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

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 61 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was lower by \$183,332 or 6.6 p.c. than in the preceding month, and was also less by \$3,817,062 or 59.7 p.c. than in February of last year; the total stood at \$2,578,597 during February, 1932, as compared with \$2,761,929 in January, 1932, and \$6,395,659 in February, 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 300 permits for dwellings valued at about \$1,100,000, and more than 800 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$1,400,000. In addition, an engineering project, valued at \$20,495, was reported in Brantford. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 300 dwellings and 800 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$1,200,000 and \$1,300,000, respectively, while an engineering project, valued at \$45,654, was reported in Brantford.

New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1932; the largest gain, of \$120,494, took place in Ontario. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, those of \$132,611 or 14.3 p.c. in Quebec, and \$129,635 or 34.4 p.c. in British Columbia were most pronounced.

As compared with February, 1931, all provinces recorded declines, that of \$1,494,239 or 85.8 p.c. in British Columbia being most marked.

Of the larger cities, Toronto recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1932, but a reduction as compared with February, 1931. In Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver, there were decreases in both comparisons. Of the other cities, the following recorded increases in the value of the building authorized during February, as compared with January, 1932, and February, 1931:— Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Galt, Guelph, Kitchener, Ottawa, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, East Windsor, Brandon and Saskatoon.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during February, and in the first two months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January and February of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in February	Value of permits issued in first two months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first two months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first two months (1926=100)
1932	\$ 2,578,597	\$ 5,340,526	45.0	79.4
1931	6,395,659	14,797,115	124.8	83.8
1930	8,919,078	16,136,475	136.1	96.8
1929	10,465,330	18,882,210	159.2	99.6
1928	10,318,338	18,034,925	152.1	96.4
1927	7,638,176	13,314,713	112.3	97.1
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	100.0	102.4
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	95.7	103.2
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	72.1	112.3
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	82.8	110.1
1922	4,738,105	8,064,642	68.0	108.3
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	52.9	140.5
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	85.8	137.5

The aggregate for the first two months of 1932 was lower than in the same months of 1931 and earlier years of the record, but it should be noted that the wholesale costs of building materials were also considerably lower in the first two months of the present year than in the months January-February of any other year since 1920.

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Year	Index (1950=100)	Change from previous year (%)
1950	100.0	-
1951	108.3	+8.3
1952	107.5	-0.8
1953	107.2	-0.3
1954	107.1	-0.1
1955	107.0	-0.1
1956	106.9	-0.1
1957	106.8	-0.1
1958	106.7	-0.1
1959	106.6	-0.1
1960	106.5	-0.1

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Year	Index (1950=100)	Change from previous year (%)
1961	106.4	-0.1
1962	106.3	-0.1
1963	106.2	-0.1
1964	106.1	-0.1
1965	106.0	-0.1
1966	105.9	-0.1
1967	105.8	-0.1
1968	105.7	-0.1
1969	105.6	-0.1
1970	105.5	-0.1

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

Cities	February, 1932	January, 1932	February, 1931
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	66,400	77,386	113,350
x Halifax	66,225	64,786	113,150
New Glasgow	175	Nil	200
x Sydney	Nil	12,600	Nil
New Brunswick	14,055	7,740	28,525
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	11,600	Nil	1,400
x Saint John	2,455	7,740	27,125
Quebec	797,314	929,925	1,208,455
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	727,599	865,360	1,078,860
x Quebec	34,015	34,865	46,457
Shawinigan Falls	5,000	Nil	4,000
x Sherbrooke	25,900	16,800	5,350
x Three Rivers	600	11,600	24,350
x Westmount	4,200	1,300	49,638
Ontario	1,173,615	1,053,121	2,201,442
Belleville	200	2,500	3,400
x Brantford	23,115	46,064	80,697
Chatham	2,325	1,700	69,950
x Fort William	1,650	8,700	98,300
Galt	2,450	745	100
x Guelph	6,270	4,075	1,033
x Hamilton	105,300	79,750	322,400
x Kingston	3,115	13,375	75,945
x Kitchener	31,335	14,803	11,173
x London	32,245	69,380	43,210
Niagara Falls	5,230	1,900	8,950
Oshawa	155	1,450	1,850
x Ottawa	139,700	82,690	38,600
Owen Sound	Nil	3,500	6,000
x Peterborough	10,650	800	9,000
x Port Arthur	60	3,950	9,989
x Stratford	350	1,390	24,650
x St. Catharines	42,120	21,250	9,755
x St. Thomas	2,650	1,789	2,800
Sarnia	2,365	1,825	19,089
Sault Ste. Marie	8,000	1,145	2,335
x Toronto	604,750	540,696	1,159,282
York & East York Townships	97,295	132,059	174,581
Welland	2,160	300	2,
x Windsor	14,300	10,950	16,246
East Windsor	33,000	Nil	Nil
Riverside	-	Nil	600
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	1,600
Walkerville	Nil	3,000	7,000
Woodstock	2,825	3,335	647
Manitoba	63,750	106,315	600,350
x Brandon	1,250	Nil	Nil
St. Boniface	Nil	1,315	350
x Winnipeg	62,500	105,000	600,000
Saskatchewan	37,426	34,490	285,504
x Moose Jaw	Nil	Nil	1,655
x Regina	19,926	30,390	268,359
x Saskatoon	17,500	4,100	15,490
Alberta	179,371	176,651	217,128
x Calgary	141,511	43,851	153,347
x Edmonton	30,465	22,700	46,650
Lethbridge	7,035	110,100	11,176
Medicine Hat	360	Nil	5,955
British Columbia	246,666	376,301	1,740,905
Kamloops	400	1,050	15,335
Nanaimo	5,300	3,926	5,675
x New Westminster	16,845	7,500	25,200
Prince Rupert	10,035	2,835	14,860
x Vancouver	193,665	339,360	1,622,335
North Vancouver	3,150	4,060	7,715
x Victoria	17,271	17,570	49,785
Total - 61 Cities	2,578,597	2,761,929	6,395,659
xTotal - 35 Cities	2,391,137	2,485,184	6,002,021

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