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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR DECEMBER, 1934, AND JANUARY, 1934.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, but the total was slightly higher than in January, 1934; the co-operating municipalities reported permits for buildings estimated to cost \$786,544, compared with \$2,521,820 in December, 1934, and \$707,812 in January of last year. There was, therefore, a reduction of 68.8 p.c. in the first comparison, but an increase of 11.1 p.c. in the second and more significant comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted some 75 permits for dwellings valued at about \$310,000, and about 375 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$330,000. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 125 dwellings and 450 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$400,000 and \$1,900,000, respectively.

Saskatchewan was the only province to report an increase in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, 1934, there being a gain of \$10,360 in this comparison. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, the greatest were those of \$1,366,506 or 74.9 p.c. in Ontario, and of \$182,559 or 88.4 p.c. in Alberta.

As compared with January, 1934, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia showed increases; these were in each case on a small scale, that of \$29,622 or 35.2 p.c. in British Columbia being largest. There were percentages declines of 54.8 and 84.4 in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, respectively, but the reduction in the actual value of the authorized building was small, amounting to \$17,040 in Nova Scotia and \$15,967 in New Brunswick.

In Winnipeg and Vancouver there were increases in the value of the building permits granted over the preceding month, and also as compared with the same month of last year, while in Montreal and Toronto, there were declines in the former, but increases in the latter comparison. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons - Sydney, Quebec, Three Rivers, Guelph, Owen Sound, Sault Ste. Marie, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and New Westminster.

RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS 1920-1935.

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)
1935	\$ 786,544	16.7	81.8
1934	707,812	15.0	82.1
1933	1,185,961	25.1	75.7
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	123.3	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 and 1935 figures for January were the smallest in this record of sixteen years, but it should also be noted that the wholesale costs of building materials were lower in January of these two years than in the winter of any other year since 1920, except 1932 and 1933.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January, 1935, and December and January, 1934. The statistics for all but the present year are based on revised statements furnished by the civic officials after the close of the year. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "x".

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THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The following table shows the population of the United States from 1790 to 1900. The population increased from approximately 4 million in 1790 to over 75 million in 1900. The growth was particularly rapid between 1800 and 1850, and again after 1870.

Year	Population
1790	4,000,000
1800	5,300,000
1810	7,200,000
1820	9,600,000
1830	12,900,000
1840	17,000,000
1850	23,000,000
1860	31,500,000
1870	38,500,000
1880	50,500,000
1890	63,000,000
1900	75,000,000

Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	January, 1935	December, 1934	January, 1934
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	-	2,850	-
Nova Scotia	14,075	42,211	31,115
x Halifax	12,075	40,811	31,115
New Glasgow	Nil	1,400	Nil
x Sydney	2,000	Nil	Nil
New Brunswick	2,950	20,945	18,917
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	Nil	2,535	3,512
x St. John	2,950	18,410	15,405
Quebec	114,055	254,279	89,655
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	86,135	169,735	75,625
x Quebec	22,800	5,369	8,405
Shawinigan Falls	270	55,250	150
x Sherbrooke	3,550	7,500	4,550
x Three Rivers	800	675	700
x Westmount	500	15,750	225
Ontario	458,600	1,825,106	444,620
Belleville	280	Nil	300
x Brantford	10,105	43,950	20,857
Chatham	Nil	8,400	2,500
x Fort William	500	6,170	2,000
Galt	250	60	4,710
x Guelph	4,900	4,355	100
x Hamilton	37,360	90,165	22,750
x Kingston	75	3,200	5,010
x Kitchener	1,520	4,140	1,055
x London	8,220	84,360	38,705
Niagara Falls	1,590	8,678	50
Oshawa	1,000	2,000	Nil
x Ottawa	6,670	14,155	47,065
Owen Sound	1,400	800	Nil
x Peterborough	300	4,208	11,930
x Port Arthur	Nil	7,190	1,900
x Stratford	325	545	175
x St. Catharines	773	6,145	5,050
x St. Thomas	500	15,950	4,550
Sarnia	1,000	7,375	1,299
Sault Ste. Marie	2,500	935	248
x Toronto	345,338	1,392,627	226,343
York & East York Townships	24,184	88,805	31,560
Welland	Nil	1,850	3,231
x Windsor	5,925	3,400	10,250
East Windsor	Nil	100	Nil
Essexville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	12,700	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	6,000	Nil
Woodstock	3,885	6,843	2,982
Manitoba	40,150	42,850	12,725
x Brandon	Nil	2,000	Nil
St. Boniface	600	26,500	1,275
x Winnipeg	39,550	14,350	11,450
Saskatchewan	18,885	8,525	3,735
x Moose Jaw	7,000	350	Nil
x Regina	4,650	7,775	3,435
x Saskatoon	7,235	400	300
Alberta	23,939	206,498	22,777
x Calgary	15,419	190,806	14,137
x Edmonton	7,310	8,085	8,490
Lethbridge	1,210	5,607	Nil
Medicine Hat	Nil	2,000	150
British Columbia	113,890	118,556	84,268
Kamloops	340	120	2,700
Nanaimo	1,575	4,297	475
x New Westminster	5,050	2,100	2,000
Prince Rupert	480	Nil	1,800
x Vancouver	86,345	85,085	51,229
North Vancouver	50	145	1,435
x Victoria	20,050	26,809	24,629
Total - 61 Cities	786,544	2,521,820	707,812
x Total - 35 Cities	745,930	2,279,105	641,079

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