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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1935, AND MARCH, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920-1935.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during March was \$4,009,675; this was an increase of \$411,226 or 11.4 p.c. over the February total of \$3,598,449, while there was also the substantial increase of \$2,900,590 or 261.5 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the aggregate of \$1,109,085 reported for March, 1934. The authorization of a large public building in Winnipeg was an important factor in the increase during the month under review, but the general movement in construction activities shown in this report is also decidedly upward. The value of the building authorized during the first quarter of the present year amounted to \$8,394,668, an increase of \$5,683,669, or 209.7 p.c. over the same period of 1934; it was also higher by 173.8 p.c. than in the months, January-March of 1933, but was lower than in the first quarter of any other year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 150 permits for dwellings valued at more than \$450,000 and some 1,000 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$3,400,000. In addition, one centre reported that it had authorized an engineering project valued at approximately \$14,000. In February, authority was given for the erection of some 95 dwellings and more than 500 other buildings, estimated to involve expenditures of approximately \$300,000 and \$2,808,365, respectively.

New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported increases in the value of the building authorized during March, 1935, as compared with the preceding month. The greatest gain was that of \$1,216,850 or 398.1 p.c. in Manitoba. The largest decline in the remaining provinces was that of \$673,976 or 28.1 p.c. in Ontario.

As compared with March, 1934, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases, those of \$1,269,709 or 279.0 p.c. in Ontario and \$1,492,454, or almost fifty-fold in Manitoba being most marked. The reductions elsewhere recorded were small, the largest being that of \$54,256 or 18 p.c. in Quebec.

Of the larger cities, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed increases as compared with February, 1935, and March, 1934, those in the former city being substantial. Toronto reported a slight decline in the first, but a large gain in the second comparison, while Montreal recorded losses in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Belleville, Brantford, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, York & East York Townships, Welland, Windsor, East Windsor, Riverside, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Lethbridge, Manaimo and Prince Rupert reported higher totals than in either February, 1935, or March, 1934.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during March and in the first quarter 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 quarter of the same years are also given (1926=100).

| Year | Value of permits issued in March | Value of permits issued in first quarter | Indexes of value of permits issued in first quarter (1926=100) | Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first quarter (1926=100) |
|------|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 1935 | \$ 4,009,675 | \$ 8,394,668 | 37.3 | 81.6 |
| 1934 | 1,109,085 | 2,710,999 | 12.1 | 82.2 |
| 1933 | 953,966 | 3,065,821 | 13.6 | 75.2 |
| 1932 | 3,396,729 | 9,453,012 | 42.0 | 79.3 |
| 1931 | 9,948,979 | 24,746,094 | 110.0 | 83.7 |
| 1930 | 13,356,787 | 29,493,262 | 131.1 | 96.7 |
| 1929 | 24,068,018 | 42,950,228 | 190.9 | 99.2 |
| 1928 | 15,128,413 | 33,163,338 | 147.4 | 95.5 |
| 1927 | 11,713,640 | 25,028,353 | 111.3 | 96.4 |
| 1926 | 10,634,491 | 22,493,574 | 100.0 | 102.0 |
| 1925 | 8,631,627 | 19,981,015 | 88.2 | 102.9 |
| 1924 | 9,493,620 | 18,047,999 | 80.2 | 112.2 |
| 1923 | 9,658,950 | 19,478,119 | 86.6 | 110.6 |
| 1922 | 10,615,531 | 18,680,173 | 83.0 | 108.0 |
| 1921 | 7,290,589 | 13,569,512 | 60.3 | 139.1 |
| 1920 | 8,736,675 | 18,909,986 | 84.1 | 139.4 |

As already stated, the total value of the building authorized in the first quarter of 1935 was higher than in the same period of 1934 or 1933, but with these exceptions, was lower than in any other year since 1920.

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

| Cities | March 1935 | February 1935 | March 1934 |
|----------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| P.E.I. - Charlottetown | - | 10,150 | 1,300 |
| Nova Scotia | 25,875 | 35,000 | 27,105 |
| x Halifax | 24,575 | 30,000 | 26,555 |
| New Glasgow | Nil | 3,500 | 400 |
| x Sydney | 1,300 | 1,500 | 350 |
| New Brunswick | 14,968 | 10,460 | 18,050 |
| Fredericton | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| x Moncton | 4,460 | 7,710 | 725 |
| x Saint John | 10,508 | 2,750 | 17,325 |
| Quebec | 247,850 | 521,373 | 302,106 |
| x Montreal - x Maisonneuve | 191,910 | 487,638 | 198,711 |
| x Quebec | 25,090 | 17,460 | 44,570 |
| Shawinigan Falls | 1,850 | 300 | 200 |
| x Sherbrooke | 10,700 | 6,600 | 8,000 |
| x Three Rivers | 5,800 | 3,725 | Nil |
| x Westmount | 12,500 | 5,650 | 50,625 |
| Ontario | 1,724,750 | 2,398,726 | 455,041 |
| Belleville | 2,500 | Nil | 2,255 |
| x Brantford | 28,261 | 8,624 | 6,078 |
| Chatham | 12,650 | 20,735 | 2,300 |
| x Fort William | 7,500 | 300 | 15,550 |
| Galt | 8,566 | 1,300 | 11,680 |
| x Guelph | 3,775 | 2,850 | 150 |
| x Hamilton | 47,640 | 55,530 | 6,950 |
| x Kingston | 1,370 | Nil | 2,760 |
| x Kitchener | 20,470 | 9,600 | 8,625 |
| x London | 99,580 | 48,497 | 15,315 |
| Niagara Falls | 715 | 21,550 | 1,131 |
| Oshawa | 550 | Nil | 500 |
| x Ottawa | 331,580 | 1,151,390 | 15,035 |
| Owen Sound | 5,400 | 550 | Nil |
| x Peterborough | 2,580 | 375 | 1,125 |
| x Port Arthur | 3,393 | 375 | 2,547 |
| x Stratford | 845 | Nil | 5,950 |
| x St. Catharines | 4,683 | 1,050 | 2,333 |
| x St. Thomas | 1,000 | 100 | 3,220 |
| Sarnia | 2,840 | 4,420 | 4,015 |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 7,275 | 2,300 | 405 |
| x Toronto | 1,021,677 | 1,025,400 | 322,262 |
| York & East York Townships | 72,345 | 33,110 | 12,550 |
| Welland | 10,895 | 150 | 1,685 |
| x Windsor | 14,975 | 10,300 | 8,175 |
| East Windsor | 1,550 | Nil | 1,100 |
| Riverside | 1,050 | 200 | Nil |
| Sandwich | Nil | Nil | 600 |
| Walkerville | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Woodstock | 9,085 | 20 | 745 |
| Manitoba | 1,522,550 | 305,700 | 30,096 |
| x Brandon | 400 | 3,600 | 4,896 |
| St. Boniface | 1,800 | 9,850 | 2,200 |
| x Winnipeg | 1,520,350 | 292,250 | 23,000 |
| Saskatchewan | 45,255 | 8,425 | 18,670 |
| x Moose Jaw | 3,975 | 175 | 1,100 |
| x Regina | 21,000 | 7,900 | 16,170 |
| x Saskatoon | 20,280 | 350 | 1,400 |
| Alberta | 212,740 | 63,446 | 77,917 |
| x Calgary | 180,723 | 56,211 | 48,725 |
| x Edmonton | 18,890 | 5,975 | 24,335 |
| Lethbridge | 11,165 | 1,225 | 357 |
| Medicine Hat | 1,962 | 35 | 4,500 |
| British Columbia | 215,687 | 245,169 | 178,800 |
| Kamloops | 2,425 | 3,435 | 735 |
| Nanaimo | 2,800 | 2,100 | 1,100 |
| x New Westminster | 5,595 | 25,535 | 6,500 |
| Prince Rupert | 3,200 | 2,400 | 850 |
| x Vancouver | 168,390 | 167,675 | 131,350 |
| North Vancouver | 415 | 2,650 | 825 |
| x Victoria | 32,862 | 41,374 | 37,440 |
| Total - 61 cities | 4,009,675 | 3,598,449 | 1,109,085 |
| Total -x35 cities | 3,848,637 | 3,478,469 | 1,047,652 |



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