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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS  
FOR DECEMBER, 1935, AND JANUARY, 1935.

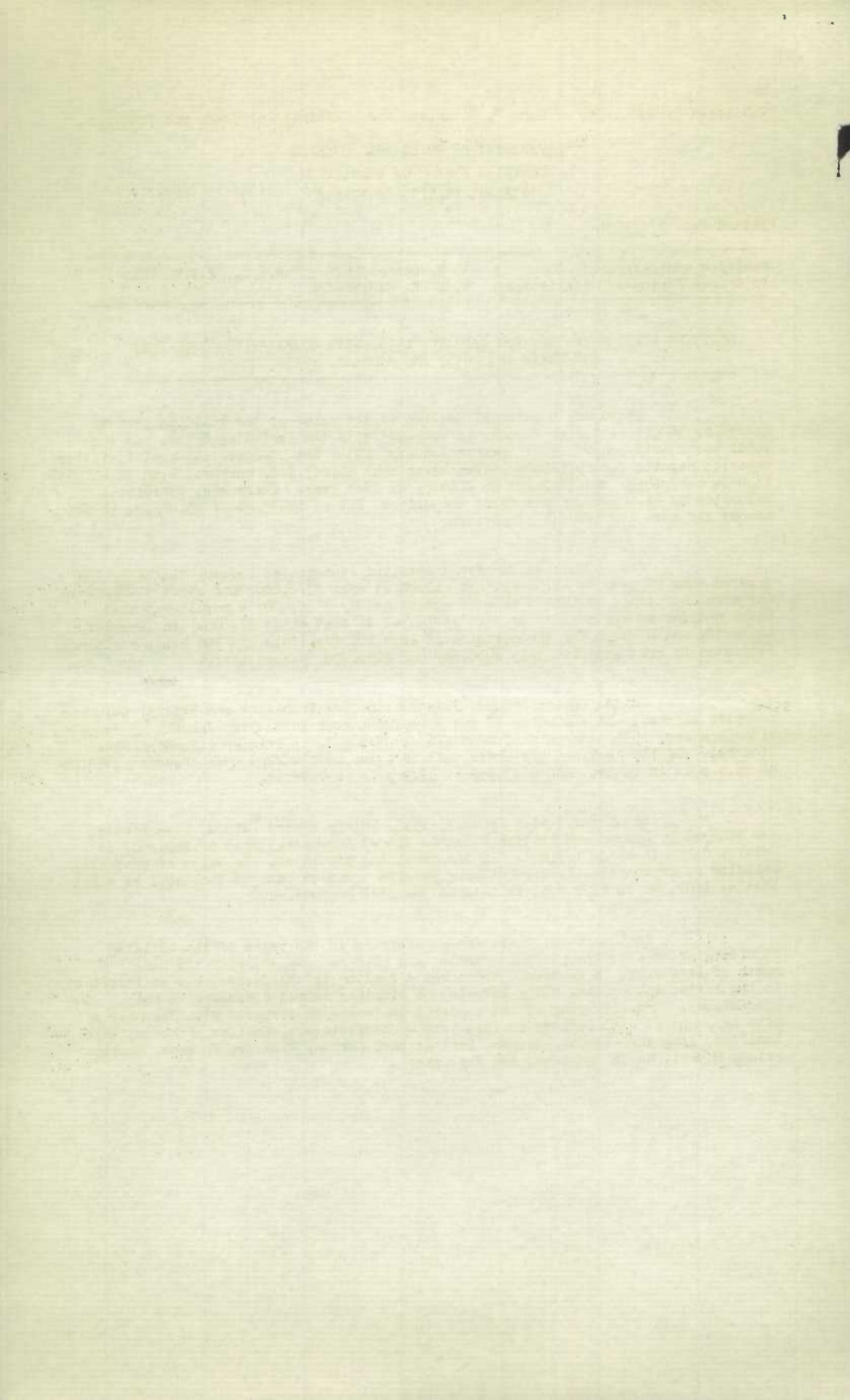
There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, but the total was considerably higher than in January, 1935; the co-operating municipalities reported permits for buildings estimated to cost \$1,283,716, compared with \$2,401,856 in December, 1935, and \$882,878 in January of last year. There was, therefore, a reduction of 46.6 p.c. in the first comparison, but an increase of 45.4 p.c. in the second and more significant comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted some 95 permits for dwellings valued at over \$376,000, and about 380 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$556,000; a permit was also taken out for an engineering project estimated to cost about \$1,600. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 160 dwellings and 300 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$400,000 and \$300,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, 1935, the gain of \$208,876 or 95.4 p.c. in British Columbia being greatest. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, the most marked were those of \$64,284 or 69.4 p.c. in Quebec, and \$683,395 or 59.9 p.c. in Ontario.

As compared with January, 1935, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and British Columbia showed increases; that of \$307,607 in British Columbia being largest. In the remaining provinces, the value of projected building as represented by the building permits taken out showed declines, of which that of \$101,741 or 18.2 p.c. in Ontario was most pronounced.

In Vancouver, there was an increase in the value of the building permits granted over the preceding month, and also as compared with the same month of last year; in Montreal, there was a decline in the former, but an increase in the latter comparison, while Toronto and Winnipeg showed decreases in both comparisons. The following cities reported increases as compared with December and also as compared with January of last year - Charlottetown, Halifax, Moncton, Galt, Hamilton, Kingston, London, Oshawa, Port Arthur, Sarnia, Windsor, Brandon, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert, North Vancouver and Victoria.





RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS 1920-1936.

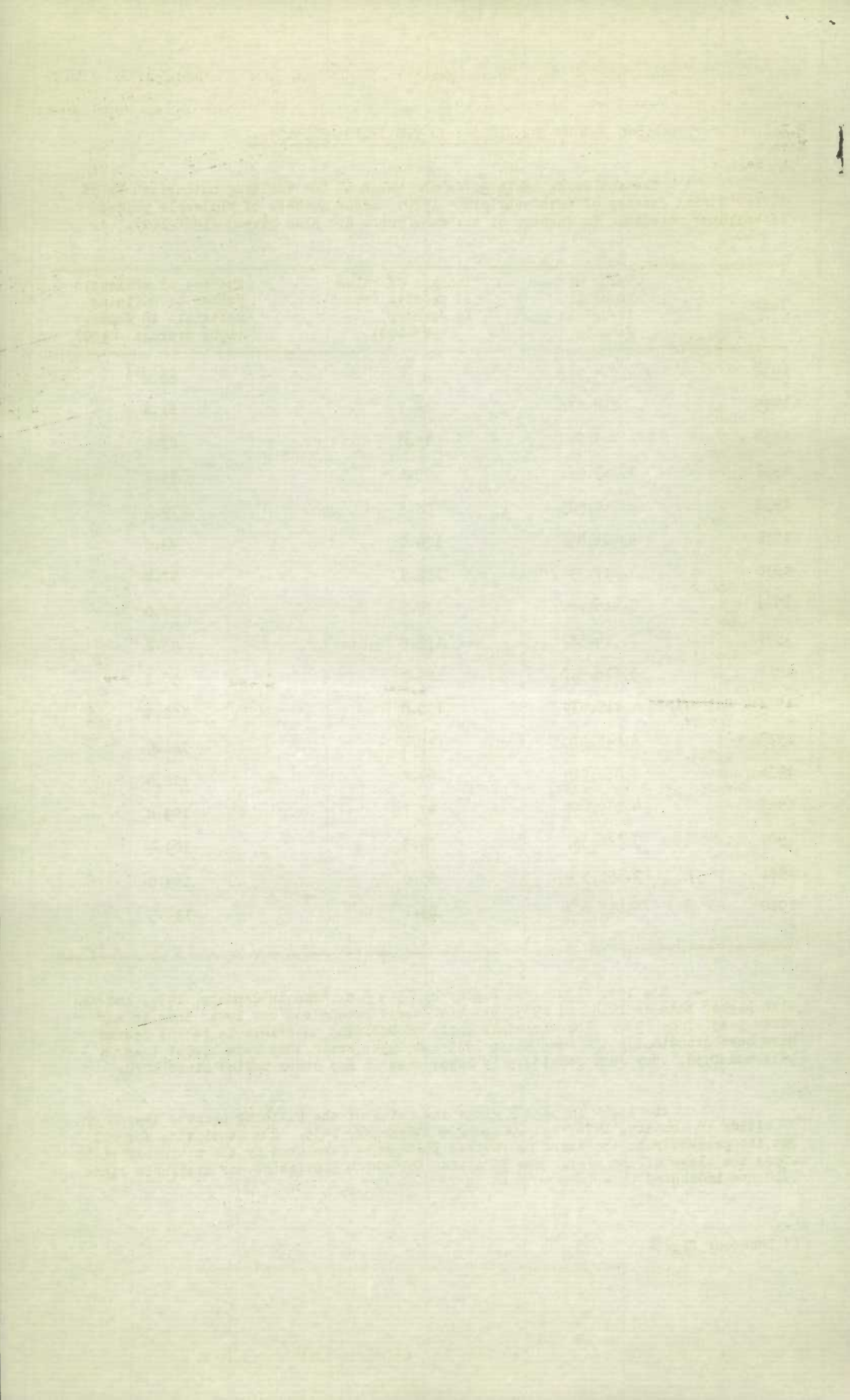
The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during January of each year since 1920. Index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January of the same years are also given, (1926=100).

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)
1936	\$ 1,233,716	27.2	82.2 <sup>1/</sup>
1935	882,878	18.7	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	120.3	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 1936 figure was higher by 45.4 p.c. than in January, 1935, and was also higher than in 1934 and 1933, but with these exceptions was lower than in any other year since 1920. The wholesale costs of building materials in recent months have been practically the same as in 1935 and 1934; while they were higher than in 1933 and 1932, they were considerably lower than in any other period since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in January, 1936, and December and January, 1935. 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".

1/ December figure.





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

C i t i e s	January, 1936	December, 1935	January, 1935
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	3,050	1,760	Nil
Nova Scotia	52,640	31,660	14,075
x Halifax	50,640	31,610	12,075
New Glasgow	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Sydney	2,000	50	2,000
New Brunswick	11,000	3,792	2,950
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	11,000	Nil	Nil
x Saint John	1/	3,792	2,950
Quebec	283,946	928,230	114,055
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	266,021	739,815	86,135
x Quebec	1,525	27,180	22,800
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	600	270
x Sherbrooke	9,500	135,100	3,550
x Three Rivers	1,900	2,735	800
x Westmount	5,000	22,800	500
Ontario	456,994	1,140,389	558,735
Belleville	500	800	280
x Brantford	16,594	17,460	10,105
Chatham	3,285	21,500	Nil
x Fort William	Nil	450	500
Galt	1,771	975	695
x Guelph	485	833	4,900
x Hamilton	50,620	47,797	37,360
x Kingston	3,375	295	75
x Kitchener	7,600	32,090	1,520
x London	17,390	12,655	8,220
Niagara Falls	1,000	1,135	1,590
Oshawa	1,450	400	1,000
x Ottawa	22,000	24,750	6,670
Owen Sound	Nil	1,150	1,000
x Peterborough	2,500	2,635	300
x Port Arthur	2,040	1,050	Nil
x Stratford	1,400	4,725	325
x St. Catharines	272	5,425	773
x St. Thomas	140	36,130	500
Sarnia	4,225	2,550	1,100
Sault Ste. Marie	1,415	17,250	2,500
x Toronto	201,087	739,812	445,338
York & East York Townships	53,060	139,368	24,174
Welland	50	60	Nil
x Windsor	62,925	9,405	5,925
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	1,810	19,689	3,885
Manitoba	34,166	41,850	40,150
x Brandon	3,766	Nil	Nil
St. Boniface	Nil	9,200	600
x Winnipeg	30,400	32,650	39,550
Saskatchewan	4,991	9,025	18,885
x Moose Jaw	4,175	Nil	7,000
x Regina	216	1,050	4,650
x Saskatoon	600	7,975	7,235
Alberta	9,178	26,275	13,884
x Calgary	6,848	13,920	5,364
x Edmonton	2,000	10,825	7,310
Lethbridge	330	1,430	1,210
Medicine Hat	Nil	100	Nil
British Columbia	427,751	218,875	120,144
Kamloops	1,380	3,130	340
Nanaimo	6,830	6,075	1,575
x New Westminster	17,100	20,465	5,050
Prince Rupert	2,100	351	480
x Vancouver	359,415	163,785	86,345
North Vancouver	575	Nil	50
x Victoria	40,351	25,069	26,304
Total - 58 Cities	1,287,716	2,401,856	882,878
Total - x35 Cities	1,200,885	2,174,333	842,129

1/ Report not received.

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