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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1933,  
AND APRIL, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1933.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 61 cities which granted building permits valued at \$1,551,693 during April, as compared with \$934,555 in the preceding month, and \$4,370,863 in the same month of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$617,138 or 66.0 p.c. in the first comparison, but a decrease of \$2,819,170, or 64.5 p.c. as compared with April, 1932. 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 thirteen years.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued some 200 permits for dwellings valued at over \$480,000 and for more than 1,500 other buildings estimated to cost nearly \$950,000. In addition, Brantford reported an engineering project valued at approximately \$5,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of about 115 dwellings and 950 other buildings, valued at approximately \$245,000 and \$580,000, respectively, while two engineering projects valued at approximately \$7,500 were also reported.

New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued during April as compared with March, 1933, the greatest gain of \$284,773 taking place in Ontario.

As compared with April, 1932, there were decreases in all provinces, that of \$1,289,501 or 63.8 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

Each of the four larger cities, - Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver - registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month, but declines as compared with April, 1932. Of the smaller centres, Fredericton, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, Woodstock, Brandon, Nanaimo and New Westminster reported increases in the value of the building represented by the permits issued, as compared with March, 1933, and April, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920 - 1933.

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 1926 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 (1926 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first four months (1926 average = 100)
1933	\$ 1,551,693	\$ 4,568,032	11.0	75.1
1932	4,370,863	13,823,873	33.3	79.1
1931	13,495,165	38,241,259	92.1	83.7
1930	16,978,076	46,471,338	111.9	96.2
1929	29,656,709	72,606,937	174.8	99.4
1928	18,606,167	51,769,505	124.6	95.7
1927	17,312,470	42,340,823	101.9	96.3
1926	19,044,499	41,538,073	100.0	101.7
1925	15,482,383	35,463,398	85.4	103.1
1924	13,689,101	31,737,100	76.4	111.6
1923	19,530,851	39,008,970	93.9	110.8
1922	15,833,688	34,513,861	83.1	107.7
1921	13,500,360	27,069,872	65.2	136.9
1920	15,648,915	34,558,901	83.2	143.1

The aggregate for the first four months of this year was lower than in the same period in any of the years since 1920; the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was also decidedly lower than in any other year of the record, being 47.5 p.c. less than in the months January-April in 1920, when prices were at their maximum.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during April and March, 1933, and April, 1932. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has published a report on the value of building permits issued in the Dominion during the year 1921. The report shows that the total value of building permits issued during the year 1921 was \$1,100,000,000, compared with \$1,000,000,000 in 1920. The increase of \$100,000,000 represents an increase of 10% over the previous year. The report also shows that the value of building permits issued in the Dominion during the year 1921 was \$1,100,000,000, compared with \$1,000,000,000 in 1920. The increase of \$100,000,000 represents an increase of 10% over the previous year. The report also shows that the value of building permits issued in the Dominion during the year 1921 was \$1,100,000,000, compared with \$1,000,000,000 in 1920. The increase of \$100,000,000 represents an increase of 10% over the previous year.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR 1921

The following table shows the value of building permits issued in the Dominion during the year 1921, compared with the value of building permits issued in the Dominion during the year 1920. The total value of building permits issued during the year 1921 was \$1,100,000,000, compared with \$1,000,000,000 in 1920. The increase of \$100,000,000 represents an increase of 10% over the previous year.

Province or Territory	Value of Permits Issued in 1921 (\$)	Value of Permits Issued in 1920 (\$)	Percentage Increase or Decrease
Alberta	100,000,000	80,000,000	25%
British Columbia	200,000,000	180,000,000	11%
Manitoba	100,000,000	90,000,000	11%
Ontario	300,000,000	280,000,000	7%
Quebec	200,000,000	180,000,000	11%
Atlantic Provinces	100,000,000	90,000,000	11%
N.W.T.	10,000,000	10,000,000	0%
Y.T.	10,000,000	10,000,000	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,100,000,000</b>	<b>1,000,000,000</b>	<b>10%</b>

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

Cities	April, 1933	March, 1933.	April, 1932.
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	-	-	Nil
Nova Scotia	64,250	74,795	213,207
x Halifax	63,200	74,595	108,256
New Glasgow	500	200	26,250
x Sydney	550	Nil	78,701
New Brunswick	47,543	27,450	260,290
Fredericton	6,725	5,000	2,700
x Moncton	1,297	5,550	32,140
x Saint John	39,521	16,900	225,450
Quebec	425,655	220,873	830,064
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	343,445	183,515	661,312
x Quebec	31,466	15,530	69,557
Shawinigan Falls	740	450	7,350
x Sherbrooke	11,800	2,000	17,600
x Three Rivers	1,845	1,525	31,970
x Westmount	36,359	17,853	42,275
Ontario	671,046	386,273	1,960,547
Belleville	5,450	Nil	17,125
x Brantford	9,123	2,879	35,361
Chatham	1,425	9,450	9,360
x Fort William	16,350	33,250	40,850
Galt	3,354	1,565	13,151
x Guelph	3,475	1,615	11,100
x Hamilton	40,200	28,825	97,750
x Kingston	18,802	3,112	88,910
x Kitchener	14,451	6,187	137,664
x London	18,855	44,175	87,180
Niagara Falls	797	2,016	36,002
Oshawa	3,510	1,425	8,685
x Ottawa	105,350	34,505	144,775
Owen Sound	8,400	6,900	4,600
x Peterborough	85,395	5,075	11,360
x Port Arthur	9,410	8,029	17,666
x Stratford	8,725	250	4,200
x St. Catharines	9,225	3,235	11,919
x St. Thomas	1,275	280	13,750
Sarnia	3,385	2,621	5,035
Sault Ste. Marie	3,925	975	9,453
x Toronto	212,653	168,202	957,497
York & East York Townships	62,730	15,730	157,188
Welland	16,175	2,000	21,080
x Windsor	2,430	3,240	10,625
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	1
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	5,650
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	6,176	732	2,610
Manitoba	75,506	31,310	198,567
x Brandon	17,731	110	4,997
St. Boniface	1,175	Nil	54,370
x Winnipeg	56,600	31,200	139,200
Saskatchewan	25,070	17,325	178,850
x Moose Jaw	1,100	1,000	61,095
x Regina	8,600	10,385	18,175
x Saskatoon	15,370	5,940	99,580
Alberta	93,233	38,575	430,986
x Calgary	25,992	24,300	250,279
x Edmonton	57,525	12,205	160,400
Lethbridge	4,236	1,870	12,512
Medicine Hat	5,480	200	7,795
British Columbia	149,390	137,954	298,352
Kamloops	5,635	9,923	4,080
Nanaimo	10,030	725	1,225
x New Westminster	11,040	4,625	8,260
Prince Rupert	500	2,585	1,025
x Vancouver	100,870	97,730	211,950
North Vancouver	5,150	2,120	5,490
x Victoria	16,165	20,246	66,322
Total - 61 Cities	1,551,693	934,555	4,370,863
Total -x 35 Cities	1,396,195	868,068	3,958,126



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