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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1934,
 AND APRIL, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 61 cities which granted building permits valued at \$2,246,317 during April, as compared with \$1,090,206 (revised figure) in the preceding month, and \$1,595,502 in the same month of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$1,156,111 or 106.0 p.c. in the first comparison, and of \$650,815, or 40.8 p.c. as compared with April, 1933. The increase in the latter comparison (like that which occurred in the preceding month over March, 1933), is especially interesting, these two being the first gains shown in such a comparison over a period of many months. The cumulative total for the first four months of 1934, (viz. \$4,910,637), though lower than in earlier years of the record, was higher by 5.3 p.c. than in the same period of 1933; this is the first time since 1929 that the cumulative value of the building authorized in any period has been greater than in the same period of the preceding year.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for April, 1934, showing that they had issued some 250 permits for dwellings valued at over \$800,000 and for more than 1,600 other buildings estimated to cost nearly \$1,400,000. In addition, Brantford reported an engineering project valued at approximately \$5,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of about 185 dwellings and 850 other buildings, valued at approximately \$300,000 and \$700,000, respectively, while one engineering project valued at approximately \$5,100 was also reported.

All provinces (except Prince Edward Island, from which no data were received for either April or March), recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued during April as compared with the preceding month, the greatest absolute gain of \$580,126 or 128.5 p.c., taking place in Ontario.

In the more significant comparison with April, 1933, there were increases in all provinces except New Brunswick and Manitoba, that of \$342,333 or 49.7 p.c. in Ontario being most notable.

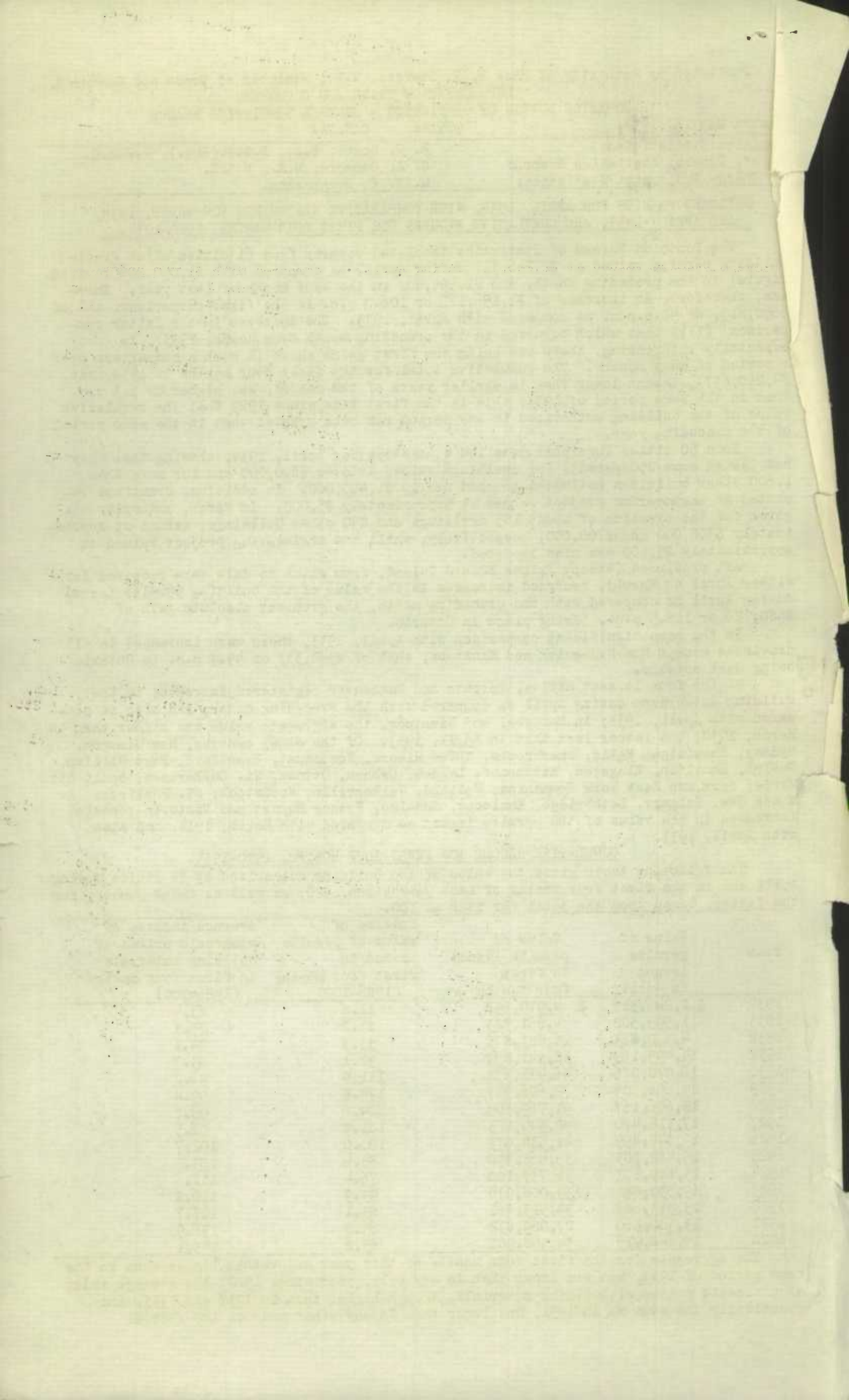
Of the four largest cities, Toronto and Vancouver registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month, and also as compared with April, 1933; in Montreal and Winnipeg, the aggregate value was higher than in March, 1934, but rather less than in April, 1933. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Sydney, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Brantford, Fort William, Guelph, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Oshawa, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, York and East York Townships, Welland, Walkerville, Woodstock, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Lethbridge, Kamloops, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert and Victoria reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with March, 1934, and also with April, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1934.

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.

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=100)
1934	\$ 2,246,317	\$ 4,910,637	11.8	83.4
1933	1,595,502	4,661,323	11.2	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 rather higher than in the same period of 1933, but was lower than in any other year since 1920; the average index of wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in 1932 and 1933, and practically the same as in 1931, was lower than in any other year of the record.



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

C i t i e s	April, 1934	March, 1934	April, 1933
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown			10,000
Nova Scotia	64,200	27,105	64,050
x Halifax	62,170	26,355	63,200
New Glasgow	830	400	500
x Sydney	1,200	350	550
New Brunswick	40,645	1/ 18,050	57,543
Fredericton	2,150	Nil	6,725
x Moncton	7,180	725	11,297
x Saint John	31,315	17,325	39,521
Quebec	498,748	302,106	426,345
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	335,018	198,711	343,445
x Quebec	39,180	44,570	31,466
Shawinigan Falls	17,580	200	1,430
x Sherbrooke	12,000	8,000	11,800
x Three Rivers	38,980	Nil	1,845
x Westmount	55,990	50,625	36,359
Ontario	1,031,588	451,462	689,255
Belleville	2,050	2,255	5,450
x Brantford	16,378	6,078	4,962
Chatham	14,250	2,300	14,250
x Fort William	26,150	15,550	16,350
Galt	4,942	11,680	3,354
x Guelph	10,010	150	3,475
x Hamilton	101,655	6,950	40,200
x Kingston	21,634	2,760	18,802
x Kitchener	32,413	8,625	14,451
x London	39,485	15,315	18,855
Niagara Falls	500	1,132	797
Oshawa	7,325	500	3,510
x Ottawa	124,040	15,055	105,350
Owen Sound	6,000	Nil	8,400
x Peterborough	10,460	1,125	85,395
x Port Arthur	5,865	2,547	9,410
x Stratford	6,183	5,950	8,725
x St. Catharines	10,177	2,333	9,225
x St. Thomas	1,070	3,220	1,275
Sarnia	3,510	4,015	3,385
Sault Ste. Marie	9,640	405	3,925
x Toronto	462,603	322,262	222,198
York & East York Townships	65,207	8,950	62,730
Welland	32,360	1,685	16,175
x Windsor	6,755	8,175	2,430
East Windsor	690	1,100	Nil
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	300	600	Nil
Walkerville	2,000	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	7,936	745	6,176
Manitoba	61,614	30,096	75,506
x Brandon	2,714	4,896	17,731
St. Boniface	4,050	2,200	1,175
x Winnipeg	54,850	23,000	56,600
Saskatchewan	69,860	18,670	25,070
x Moose Jaw	56,650	1,100	1,100
x Regina	7,825	16,170	8,600
x Saskatoon	5,385	1,400	15,370
Alberta	216,534	77,917	93,243
x Calgary	151,894	48,725	25,992
x Edmonton	46,195	24,335	57,525
Lethbridge	17,435	357	4,246
Medicine Hat	1,010	4,500	5,480
British Columbia	263,128	164,200	154,490
Kamloops	6,712	735	5,635
Nanaimo	31,906	1,100	10,030
x New Westminster	4,775	6,500	11,040
Prince Rupert	43,900	850	500
x Vancouver	143,380	131,350	100,870
North Vancouver	590	825	5,150
x Victoria	31,865	23,440	21,265
Total - 61 cities	2,246,317	1/ 1,090,206	1,595,502
Total - x35 cities	1,963,144	1/ 1,043,672	1,416,679
1/ Corrected total.			

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