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

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 61 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was higher by \$188,190 or 26.2 p.c. than in the preceding month, but was lower by \$44,742 or 4.8 p.c. than in February of last year; the total stood at \$831,152 during February, 1934, as compared with \$692,962 in January, 1934, and \$925,894 in February, 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 100 permits for dwellings valued at about \$229,000, and more than 580 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$590,000. In addition, two engineering projects, valued at \$37,000, were reported. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 40 dwellings and 460 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$136,000 and \$480,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1934; the largest gain, of \$108,850 or 121.5 p.c., took place in Quebec. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$5,209 or 22.9 p.c. in Alberta was most pronounced.

As compared with February, 1933, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan recorded increases, that of \$85,421 or 22.4 p.c. in Ontario being most marked; the greatest decrease of \$116,717 or 50.2 p.c. was shown in British Columbia.

Of the larger cities, Toronto recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1934, and also as compared with February, 1933. Montreal and Vancouver showed increases in the first but reductions in the second instance, while in Winnipeg, there was a decrease as compared with the preceding month, but an increase over February of last year. Of the other centres, Moncton, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Galt, Kitchener, London, Oshawa, Sarnia, Windsor, East Windsor, Sandwich, Brandon, St. Boniface, Regina, Saskatoon, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat reported improvement in each of these comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1934.

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)
1934	\$ 831,152	\$ 1,574,114	13.3	83.5
1933	925,894	2,111,856	17.8	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 1934 was lower than in the same months of 1933 and earlier years of the record; the wholesale costs of building materials, though slightly higher than in 1933 and 1932, and practically the same as in 1931, were 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 Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	February, 1934	January, 1934	February, 1933
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown			
Nova Scotia	32,240	31,115	29,600
x Halifax	30,740	31,115	27,900
New Glasgow	1,500	N11	1,700
x Sydney	N11	N11	N11
New Brunswick	14,815	18,917	15,565
Fredericton	N11	N11	N11
x Moncton	5,150	3,512	1,000
x Saint John	9,665	15,405	14,565
Quebec	198,455	89,605	214,575
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	132,765	75,625	194,210
x Quebec	54,880	8,405	13,590
Shawinigan Falls	N11	150	1,300
x Sherbrooke	6,150	4,500	2,200
x Three Rivers	60	700	775
x Westmount	4,600	225	2,500
Ontario	466,877	443,820	381,456
Belleville	1,050	300	N11
x Brantford	11,270	20,857	857
Chatham	200	2,500	1,150
x Fort William	11,150	2,000	16,500
Galt	35,600	4,710	2,780
x Guelph	1,500	100	10,260
x Hamilton	16,550	21,750	5,800
x Kingston	3,450	5,010	2,780
x Kitchener	13,135	1,055	4,435
x London	40,865	38,705	34,855
Niagara Falls	2	50	350
Oshawa	2,500	N11	1,730
x Ottawa	39,200	47,265	42,525
Owen Sound	N11	N11	375
x Peterborough	8,800	11,930	10
x Port Arthur	2,705	1,900	19,715
x Stratford	200	175	3,170
x St. Catharines	4,310	5,050	885
x St. Thomas	75	4,550	N11
Sarnia	2,965	1,299	1,760
Sault Ste. Marie	145	248	5,085
x Toronto	245,160	226,343	184,503
York & East York Townships	10,450	31,560	33,986
Welland	1,550	3,231	4,750
x Windsor	12,530	10,250	2,600
East Windsor	300	N11	N11
Riverside	N11	N11	N11
Sandwich	800	N11	N11
Walkerville	N11	N11	N11
Woodstock	415	2,982	595
Manitoba	14,100	12,725	8,500
x Brandon	2,200	N11	N11
St. Boniface	1,300	1,275	750
x Winnipeg	10,600	11,450	7,750
Saskatchewan	21,350	3,735	8,120
x Moose Jaw	75	N11	2,000
x Regina	11,890	3,435	5,670
x Saskatoon	9,385	300	450
Alberta	17,568	22,777	35,614
x Calgary	9,891	14,137	25,684
x Edmonton	4,535	8,490	9,065
Lethbridge	1,892	N11	770
Medicine Hat	1,250	150	95
British Columbia	115,747	70,268	232,464
Kamloops	2,650	2,700	8,602
Nanaimo	620	475	1,120
x New Westminster	4,040	2,000	6,050
Prince Rupert	1,275	1,800	1,530
x Vancouver	87,710	51,229	195,875
North Vancouver	665	1,435	150
x Victoria	18,787	10,629	19,137
Total - 61 Cities	881,152	692,962	925,894
Total - x 35 Cities	813,438	641,079	857,316

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