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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1931, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1931, AND APRIL, 1930, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1931.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 61 cities which granted building permits valued at \$13,786,466 during April, as compared with \$9,906,567 in the preceding month and \$16,978,076 in the same month of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$3,879,899 or 39.2 p.c. in the first comparison, but a decrease of \$3,191,610, or 18.8 p.c., as compared with April, 1930. In considering these figures, it should be noted that the wholesale costs of building materials have this year averaged much lower than in any of the past eleven years.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,000 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$5,000,000 and for some 2,700 other buildings estimated to cost more than \$7,000,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of over 800 dwellings and 1,600 other buildings, valued at approximately \$3,600,000 and \$5,600,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of building permits issued during April as compared with March, 1931, the greatest gain of \$1,335,605 taking place in Nova Scotia.

As compared with April, 1930, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized; Quebec indicated the most pronounced gain of \$1,460,784, or 59 p.c. Among the remaining provinces, the greatest decline, of \$3,254,115 or 45.5 p.c., was in Ontario.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month, and also as compared with April, 1930, while in Toronto there was an increase in the former, but a decline in the latter comparison. Of the smaller centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Moncton, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Fort William, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Port Arthur, Welland, Woodstock, Brandon and Prince Rupert reported increases in the value of the building represented by the permits issued, as compared with March, 1931, and April, 1930.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1931.

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).
1931	\$ 13,786,466	\$ 37,133,365	107.4	83.8
1930	16,978,076	46,471,338	134.5	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 the average for the months, January-April, in the years since 1920, although it was higher than the total recorded in 1925, 1924, 1922, 1921 or 1920. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was decidedly 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, 1931, and April, 1930. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE
CULTURE OF THE SUGAR BEET IN THE UNITED STATES

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THE SUGAR BEET CULTURE IN THE UNITED STATES, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR EUROPE, 1902.
PART I. THE CULTURE OF THE SUGAR BEET IN THE UNITED STATES, 1902.

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Nowhere else in the world has the sugar beet culture increased so rapidly as in the United States. In 1902 the beet culture in the United States was valued at approximately \$1,400,000, an increase of 200,000 over the 1,200,000 valued in 1901.

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

Cities	April, 1931	March 1931	April, 1930
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	-	-	47,500
Nova Scotia	1,558,340	222,735	654,340
x Halifax	1,496,420	220,485	616,420
New Glasgow	57,450	1,700	30,700
x Sydney	4,470	550	7,220
New Brunswick	121,460	29,730	1,314,629
Fredericton	-	8,600	4,000
x Moncton	78,015	2,800	27,540
x Saint John	43,445	18,330	1,283,089
Quebec	3,937,562	3,372,922	2,476,778
x Montreal - xMaisonneuve	3,226,562	2,973,948	1,403,765
x Quebec	222,965	241,924	529,385
Shawinigan Falls	5,410	-	21,200
x Sherbrooke	300,700	24,000	63,400
x Three Rivers	36,295	15,800	438,695
x Westmount	145,630	117,250	20,333
Ontario	3,894,267	3,113,805	7,148,382
Belleville	21,700	4	15,340
x Brantford	41,478	62,043	32,887
Chatham	4,440	15,000	26,537
x Fort William	53,400	10,900	49,200
Galt	22,397	16,525	34,785
x Guelph	33,243	20,605	54,778
x Hamilton	389,300	783,950	675,900
x Kingston	54,485	12,157	78,713
x Kitchener	58,970	39,122	251,566
x London	214,220	150,835	436,320
Niagara Falls	34,260	6,380	65,320
Oshawa	6,475	20,500	17,835
x Ottawa	466,645	325,240	279,095
Owen Sound	15,000	7,500	12,700
x Peterborough	37,872	145	36,945
x Port Arthur	41,180	6,268	38,410
x Stratford	17,798	7,803	68,891
x St. Catharines	77,100	158,085	76,665
x St. Thomas	13,620	6,140	24,960
Sarnia	10,922	16,150	60,861
Sault Ste. Marie	29,245	56,631	56,812
x Toronto	1,668,090	869,425	3,421,083
York and East York Townships	471,855	460,580	871,048
Welland	19,620	14,195	16,135
x Windsor	44,190	29,455	174,975
East Windsor	990	2,550	77,450
Riverside	2,950	3,150	22,350
Sandwich	1,600	450	9,975
Walkerville	18,000	8,000	141,000
Woodstock	23,222	4,017	19,846
Manitoba	1,084,899	311,275	862,325
x Brandon	21,104	75	9,810
St. Boniface	14,445	4,550	16,365
x Winnipeg	1,049,350	306,650	836,150
Saskatchewan	785,070	364,475	1,232,572
x Moose Jaw	33,455	5,575	47,610
x Regina	110,995	244,450	445,257
x Saskatoon	640,620	114,450	739,705
Alberta	470,613	1,281,023	1,865,175
x Calgary	276,333	208,090	847,888
x Edmonton	173,085	55,125	922,480
Lethbridge	19,220	1,009,600	92,312
Medicine Hat	1,975	8,208	2,495
British Columbia	1,934,255	1,210,602	1,376,375
Kamloops	14,255	39,800	30,835
Nanaimo	1,945	170	11,225
x New Westminster	52,950	45,975	99,470
Prince Rupert	24,755	9,518	3,250
x Vancouver	1,730,635	1,001,135	1,114,450
North Vancouver	12,080	9,935	19,315
x Victoria	97,635	104,069	97,830
Total - 61 Cities	13,786,466	9,906,567	16,978,076
x Total - 35 Cities	12,952,255	8,182,854	15,250,885

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