince Rupert	15,290	3,250	6,580
x Vancouver	1,153,485	1,114,450	1,406,350
North Vancouver	7,000	19,315	22,355
x Victoria	53,103	87,830	260,000
Total- 61 cities	19,621,302	16,285,993	24,135,738
x Total- 35 cities	18,101,094	14,463,149	21,908,231
1/ Corrected figure for St. Thomas		11/ Report not received,	

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