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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE
STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1931, AND JANUARY, 1931.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, and the total was also lower than in January, 1931; the co-operating municipalities reported permits for buildings estimated to cost \$2,761,929, compared with \$7,895,106 in December, 1931, and \$8,401,456 in January of last year. There was, therefore, a reduction of 65.0 p.c. in the first and of 67.1 p.c. in the second comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted over 300 permits for dwellings valued at about \$1,200,000, and nearly 800 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$1,300,000, while an engineering project, valued at \$45,654, was reported in Brantford. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$4,000,000 and \$3,000,000 respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, 1931, the gain of \$87,343 or 97.8 p.c., in Alberta and of \$95,603, or 34.1 p.c., in British Columbia being most noteworthy. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, that of \$2,813,551, or 72.8 p.c., in Ontario was greatest.

As compared with January, 1931, there were increases of 55.3 p.c. and 4.3 p.c. in Nova Scotia and Alberta, respectively. Reductions were reported in the remaining provinces, that of \$2,942,421 or 73.6 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

In Montreal and Toronto, there were decreases in the value of the building permits granted as compared with both the preceding month and the same month of last year, while in Winnipeg and Vancouver, the January total was higher than in December, but lower than in January, 1931. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons - Sydney, Belleville, Port Arthur, St. Thomas and Lethbridge.

RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS 1920-1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during January of each year since 1920. Index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in January	Indexes of Value of Permits Issued in January, (1926=100)	Indexes of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials in January, (1926 average=100)
1932	\$2,761,929	58.5	79.5
1931	8,401,456	178.0	84.1
1930	7,217,397	152.9	97.3
1929	8,416,880	178.3	98.0
1928	7,716,587	163.5	95.2
1927	5,676,537	120.3	96.3
1926	4,719,534	100.0	102.3
1925	5,447,270	115.4	101.9
1924	4,460,579	94.5	112.4
1923	4,139,498	87.7	109.8
1922	3,326,537	70.5	109.3
1921	2,535,354	55.0	143.0
1920	4,017,024	85.1	134.5

The 1932 figure for January was lower than in most years of this record, but it should also be noted that the wholesale costs of building materials were lower in January than in the winter of any other year since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January, 1932, and December and January, 1931. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "X".

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

Cities	January, 1932	December, 1931	January, 1931
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown			
Nova Scotia	77,386	70,355	49,840
x Halifax	64,786	70,305	44,840
New Glasgow	Nil	50	5,000
x Sydney	12,600	Nil	Nil
New Brunswick	7,740	7,315	80,875
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	1/	360	Nil
x Saint John	7,740	6,955	80,875
Quebec	929,925	3,086,810	1,466,442
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	865,360	2,982,690	1,028,570
x Quebec	34,865	83,195	317,247
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	500	Nil
x Sherbrooke	16,800	9,300	93,900
x Three Rivers	11,600	9,000	26,725
x Westmount	1,300	2,125	Nil
Ontario	1,053,121	3,866,672	3,995,542
Belleville	2,500	Nil	200
x Brantford	46,064	55,958	71,137
Chatham	1,700	56,450	2,300
x Fort William	8,700	10,200	14,000
Galt	745	26,862	7,350
x Guelph	4,075	10,116	36,525
x Hamilton	79,750	557,250	158,200
x Kingston	13,375	19,277	14,800
x Kitchener	14,803	22,394	72,550
x London	69,380	50,225	322,650
Niagara Falls	1,900	15,521	5,305
Oshawa	1,450	900	49,050
x Ottawa	82,690	96,810	40,400
Owen Sound	3,500	4,500	Nil
x Peterborough	800	200	7,525
x Port Arthur	3,950	2,970	925
x Stratford	1,390	7,745	11,530
x St. Catharines	21,250	22,527	4,458
x St. Thomas	1,789	Nil	880
Sarnia	1,825	14,522	9,525
Sault Ste. Marie	1,145	9,825	1,158
x Toronto	540,696	2,630,181	2,613,694
York and East York Townships	132,059	164,685	494,558
Welland	300	6,150	14,990
x Windsor	10,950	66,625	7,350
East Windsor	Nil	3,556	500
Riverside	1/	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	1,200
Walkerville	3,000	Nil	17,000
Woodstock	3,335	11,223	15,782
Manitoba	106,315	465,970	111,427
x Brandon	Nil	225,870	2
St. Boniface	1,315	163,600	75
x Winnipeg	105,000	76,500	111,350
Saskatchewan	34,490	27,978	431,709
x Moose Jaw	Nil	150	179,051
x Regina	30,390	25,728	34,083
x Saskatoon	4,100	2,100	218,575
Alberta	176,651	89,308	169,433
x Calgary	43,851	57,700	93,428
x Edmonton	22,700	4,890	26,100
Lethbridge	110,100	3,718	47,555
Medicine Hat	Nil	23,000	2,350
British Columbia	376,301	280,698	2,096,188
Kamloops	1,050	2,020	6,505
Nanaimo	3,926	24,125	350
x New Westminster	7,500	11,250	198,860
Prince Rupert	2,835	1,235	2,940
x Vancouver	339,360	215,900	1,797,550
North Vancouver	4,060	2,800	11,765
x Victoria	17,570	23,368	78,218
Total - 61 Cities	2,761,929	7,895,106	8,401,456
x Total - 35 Cities	2,485,184	7,359,864	7,705,998

1/ Report not received.

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