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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1936, AND MARCH, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920-1936.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during March was \$ 2,361,271; this was an increase of \$ 449,387 or 23.5 p.c. over the February total of \$ 1,911,884. On the other hand, there was a decline of \$ 1,661,484 or 41.3 p.c. as compared with the aggregate of \$ 4,022,755 reported for March, 1935, when authority had been granted for the erection of a large public building in one of the co-operating cities. Construction work so far this year has been retarded by unusually severe weather in many sections of the country.

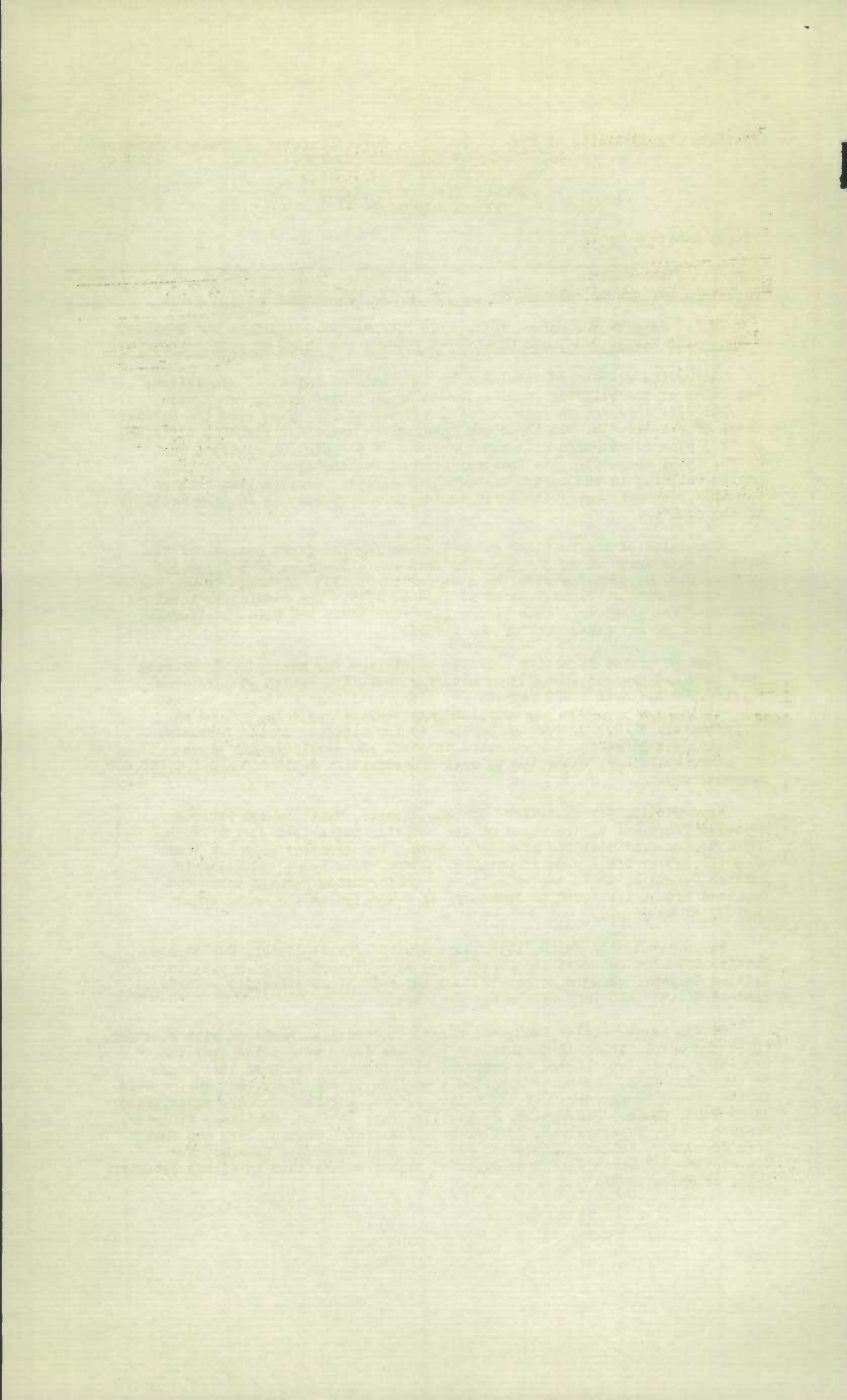
The value of the building authorized during the first quarter of the present year amounted to \$ 5,556,871; this was a decrease of \$ 2,950,399 or 34.7 p.c. as compared with the same period of 1935, although it was higher than in the months, January-March of 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the first quarter in each of the last five years has been considerably lower than in any other year of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for March, 1936, showing that they had granted some 265 permits for dwellings valued at more than \$ 1,166,000 and over 1,200 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$ 994,000. In addition, engineering projects, valued at approximately \$ 12,300, were authorized in two cities. During February, authority was given for the erection of about 100 dwellings and almost 600 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$ 310,000 and \$ 1,580,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta reported increases in the value of the building authorized during March, 1936, as compared with the preceding month. The greatest gain was that of \$ 711,796 or 162.2 p.c. in Ontario. There was a large reduction in British Columbia, where the value of the construction permits taken out declined from \$ 1,184,062 in February, to \$ 496,750 in the month under review, or by 58 p.c.

As compared with March, 1935, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and British Columbia recorded increases, that of \$ 274,808 or 123.8 p.c. in British Columbia being most marked. Of the reductions elsewhere recorded, that of \$ 1,477,400 in Manitoba was greatest.

Of the larger cities, Montreal showed increases as compared with February, 1936, and March, 1935; in Toronto and Winnipeg there were gains over the preceding month, but losses as compared with the same month of last year. On the other hand, Vancouver reported a decline in the first, but an increase in the second comparison. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Fredericton, Saint John, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Belleville, Fort William, Hamilton, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Peterborough, Port Arthur, Stratford, Sarnia, York and East York Townships, Welland, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster and North Vancouver reported higher totals than in either February, 1936, or March, 1935.



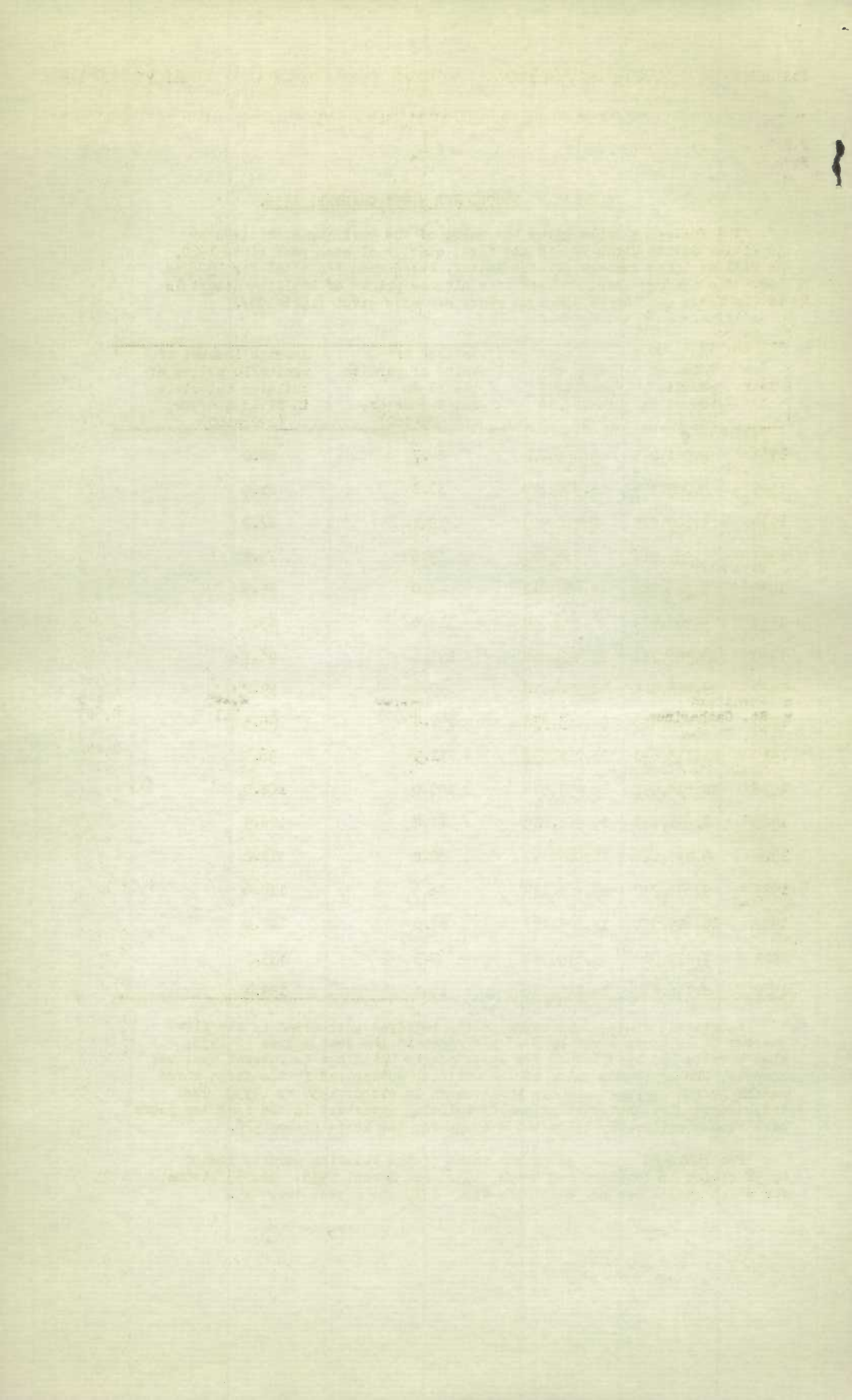
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 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) |
|------|----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1936 | \$ 2,361,271                     | \$ 5,556,871                             | 24.7  | 84.0   |
| 1935 | 4,022,715                        | 8,507,270                                | 37.8  | 81.4   |
| 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 value of the building authorized in the first quarter of 1936 was lower by 34.7 p.c. than in the same months of 1935, when permits had been issued for large public buildings in several centres; however, the aggregate value of the building authorized in the first three months of the present year was higher than in either 1934 or 1933. The index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the last few years have been considerably below the average for the years since 1920.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in February and March, 1936, and March, 1935. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".



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

| Cities                     | March<br>1936    | February<br>1936 | March<br>1935    |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                            | \$               | \$               | \$               |
| P.E.I. - Charlottetown     | 1/               | 10,675           | 7,000            |
| Nova Scotia                | 82,377           | 33,010           | 25,875           |
| x Halifax                  | 78,377           | 33,010           | 24,575           |
| New Glasgow                | Nil              | Nil              | Nil              |
| x Sydney                   | 4,000            | Nil              | 1,300            |
| New Brunswick              | 18,411           | 3,885            | 15,168           |
| Fredericton                | 4,800            | Nil              | 200              |
| x Moncton                  | 1,560            | 125              | 4,460            |
| x Saint John               | 12,051           | 3,760            | 10,508           |
| Quebec                     | 468,308          | 203,290          | 247,850          |
| x Montreal - x Maisonneuve | 387,310          | 159,355          | 191,910          |
| x Quebec                   | 44,980           | 8,460            | 25,090           |
| Shawinigan Falls           | 200              | 2,000            | 1,850            |
| x Sherbrooke               | 16,100           | 4,900            | 10,700           |
| x Three Rivers             | 4,850            | 825              | 5,800            |
| x Westmount                | 14,868           | 27,750           | 12,500           |
| Ontario                    | 1,150,652        | 438,856          | 1,724,375        |
| Belleville                 | 17,350           | 3,500            | 2,500            |
| x Brantford                | 5,718            | 1,275            | 28,261           |
| Chatham                    | 750              | 350              | 12,650           |
| x Fort William             | 9,750            | Nil              | 7,500            |
| Galt                       | 3,145            | 2,800            | 8,566            |
| x Guelph                   | 4,090            | 6,700            | 3,775            |
| x Hamilton                 | 118,570          | 29,000           | 47,640           |
| x Kingston                 | 12,927           | 10,350           | 1,370            |
| x Kitchener                | 7,685            | 6,975            | 20,470           |
| x London                   | 28,205           | 13,145           | 99,580           |
| Niagara Falls              | 2,605            | Nil              | 715              |
| Oshawa                     | 825              | 4,950            | 550              |
| x Ottawa                   | 200,590          | 18,600           | 331,580          |
| Owen Sound                 | 1,090            | 4,500            | 5,025            |
| x Peterborough             | 15,858           | 4,675            | 2,580            |
| x Port Arthur              | 11,620           | 1,911            | 3,393            |
| x Stratford                | 2,720            | 2,125            | 845              |
| x St. Catharines           | 4,301            | Nil              | 4,683            |
| x St. Thomas               | 725              | Nil              | 1,000            |
| Sarnia                     | 10,040           | 4,275            | 2,840            |
| Sault Ste. Marie           | 3,650            | 15,650           | 7,275            |
| x Toronto                  | 493,235          | 251,890          | 1,021,677        |
| York & East York Townships | 150,630          | 18,500           | 72,345           |
| Welland                    | 14,135           | 850              | 10,895           |
| x Windsor                  | 24,641           | 29,860           | 16,525           |
| Riverside                  | 400              | Nil              | 1,050            |
| Woodstock                  | 5,397            | 6,975            | 9,085            |
| Manitoba                   | 45,150           | 19,700           | 1,522,550        |
| x Brandon                  | 250              | Nil              | 400              |
| St. Boniface               | Nil              | 150              | 1,800            |
| x Winnipeg                 | 44,900           | 19,550           | 1,520,350        |
| Saskatchewan               | 3,020            | 6,275            | 45,255           |
| x Moose Jaw                | 1/               | 5,075            | 3,975            |
| x Regina                   | 1,065            | 200              | 21,000           |
| x Saskatoon                | 1,955            | 1,000            | 20,280           |
| Alberta                    | 96,603           | 12,131           | 212,740          |
| x Calgary                  | 49,541           | 8,486            | 180,723          |
| x Edmonton                 | 26,575           | 2,425            | 18,890           |
| Lethbridge                 | 6,737            | 220              | 11,165           |
| Medicine Hat               | 13,750           | 1,000            | 1,962            |
| British Columbia           | 496,750          | 1,184,062        | 221,942          |
| Kamloops                   | 8,515            | 600              | 2,425            |
| Nanaimo                    | 21,810           | 950              | 2,800            |
| x New Westminster          | 32,695           | 17,850           | 5,595            |
| Prince Rupert              | 660              | 300              | 3,200            |
| x Vancouver                | 355,905          | 1,108,160        | 168,390          |
| North Vancouver            | 33,650           | Nil              | 415              |
| x Victoria                 | 43,515           | 56,202           | 39,117           |
| <b>Total - 58 Cities</b>   | <b>2,361,271</b> | <b>1,911,884</b> | <b>4,022,755</b> |
| <b>x Total - 35 Cities</b> | <b>2,061,132</b> | <b>1,833,639</b> | <b>3,856,442</b> |

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