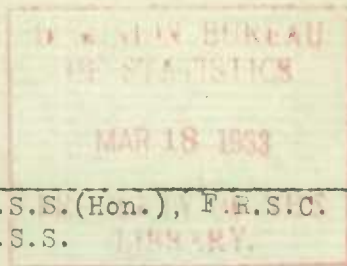


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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS  
FOR JANUARY, 1933, AND FEBRUARY, 1932.

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 \$256,972 or 22.1 p.c. than in the preceding month, and was also less by \$1,938,365 or 68.1 p.c. than in February of last year; the total stood at \$906,906 during February, 1933, as compared with \$1,163,878 in January, 1933, and \$2,845,271 in February, 1932.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 80 permits for dwellings valued at about \$291,000 and more than 590 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$575,000. In addition, an engineering project, valued at \$10,000, was reported at Port Arthur. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 90 dwellings and 600 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$240,000 and \$640,000 respectively.

New Brunswick, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1933; the largest gain, of \$32,701, took place in Ontario. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, those of \$249,091 or 96.8 p.c. in Saskatchewan, and \$113,790 or 34.7 p.c. in Quebec were most pronounced.

As compared with February, 1932 all provinces except New Brunswick and British Columbia recorded declines, that of \$911,097 or 72.3 p.c. in Ontario being most marked.

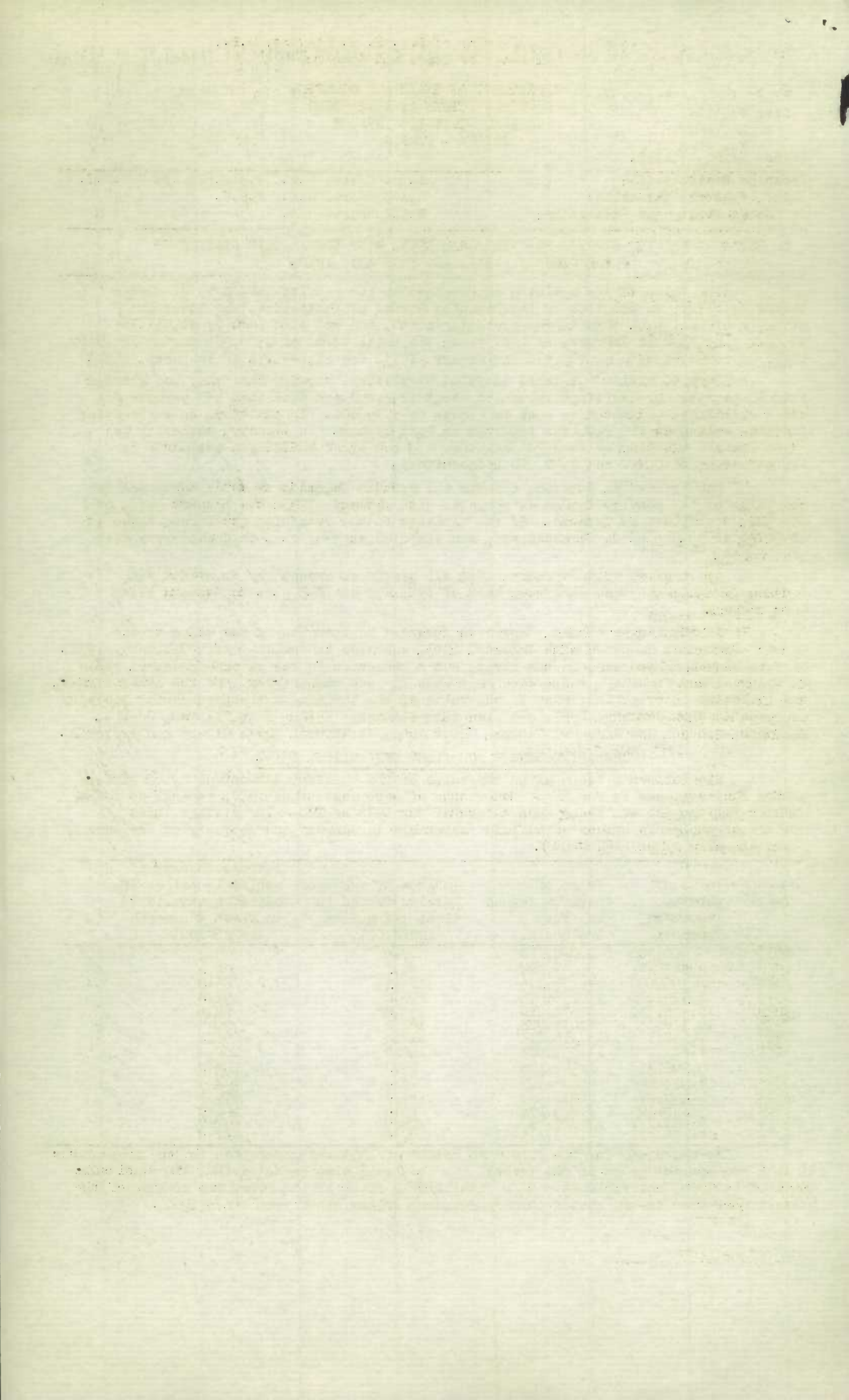
Of the larger cities, Vancouver recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1933, and also as compared with February, 1932. Toronto showed an increase in the first, but a reduction in the second instance, while in Montreal and Winnipeg, there were decreases in both comparisons. Of the other cities, the following recorded increases in the value of the building authorized during February as compared with January, 1933, and also with February, 1932:— Fort William, Guelph, Kamloops, London, New Glasgow, Oshawa, Saint John, Stratford, Three Rivers and Victoria.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1933.

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)
1933	\$ 906,906	\$ 2,070,784	17.6	75.2
1932	2,845,271	6,056,283	51.1	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 1933 was lower than in the same months of 1932 and earlier years of the record, but it should also 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.



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

Cities	February, 1933	January, 1933	February, 1932
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	29,600	37,435	66,400
x Halifax	27,900	37,290	66,225
New Glasgow	1,700	Nil	175
x Sydney	Nil	145	Nil
New Brunswick	14,565	5,680	14,055
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	Nil	Nil	11,600
x Saint John	14,565	5,680	2,455
Quebec	214,575	328,365	797,314
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	194,210	308,190	727,599
x Quebec	13,590	11,875	34,015
Shawinigan Falls	1,300	Nil	5,000
x Sherbrooke	2,200	4,100	25,900
x Three Rivers	775	Nil	600
x Westmount	2,500	4,200	4,200
Ontario	348,745	316,044	1,259,842
Bellville	Nil	625	200
x Brantford	857	425	23,115
Chatham	1,150	800	2,225
x Fort William	16,500	200	1,550
Galt	2,780	3,345	2,450
x Guelph	10,260	1,050	6,270
x Hamilton	5,800	39,100	105,300
x Kingston	2,780	565	3,115
x Kitchener	4,435	880	31,335
x London	34,855	29,715	32,245
Niagara Falls	350	3,800	5,230
Oshawa	1,730	Nil	255
x Ottawa	42,525	11,450	139,710
Owen Sound	375	2,200	Nil
x Peterborough	10	1,100	10,650
x Port Arthur	18,715	1,065	60
x Stratford	3,170	625	350
x St. Catharines	885	997	42,120
x St. Thomas	Nil	9,820	2,650
Sarnia	1,760	2,940	2,365
Sault Ste. Marie	5,085	185	8,000
x Toronto	152,792	134,050	690,874
York & East York Townships	33,986	52,720	97,295
Welland	4,750	6,050	2,160
x Windsor	2,600	11,400	14,300
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	33,093
Riverside	Nil	-	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	595	937	2,825
Manitoba	8,500	17,350	63,804
x Brandon	Nil	250	1,254
St. Boniface	750	1,250	50
x Winnipeg	7,750	15,850	62,500
Saskatchewan	8,120	257,211	217,819
x Moose Jaw	2,000	Nil	34,564
x Regina	5,670	255,611	19,826
x Saskatoon	450	1,600	16,229
Alberta	35,614	33,525	179,371
x Calgary	25,684	14,591	141,511
x Edmonton	9,065	6,110	30,465
Lethbridge	770	12,824	7,035
Medicine Hat	95	Nil	360
British Columbia	247,127	168,268	246,666
Kamloops	8,602	450	400
Nanaimo	1,120	455	5,300
x New Westminster	6,050	2,000	16,845
Prince Rupert	1,530	200	10,035
x Vancouver	195,875	145,230	193,665
North Vancouver	150	210	3,150
x Victoria	33,860	19,723	17,271
Total - 61 Cities	906,906	1,163,878	2,845,271
x Total - 35 Cities	838,328	1,074,887	2,934,267

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