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

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May, 1934, was higher by 31.0 p.c. than in April, 1934, and was also higher by 42.4 p.c. than in May, 1933. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$2,942,096, as compared with \$2,246,317 in the preceding month, and \$2,065,372 in May, 1933. In connection with these figures, it should be noted that though the improvement is not very large, there is an increase over the total for each of the first four months of this year and also over May, 1933, while the aggregate for the first five months of 1934 exceeds by 16.7 p.c. that for the same period of 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued almost 300 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$1,200,000 and for some 2,200 other buildings estimated to cost over \$1,400,000. 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 250 dwellings and 1,600 other buildings, valued at approximately \$800,000 and \$1,400,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with April, 1934, that of \$382,735 or 76.7 p.c. in Quebec being the most pronounced.

As compared with May, 1933, Nova Scotia, <sup>New Brunswick</sup> Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta registered increases; of these that of \$349,888 or 65.8 p.c. in Quebec was most noteworthy.

Of the four larger cities, Montreal and Toronto construction showed improvement both as compared with last month and also with the same month of 1933; Winnipeg registered a gain as compared with April, 1934, but a loss as compared with May, 1933, while in Vancouver there was a decrease in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Fredericton, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Hamilton, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Peterboro, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Sandwich, Brandon, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Kamloops and New Westminster recorded increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with either the preceding month or the same month of last year.

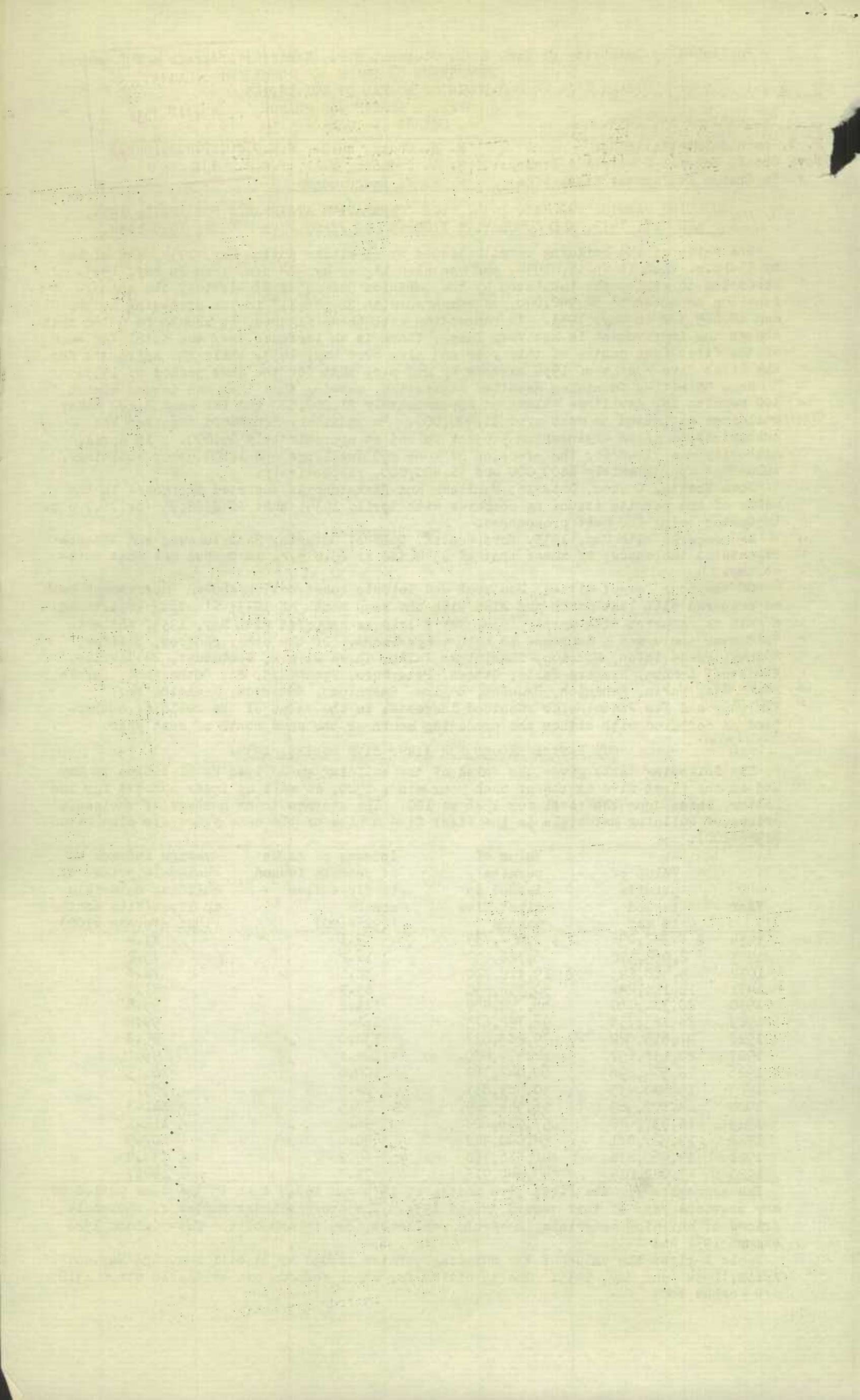
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1934.

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).
1934	\$ 2,942,096	\$ 7,852,733	13.1	83.4
1933	2,065,372	6,726,695	11.2	75.2
1932	5,488,845	19,312,720	32.1	78.8
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 1934 was lower than in the same period of any previous year of this record except 1933. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was lower than in any of the years since 1920 except 1932 and 1933.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and April, 1934, and May, 1933. 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.

C i t i e s	May, 1934	April, 1934	May, 1933
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	-	-	16,100
Nova Scotia	105,930	64,200	78,360
x Halifax	102,205	62,170	72,260
New Glasgow	2,050	830	5,800
x Sydney	1,675	1,200	300
New Brunswick	33,682	40,645	31,245
Fredericton	7,555	2,150	6,125
x Moncton	26,127	7,180	3,740
x Saint John	1/	31,315	21,380
Quebec	881,483	498,748	531,595
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	505,091	335,018	469,051
x Quebec	36,806	39,180	38,996
Shawinigan Falls	96,855	17,580	1,200
x Sherbrooke	10,200	12,000	7,100
x Three Rivers	158,325	38,980	8,488
x Westmount	74,206	55,990	6,760
Ontario	1,360,024	1,031,588	907,972
Belleville	27,900	2,050	1,725
x Brantford	8,296	16,378	7,551
Chatham	2,700	14,250	1,000
x Fort William	19,650	26,150	25,750
Galt	7,394	4,942	15,431
x Guelph	9,340	10,010	13,892
x Hamilton	112,680	101,655	53,385
x Kingston	14,598	21,634	19,680
x Kitchener	18,103	32,413	12,542
x London	63,455	39,485	24,695
Niagara Falls	21,040	500	9,424
Oshawa	3,600	7,325	7,800
x Ottawa	264,250	124,040	91,245
Owen Sound	3,000	6,000	5,600
x Peterboro	33,415	10,460	5,370
x Port Arthur	11,975	5,865	14,255
x Stratford	6,400	6,183	5,840
x St. Catharines	17,090	10,177	7,515
x St. Thomas	2,105	1,070	2,435
Sarnia	30,670	3,510	17,515
Sault Ste. Marie	21,585	9,640	16,655
x Toronto	529,972	462,603	395,343
York & East York Townships	104,950	65,207	125,890
Welland	9,430	32,360	3,405
x Windsor	4,621	6,755	8,855
East Windsor	475	690	Nil
Riverside	Nil	Nil	1,000
Sandwich	700	300	250
Walkerville	2,000	2,000	1,000
Woodstock	8,630	7,936	12,924
Manitoba	147,861	61,614	162,780
x Brandon	10,306	2,714	6,695
St. Boniface	4,205	4,050	11,785
x Winnipeg	133,350	54,850	144,300
Saskatchewan	75,290	69,860	25,780
x Moose Jaw	2,820	56,650	2,325
x Regina	32,925	7,825	8,930
x Saskatoon	39,545	5,385	14,525
Alberta	157,404	216,534	96,825
x Calgary	45,260	151,894	37,617
x Edmonton	96,640	46,195	52,840
Lethbridge	9,124	17,435	5,868
Medicine Hat	6,380	1,010	500
British Columbia	180,422	263,128	214,715
Kamloops	8,472	6,712	2,750
Nanaimo	200	31,906	850
x New Westminster	17,190	4,775	5,690
Prince Rupert	1,375	43,900	1,685
x Vancouver	119,235	143,380	160,117
North Vancouver	240	590	2,773
x Victoria	33,710	31,865	40,850
<b>Total - 61 Cities</b>	<b>2,942,096</b>	<b>2,246,317</b>	<b>2,065,372</b>
<b>Total - x35 Cities</b>	<b>2,561,566</b>	<b>1,963,444</b>	<b>1,790,317</b>

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