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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR
 NOVEMBER, 1935, AND DECEMBER, 1934, AND TOTALS FOR THE YEARS, 1920-1935.

The building permits issued by 58 cities in December, 1935, represented construction work valued at \$2,390,014, as compared with \$3,315,001 in November, 1935, and \$2,521,820 in December, 1934. There was, therefore, a decrease of \$924,987 or 27.9 p.c. in December as compared with the preceding month, and of \$151,806 or 5.2 p.c. as compared with the same month of 1934.

In 1935, the value of the building authorized in each month but December was greater than in the same month of 1934, while from January, the aggregate for each month exceeded that for the corresponding month in 1933. The total for 1935 was higher than in any of the last three years, standing at \$46,236,702, as compared with \$27,457,524 in 1934, \$21,776,496 in 1933 and \$42,319,397 in 1932; the 1935 figures are unrevised, while those for previous years are revised. Although the improvement indicated last year was partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations was also more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during 1935, at 82.2 p.c. of the 1926 basic average, was lower than in any preceding year for which building statistics for the 58 cities are on record, with the exception of 1931, 1932 and 1933.

A review of building permits granted in 1935 will be issued next month.

Detailed statements were received from some 50 cities, showing that they had issued some 160 permits for dwellings valued at almost \$400,000 and over 300 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of more than \$800,000. There were also four permits taken out for engineering work at a cost of \$47,770. During November, the construction of some 260 dwellings and 1,060 other buildings was authorized; these were estimated to cost approximately \$1,434,000 and \$1,540,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, Quebec reported an increase of \$409,600 or 79 p.c. in the value of the authorized building. Declines were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$1,165,953 or 50.6 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

Quebec, Saskatchewan and British Columbia recorded increases as compared with December, 1934, in the value of the building authorized. In this comparison, Quebec reported the greatest gain of \$673,951, or 265 p.c. Of the reduction in the remaining provinces, that of \$684,752 or 37.5 p.c. in Ontario was most marked.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal registered increases, both as compared with November, 1935, and December, 1934. Winnipeg and Vancouver reported declines as compared with the preceding month, but an increase over the same month in 1934, while Toronto showed reductions in the value of the building permits issued in each comparison. Of the smaller centres, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Chatham, Stratford, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, Woodstock, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Kamloops, Nanaimo and New Westminster recorded advances as compared with November, 1935, and also with December, 1934.

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CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1935.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during the Decembers of the years since 1920, and also for the completed years; the 1935 figures are unrevised, while for preceding years the statistics are revised. (A revised statement for 1935 will be issued next month). Index numbers, based upon the total value of the building authorized by these cities during 1926 as 100, are given below, as are the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the years 1920-35.

Year	Value of permits issued in December	Value of permits issued in twelve months	Indexes of value of permits issued in twelve months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, twelve months (1926=100)
1935	\$ 2,390,014	\$ 46,236,702	29.6	82.2
1934	2,521,820	27,457,524	17.6	82.6
1933	1,983,292	21,776,496	13.9	78.3
1932	1,569,255	42,319,397	27.1	77.2
1931	7,895,106	112,222,845	71.8	81.9
1930	15,440,281	166,379,325	106.4	90.9
1929	14,688,682	234,944,549	150.2	99.0
1928	16,095,160	219,105,715	140.1	97.1
1927	11,755,566	184,613,742	118.0	96.1
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	100.0	100.0
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	79.9	102.9
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	80.9	106.6
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	85.4	111.8
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	94.8	108.7
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	74.7	122.7
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	74.8	144.0

The unrevised statistics for 1935 indicate that last year's aggregate was 68.4 p.c. higher than in 1934; it was also considerably higher than in 1933 and rather higher than in 1932. With these exceptions, the total was lower than in any other year since 1920. In this connection, it should be noted that the Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of building materials was practically the same as in 1934; while it was slightly higher than in 1931, 1932 or 1933, it was lower than in any year from 1920 to 1930.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in November and December, 1935, and December, 1934. The 35 centres for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

Cities	December, 1935	November, 1935	December, 1934
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	1/	3,650	2,850
Nova Scotia	31,660	80,885	42,211
x Halifax	31,610	71,235	40,811
New Glasgow	Nil	1,900	1,400
x Sydney	50	7,750	Nil
New Brunswick	Nil	20,220	20,945
Fredericton	Nil	450	Nil
x Moncton	1/	10,000	2,535
x Saint John	1/	9,770	18,410
Quebec	928,230	518,630	254,279
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	739,815	428,115	169,735
x Quebec	27,180	60,245	5,369
Shawinigan Falls	600	200	55,250
x Sherbrooke	135,100	16,000	7,500
x Three Rivers	2,735	1,400	675
x Westmount	22,800	12,670	15,750
Ontario	1,140,354	2,306,307	1,825,106
Belleville	800	125	Nil
x Brantford	17,460	15,736	43,950
Chatham	21,500	2,175	8,400
x Fort William	450	4,300	6,170
Galt	975	2,207	60
x Guelph	833	15,846	4,355
x Hamilton	47,797	142,305	90,165
x Kingston	295	15,250	3,200
x Kitchener	32,090	77,589	4,140
x London	12,655	252,780	84,360
Niagara Falls	1,135	280	8,678
Oshawa	400	2,100	2,000
x Ottawa	24,750	358,000	14,155
Owen Sound	1,150	4,300	800
x Peterborough	2,635	9,680	4,208
x Port Arthur	1,050	4,889	7,190
x Stratford	4,725	850	545
x St. Catharines	5,425	40,744	6,145
x St. Thomas	36,130	1,005	15,950
Sarnia	2,550	5,458	7,375
Sault Ste. Marie	17,250	5,975	935
x Toronto	739,812	1,097,798	1,392,627
York & East York Townships	139,333	219,940	88,805
Welland	60	3,350	1,850
x Windsor	9,405	17,665	22,200
Riverside	Nil	350	Nil
Woodstock	19,689	5,610	6,843
Manitoba	41,850	56,250	42,850
x Brandon	Nil	1,600	2,000
St. Boniface	9,200	50	26,500
x Winnipeg	32,650	54,600	14,350
Saskatchewan	9,025	30,165	8,525
x Moose Jaw	Nil	225	350
x Regina	1,050	23,390	7,775
x Saskatoon	7,975	6,550	400
Alberta	26,275	30,850	206,498
x Calgary	13,920	16,148	190,806
x Edmonton	10,825	6,180	8,085
Lethbridge	1,430	4,587	5,607
Medicine Hat	100	3,935	2,000
British Columbia	212,620	268,044	118,556
Kamloops	3,130	2,951	120
Nanaimo	6,075	2,931	4,297
x New Westminster	20,465	16,425	2,100
Prince Rupert	351	3,305	Nil
x Vancouver	163,785	216,955	85,085
North Vancouver	Nil	370	145
x Victoria	18,814	25,107	26,809
Total - 58 Cities	2,390,014	3,315,001	2,521,820
Total - x35 Cities	2,134,286	3,038,802	2,279,105

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