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

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May, 1933, was higher by 29.0 p.c. than in April, 1933, but lower by 63.5 p.c. than in May, 1932. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$2,002,309 as compared with \$1,551,693 in the preceding month, and \$5,488,845 in May, 1932. In connection with these figures, it should be noted that wholesale prices of building materials have been lower in 1933 than in any other year of the record, averaging 75.2 for the first five months, as compared with 79.0 and 83.6 in the same periods of 1932 and 1931, respectively.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued almost 300 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$700,000 and for some 2,100 other buildings estimated to cost over \$1,100,000. In addition, Brantford reported the authorization of an engineering project valued at approximately \$5,000. In April, authority was given for the erection of some 200 dwellings and 1,500 other buildings, valued at approximately \$480,000 and \$950,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with April, 1933, that of \$229,423 or 34.2 p.c. in Ontario being the most pronounced.

As compared with May, 1932, all the provinces registered decreases; of these declines, that of \$975,062 or 88.0 p.c. in Manitoba was most noteworthy.

Each of the four larger cities, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, registered a gain as compared with April, 1933, but a loss as compared with May, 1932. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Galt, Oshawa, Sarnia, Sault Ste Marie, Windsor and Woodstock recorded increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with either the preceding month or the same month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities in May and in the first five 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 five months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in May	Value of permits issued in first five months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first five months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first five months (1926 average =100).
1933	\$ 2,002,309	\$ 6,570,341	10.9	75.2
1932	5,488,845	19,312,720	32.1	79.0
1931	12,115,291	50,356,550	83.9	83.6
1930	20,321,160	66,792,498	111.2	95.5
1929	24,185,738	96,792,675	161.2	99.4
1928	27,515,522	79,285,027	132.0	95.8
1927	20,138,657	62,479,480	104.1	96.1
1926	18,504,296	60,042,369	100.0	101.3
1925	15,520,435	50,983,833	84.9	103.1
1924	14,807,589	46,544,689	77.5	111.3
1923	18,937,638	57,946,608	96.5	111.1
1922	19,527,061	54,040,922	90.0	107.9
1921	14,460,878	41,530,750	69.2	134.4
1920	13,082,015	47,640,916	79.3	144.7

The aggregate for the first five months of 1933 was lower than in the same period of any previous year of this record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was decidedly lower than in any of the years since 1920.

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

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

Cities	May, 1933	April, 1933	May, 1932
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	-	-	5,500
Nova Scotia	78,060	64,250	106,440
x Halifax	72,260	63,200	95,230
New Glasgow	5,800	500	2,550
x Sydney	Nil	550	8,660
New Brunswick	31,245	47,543	40,289
Fredericton	6,125	6,725	3,900
x Moncton	3,740	1,297	12,390
x Saint John	21,380	39,521	23,999
Quebec	531,595	425,655	1,466,638
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	469,051	343,445	1,310,691
x Quebec	38,996	31,466	115,407
Shawinigan Falls	1,200	740	2,000
x Sherbrooke	7,100	11,800	19,800
x Three Rivers	8,488	1,845	13,415
x Westmount	6,760	36,359	5,325
Ontario	900,469	671,046	1,573,424
Belleville	1,725	5,450	18,800
x Brantford	7,551	9,123	7,507
Chatham	1,000	1,425	8,600
x Fort William	25,750	16,350	63,200
Galt	15,431	3,354	12,438
x Guelph	13,892	3,475	16,580
x Hamilton	53,385	40,200	111,000
x Kingston	19,680	18,802	108,390
x Kitchener	12,542	14,451	19,027
x London	24,695	18,855	62,790
Niagara Falls	9,424	797	9,802
Oshawa	7,800	3,510	5,539
x Ottawa	91,245	105,350	132,390
Owen Sound	5,600	8,400	2,200
x Peterborough	5,370	85,395	16,255
x Port Arthur	14,255	9,410	156,525
x Stratford	5,840	8,725	7,428
x St. Catharines	7,515	9,225	14,123
x St. Thomas	2,435	1,275	3,874
Sarnia	17,515	3,385	15,407
Sault Ste. Marie	16,655	3,925	12,630
x Toronto	389,840	212,653	575,897
York & East York Townships	124,890	62,730	170,628
Welland	3,405	16,175	5,790
x Windsor	8,855	2,430	2,945
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	1,090
Riverside	-	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	250	Nil	900
Walkerville	1,000	Nil	3,000
Woodstock	12,924	6,176	10,669
Manitoba	132,780	75,506	1,107,842
x Brandon	6,695	17,731	6,757
St. Boniface	11,785	1,175	28,335
x Winnipeg	114,300	56,600	1,072,750
Saskatchewan	25,780	25,070	486,099
x Moose Jaw	2,325	1,100	51,796
x Regina	8,930	8,600	25,695
x Saskatoon	14,525	15,370	408,603
Alberta	96,815	93,233	430,633
x Calgary	37,617	25,992	74,008
x Edmonton	52,840	57,525	346,980
Lethbridge	5,858	4,236	9,060
Medicine Hat	500	5,480	585
British Columbia	205,565	149,390	271,980
Kamloops	2,750	5,635	11,375
Nanaimo	850	10,030	75
x New Westminster	5,690	11,040	15,145
Prince Rupert	2,535	500	3,965
x Vancouver	160,117	100,870	203,465
North Vancouver	2,773	5,150	1,700
x Victoria	30,850	16,165	36,255
Total - 61 Cities	2,002,309	1,551,693	5,488,845
Total - x35 Cities	1,744,514	1,396,195	5,144,307

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