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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1933, AND JANUARY, 1933.

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, 1933; the co-operating municipalities reported permits for buildings estimated to cost \$693,962, compared with \$1,983,292^{1/} in December, 1933, and \$1,185,961^{1/} in January of last year. There was, therefore, a reduction of 65.0 p.c. in the first and of 41.5 p.c. in the second comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted some 40 permits for dwellings valued at about \$136,000, and about 460 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$480,000. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 60 dwellings and 400 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$305,000 and \$1,500,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, 1933, the gain of \$26,628 or 61.0 p.c. in British Columbia being most noteworthy. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, that of \$747,635, or 89.2 p.c. in Quebec was greatest.

As compared with January, 1933, New Brunswick and Ontario showed increases of 22.7 p.c. and 29.4 p.c. respectively. Reductions were reported in the remaining provinces, that of \$243,476 or 98.5 p.c. in Saskatchewan being most pronounced.

In Montreal and Winnipeg, there were decreases in the value of the building permits granted as compared with either the preceding month or the same month of last year; in Toronto, there was a decline in the former but an increase in the latter comparison, while in Vancouver, the January total was higher than in December, but lower than in January, 1933. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons—Moncton, Saint John, Three Rivers, Chatham, Fort William, Galt, Kingston, Kitchener, Ottawa, Peterborough, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, St. Boniface, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, Prince Rupert and North Vancouver.

RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS 1920-1934.

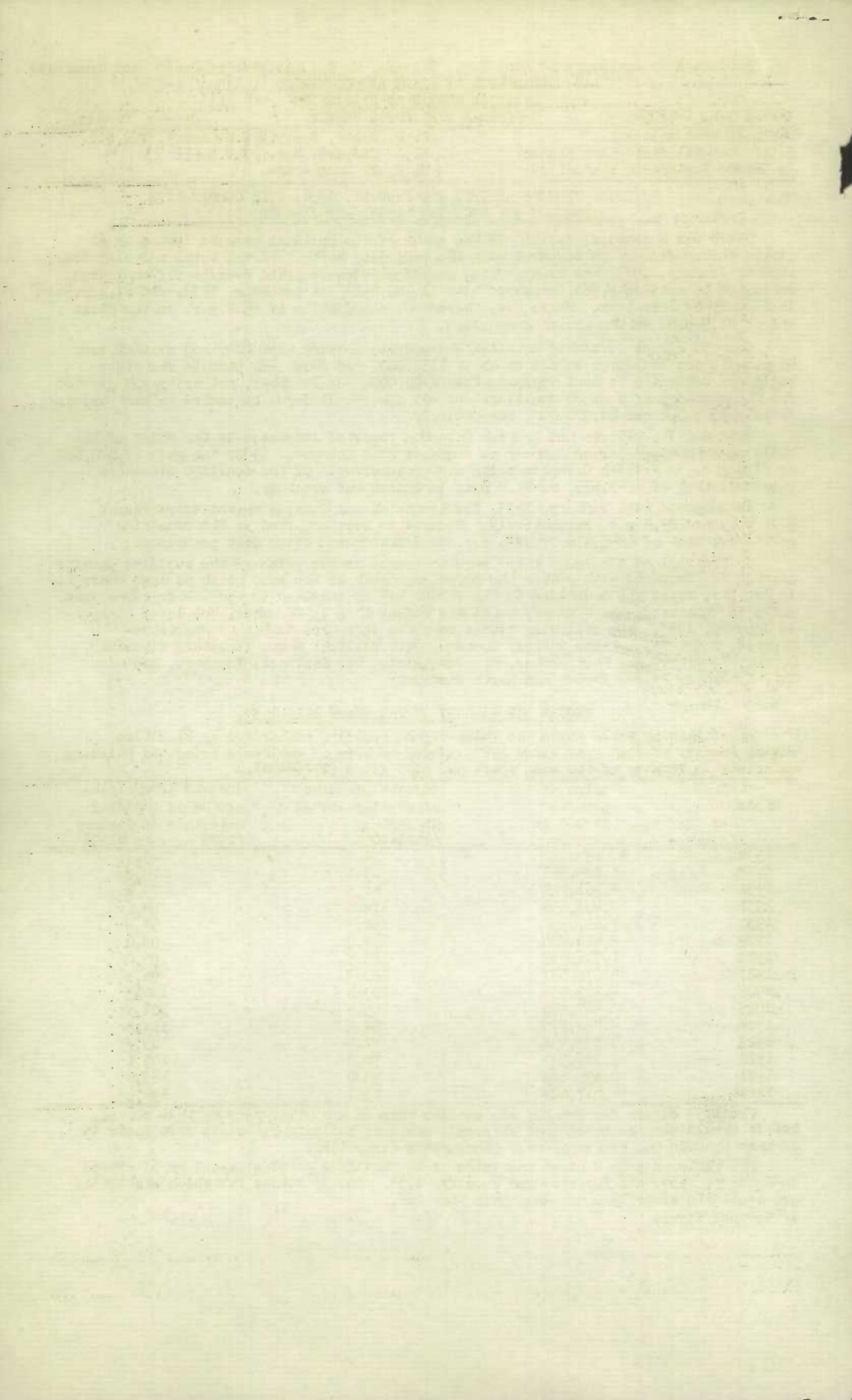
The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during January of each year since 1920. Index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January of the same years are also given (1926=100).

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)
1934	\$ 693,962	14.7	83.3
1933	1,185,961	25.1	75.8
1932	2,761,929	58.5	79.4
1931	8,401,456	178.0	84.0
1930	7,217,397	152.9	97.4
1929	8,416,880	178.3	98.0
1928	7,716,587	163.5	95.2
1927	5,676,537	120.3	96.8
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	109.4
1921	2,595,564	55.0	143.0
1920	4,017,024	85.1	134.5

The 1934 figure for January was smaller than in any other year of this record, but it should also be noted that wholesale costs of building materials were lower in January than in the winter of most other years since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January, 1934, and December and January, 1933. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "x".

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

Cities	January, 1934	December, 1933	January, 1933
P.E.I. - Charlottetown			
Nova Scotia	31,115	11,540	37,435
x Halifax	31,115	8,940	37,290
New Glasgow	Nil	600	Nil
x Sydney	Nil	2,000	145
New Brunswick	18,917	57,020	5,780
Fredericton	Nil	55,000	Nil
x Moncton	3,512	360	100
x Saint John	15,405	1,660	5,680
Quebec	33,605	838,240	328,365
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	75,625	547,215	308,190
x Quebec	8,405	256,530	11,875
Shawinigan Falls	150	4,620	Nil
x Sherbrooke	4,500	5,000	4,100
x Three Rivers	700	600	Nil
x Westmount	225	24,275	4,200
Ontario	443,820	988,538	343,027
Belleville	300	Nil	625
x Brantford	20,857	36,088	425
Chatham	2,500	100	800
x Fort William	2,000	100	200
Galt	4,710	120	3,345
x Guelph	100	25,650	1,050
x Hamilton	21,750	31,500	39,100
x Kingston	5,010	950	565
x Kitchener	1,055	224	880
x London	38,705	102,725	29,715
Niagara Falls	50	2,965	3,800
Oshawa	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Ottawa	47,265	1,450	11,450
Owen Sound	Nil	Nil	2,200
x Peterborough	11,930	500	1,100
x Port Arthur	1,900	540	1,065
x Stratford	175	1,420	625
x St. Catharines	5,050	4,575	997
x St. Thomas	4,550	350	9,820
Sarnia	1,299	2,515	2,940
Sault Ste. Marie	248	2,640	185
x Toronto	226,343	698,745	161,033
York & East York Townships	31,560	54,375	52,720
Wendland	3,231	50	6,050
x Windsor	10,250	11,550	11,400
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	Nil
Riverside	Nil	5,000	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	1,000	Nil
x Woodstock	2,982	3,406	937
Manitoba	12,725	21,000	17,350
x Brandon	Nil	2,200	250
St. Boniface	1,275	350	1,250
x Winnipeg	11,450	18,450	15,850
Saskatchewan	3,735	9,950	247,211
x Moose Jaw	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Regina	3,435	8,175	245,611
x Saskatoon	300	1,775	1,600
Alberta	22,777	13,364	33,525
x Calgary	14,137	8,052	14,591
x Edmonton	8,490	4,535	6,110
Lethbridge	Nil	742	12,824
Medicine Hat	150	35	Nil
British Columbia	70,268	43,640	173,268
Kamloops	2,700	517	450
Nanaimo	475	2,500	455
x New Westminster	2,000	800	2,000
Prince Rupert	1,800	1,060	200
x Vancouver	51,229	21,575	145,230
North Vancouver	1,435	1,075	210
x Victoria	10,629	16,113	24,723
Total - 61 Cities	692,962	1,983,292 1/2	1,185,961
Total - x 35 Cities	621,079	1,344,622 1/2	1,096,970

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