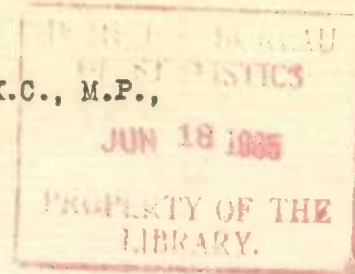


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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1935,
 AND MAY, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May, 1935, was lower by 23.7 p.c. than in April, 1935, but was higher by 58.9 p.c. than in May, 1934, a comparison of greater significance. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$4,799,285, as compared with \$6,292,152 in the preceding month, and \$3,019,761 in May, 1934.

So far this year, the value of building authorized in each month has been higher than in the same month of 1934, while in each of the last four months, the total has also exceeded that for the corresponding month of 1933. The cumulative total for the first five months of the present year is higher than in the period January - May of any of the last three years. The improvement is partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, but the movement in general building operations has also been much 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 the elapsed months of the present year, at 81.7 p.c. of the 1926 average, was lower than in the same period of any preceding year for which building statistics for the 61 cities are on record, with the exception of 1932 and 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 400 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$1,373,000 and for more than 2,300 other buildings estimated to cost nearly \$3,260,000. In addition, engineering projects, having an estimated cost of \$119,152, were authorized in four cities, viz., Brantford, Guelph, Moose Jaw and Calgary. In April, authority was given for the erection of some 350 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings, valued at approximately \$2,500,000 and \$3,200,000, respectively, while there was also an engineering project estimated to cost approximately \$8,000.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with April, 1935, that of \$84,150 in Saskatchewan being the most pronounced. The remaining provinces showed declines in this comparison, that of \$1,366,111 or 38.8 p.c. in Ontario being greatest.

As compared with May, 1934, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia registered increases, of which those of \$806,451 or 191.5 p.c. in Quebec and \$785,583 or 57.5 p.c. in Ontario were most noteworthy. In New Brunswick, there was a decline of \$18,876 or 33.1 p.c., while no report for May was received from Prince Edward Island.

Of the four largest cities, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed improvement as compared with last month and also with the same month of 1934; Montreal registered a loss as compared with April, 1935, but an increase over May of last year. Of the other centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Sydney, Quebec, Brantford, Chatham, Galt, Kingston, Kitchener, Oshawa, Ottawa, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Lethbridge, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert, North Vancouver and Victoria showed increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with either the preceding month or the same month of 1934.

1/ Revised to include figures from Charlottetown, which arrived too late for inclusion in the April report.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1935.

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)
1935	\$4,799,285	\$19,486,105	32.5	81.7
1934	3,019,761	7,999,917	13.3	83.0
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 1935 was very substantially greater than in the same period in 1934 or 1933, being also slightly higher than in the months January - May, 1932; the increase over last year was 243.6 p.c. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, as already mentioned, was lower than in 1934, and all other years since 1920, except 1932 and 1933.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and April, 1935, and May, 1934. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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

Cities	May, 1935	April, 1935	May, 1934
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$ 1/	\$ 20,100	\$ 32,700
Nova Scotia	114,425	58,015	105,930
x Halifax	104,205	55,540	102,205
New Glasgow	2,720	1,825	2,050
x Sydney	7,500	650	1,675
New Brunswick	38,105	37,483	56,981
Fredericton	- 1/	350	7,555
x Moncton	20,525	17,705	26,127
x Saint John	17,580	19,428	23,299
Quebec	1,687,934	1,805,716	881,483
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	567,387	1,680,591	505,091
x Quebec	1,053,097	59,690	36,806
Shawinigan Falls	14,350	635	96,855
x Sherbrooke	30,900	34,650	10,200
x Three Rivers	11,900	5,420	158,325
x Westmount	10,300	24,730	74,206
Ontario	2,152,273	3,518,384	1,366,690
Belleville	11,300	13,550	27,900
x Brantford	30,962	12,610	8,296
Chatham	13,625	7,450	2,700
x Fort William	8,200	15,500	19,650
Galt	10,805	5,695	7,394
x Guelph	11,253	23,707	9,340
x Hamilton	109,370	916,285	112,680
x Kingston	47,683	23,319	14,598
x Kitchener	94,934	54,742	18,103
x London	56,645	1,065,170	63,455
Niagara Falls	5,065	1,090	21,040
Oshawa	6,250	3,040	3,600
x Ottawa	258,630	250,490	254,250
Owen Sound	5,425	5,875	3,000
x Peterborough	14,776	12,030	33,415
x Port Arthur	42,164	28,042	11,975
x Stratford	1,793	8,791	6,400
x St. Catharines	16,923	22,845	17,090
x St. Thomas	2,795	2,210	2,105
Sarnia	10,150	8,989	30,670
Sault Ste. Marie	14,795	17,370	21,582
x Toronto	1,179,404	616,214	546,641
York & East York Townships	141,266	273,770	104,950
Welland	5,605	11,550	9,430
x Windsor	32,760	98,990	4,621
East Windsor	510	2,500	475
Riverside	200	1,300	N11
Sandwich	- 1/	N11	700
Walkerville	6,000	8,000	2,000
Woodstock	12,985	7,260	8,630
Manitoba	181,480	115,600	147,861
x Brandon	8,450	52,850	10,306
St. Boniface	3,630	3,700	4,205
x Winnipeg	169,400	59,050	133,350
Saskatchewan	142,690	58,540	75,290
x Moose Jaw	87,850	20,555	2,820
x Regina	18,440	18,235	32,925
x Saskatoon	36,400	19,750	39,545
Alberta	175,307	408,534	157,404
x Calgary	72,246	108,266	45,260
x Edmonton	72,011	280,339	96,640
Lethbridge	27,860	16,379	9,124
Medicine Hat	3,190	3,550	6,380
British Columbia	307,071	269,780	195,422
Kamloops	6,909	2,779	8,472
Nanaimo	3,846	2,550	200
x New Westminster	15,650	32,925	17,190
Prince Rupert	3,466	1,605	1,375
x Vancouver	202,995	198,755	119,235
North Vancouver	5,125	3,665	240
x Victoria	69,080	27,501	48,710
Total - 61 Cities	4,799,285	2/ 6,292,152	3,019,761
x Total - 35 Cities	4,484,208	5,867,573	2,616,534

1/Reports not received. 2/Includes figures for Charlottetown, received too late for inclusion in April report.

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