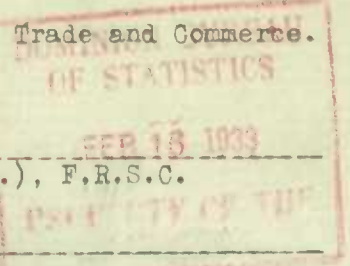


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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1932, AND JANUARY, 1932.

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, 1932; the co-operating municipalities reported permits for buildings estimated to cost \$1,163,878, compared with \$1,480,731 in December, 1932, and \$2,761,929 in January of last year. There was, therefore, a reduction of 21.4 p.c. in the first and of 57.9 p.c. in the second comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted some 90 permits for dwellings valued at about \$240,000, and nearly 600 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$640,000. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 100 dwellings and 600 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$350,000 and \$900,000 respectively.

Quebec, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, 1932, the gain of \$254,981 or 11434.1 p.c. in Saskatchewan and of \$96,362, or 64.1 p.c. in British Columbia being most noteworthy. A particularly large increase in Saskatchewan was due to the issue of a \$243,000 permit for the Canadian Pacific Railway station at Regina. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, that of \$622,881, or 66.3 p.c. in Ontario was greatest.

As compared with January, 1932, Saskatchewan alone showed an increase. Reductions were reported in the remaining provinces, that of \$737,077 or 70.0 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

In 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 Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver, the January total was higher than in December, but lower than in January, 1932. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons - Galt, Niagara Falls, Peterborough, Regina, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Victoria, Welland and Windsor.

RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS 1920-1933.

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)
1933	\$1,163,878	24.7	75.8
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	2,595,564	55.0	143.0
1920	4,017,024	25.1	134.5

The 1933 figure for January was lower than in any other year 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, 1933, and December and January, 1932. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "x".



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

Cities	January, 1933	December, 1932	January, 1932
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	37,435	48,900	77,386
x Halifax	37,290	48,525	64,786
New Glasgow	Nil	375	Nil
x Sydney	145	Nil	12,600
New Brunswick	5,680	22,655	7,740
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	- 1/	215	-
x Saint John	5,680	22,440	7,740
Quebec	328,365	260,940	929,925
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	308,190	215,805	865,360
x Quebec	11,875	12,035	34,865
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Sherbrooke	4,100	2,200	16,800
x Three Rivers	Nil	500	11,600
x Westmount	4,200	30,400	1,300
Ontario	316,044	938,925	1,053,121
Belleville	625	2,650	2,500
x Brantford	425	2,155	46,064
Chatham	800	2,800	1,700
x Fort William	200	150	8,700
Galt	3,345	405	745
x Guelph	1,050	1,785	4,075
x Hamilton	39,100	11,600	79,750
x Kingston	565	8,230	13,375
x Kitchener	880	7,560	14,803
x London	29,715	21,995	69,380
Niagara Falls	3,800	300	1,900
Oshawa	Nil	375	1,450
x Ottawa	11,450	47,540	82,690
Owen Sound	2,200	Nil	3,500
x Peterborough	1,100	555	800
x Port Arthur	1,065	2,935	3,950
x Stratford	625	1,535	1,390
x St. Catharines	997	2,100	21,250
x St. Thomas	9,820	Nil	1,789
Sarnia	2,940	886	1,825
Sault Ste. Marie	185	2,430	1,145
x Toronto	134,050	805,352	540,696
York & East York Townships	52,720	9,374	132,059
Welland	6,050	1,725	300
x Windsor	11,400	2,275	10,950
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	Nil
Riverside	- 1/	-	-
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	3,000
Woodstock	937	2,213	3,335
Manitoba	17,350	114,750	106,315
x Brandon	250	1,800	Nil
St. Boniface	1,250	100,050	1,315
x Winnipeg	15,850	12,900	105,000
Saskatchewan	257,211	2,230	34,490
x Moose Jaw	Nil	1,000	Nil
x Regina	255,611	630	30,390
x Saskatoon	1,600	600	4,100
Alberta	33,525	20,425	170,651
x Calgary	14,591	13,008	43,851
x Edmonton	6,110	5,960	22,700
Lethbridge	12,824	1,457	110,100
Medicine Hat	Nil	Nil	Nil
British Columbia	168,268	71,906	376,301
Kamloops	450	620	1,050
Nanaimo	455	175	3,926
x New Westminster	2,000	2,650	7,500
Prince Rupert	200	1,725	2,835
x Vancouver	145,230	53,660	339,360
North Vancouver	210	850	4,060
x Victoria	19,723	12,226	17,570
Total - 61 Cities	1,163,878	1,480,731	2,761,929
*Total - 35 Cities	1,074,887	1,352,321	2,485,184

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