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

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 61 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, showed a decided increase, being higher by \$2,811,905, or 357.5 p.c., than in the preceding month and by \$2,704,347, or 302.5 p.c., than in February of last year; the total stood at \$3,598,449 during February, 1935, as compared with \$786,544 in January, 1935, and \$894,102 in February, 1934. The authorizations reported in February were greater in value than in the same month of any other year since 1931; they also exceeded those indicated in any month of 1934. One large permit in Ottawa contributed materially to the increase, but the general trend shown in this report is strongly upward.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted 95 permits for dwellings valued at over \$300,000 and more than 500 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$2,808,365. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 75 dwellings and 375 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$310,000 and \$330,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1935; the largest gain, of \$1,940,126 or 423.1 p.c., took place in Ontario. Saskatchewan showed a decline of \$10,460, or 55.4 p.c., in this comparison.

As compared with February, 1934, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases, that of \$1,932,899, or 414.9 p.c., in Ontario being most marked. New Brunswick and Saskatchewan reported reductions of \$4,355, or 29.4 p.c., and \$12,925, or 60.5 p.c., respectively, in this comparison.

Each of the larger cities, - Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, - recorded increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1935, and also as compared with February, 1934. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, New Glasgow, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Chatham, Hamilton, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Sarnia, York & East York Townships, Riverside, Brandon, St. Boniface, Calgary, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Prince Rupert, North Vancouver and Victoria reported improvement in each of these comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1935.

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)
1935	\$ 3,598,449	\$ 4,384,993	37.0	81.7
1934	894,102	1,601,914	13.5	82.2
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 1935 was substantially higher than in the same months of 1934 and 1933, though it was lower than in earlier years of the record. The index of wholesale prices of building materials was fractionally lower than in 1934, but it was higher than in 1933 and 1932; this index was, however, considerably lower in the first two months of the present year than in the months January-February of any other year since 1920.

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

C i t i e s	February	January	February
	1935	1935	1934
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	10,150	-	Nil
Nova Scotia	35,000	14,075	32,240
x Halifax	30,000	12,075	30,740
New Glasgow	3,500	Nil	1,500
x Sydney	1,500	2,000	Nil
New Brunswick	10,460	2,950	14,815
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	7,710	Nil	5,150
x St. John	2,750	2,950	9,665
Quebec	521,373	114,055	198,455
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	487,638	86,135	132,765
x Quebec	17,460	22,800	54,880
Shawinigan Falls	300	270	Nil
x Sherbrooke	6,600	3,550	6,150
x Three Rivers	3,725	800	60
x Westmount	5,650	500	4,600
Ontario	2,398,726	458,600	465,827
Belleville	Nil	280	1,050
x Brantford	8,624	10,105	10,470
Chatham	20,735	Nil	200
x Fort William	300	500	11,150
Galt	1,300	250	35,600
x Guelph	2,850	4,900	1,500
x Hamilton	55,530	37,360	16,550
x Kingston	Nil	75	3,450
x Kitchener	9,600	1,520	13,135
x London	48,497	8,220	40,865
Niagara Falls	21,550	1,590	2
Oshawa	Nil	1,000	2,500
x Ottawa	1,151,390	6,670	39,200
Owen Sound	550	1,400	Nil
x Peterborough	375	300	8,800
x Port Arthur	375	Nil	2,705
x Stratford	Nil	325	200
x St. Catharines	1,050	773	4,060
x St. Thomas	100	500	75
Sarnia	4,420	1,000	2,965
Sault Ste. Marie	2,300	2,500	145
x Toronto	1,025,400	345,338	245,160
York & East York Townships	33,110	24,184	10,450
Welland	150	Nil	1,550
x Windsor	10,300	5,925	12,530
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	300
Riverside	200	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	800
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	20	3,885	415
Manitoba	305,700	40,150	14,100
x Brandon	3,600	Nil	2,200
St. Boniface	9,850	600	1,300
x Winnipeg	292,250	39,550	10,600
Saskatchewan	8,425	18,885	21,350
x Moose Jaw	175	7,000	75
x Regina	7,900	4,650	11,890
x Saskatoon	350	7,235	9,385
Alberta	63,446	23,939	17,568
x Calgary	56,211	15,419	9,891
x Edmonton	5,975	7,310	4,535
Lethbridge	1,225	1,210	1,892
Medicine Hat	35	Nil	1,250
British Columbia	245,169	113,890	129,747
Yamloops	3,435	340	2,650
Nanaimo	2,100	1,575	620
x New Westminster	25,535	5,050	4,040
Prince Rupert	2,400	480	1,275
x Vancouver	167,675	86,345	87,710
North Vancouver	2,650	50	665
x Victoria	41,374	20,050	32,787
Total - 61 Cities	3,598,449	786,544	894,102
xTotal - 35 Cities	3,478,469	745,930	826,973

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