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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1936,  
 AND MAY, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during May, 1936, was higher by 30.2 p.c. than in April, 1936, but was lower by 12.0 p.c. than in May, 1935. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$ 4,160,988, as compared with \$ 3,196,471 in the preceding month, and \$ 4,728,340 in May of last year.

The value of the building authorized in the first five months of the present year was \$ 12,914,830; this was considerably lower than the aggregate of \$ 19,535,656 reported in the period January - May, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first five months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the same period in each of the last five years has been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials have also been decidedly lower since 1931 than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for May, 1936, showing that they had issued almost 400 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$ 1,600,000, and for more than 2,000 other buildings, estimated to cost almost \$ 2,200,000, while an engineering project valued at some \$ 500 was also reported. In April, authority was given for the erection of about 300 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, valued at approximately \$ 1,300,000 and \$ 1,800,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of the building represented by the permits issued during May as compared with the preceding month, the greatest gain of \$ 809,652 or 60.9 p.c. taking place in Ontario. In Alberta, the May total was lower by \$ 514,308 or 78.6 p.c. than that for April.

As compared with May, 1935, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba and British Columbia registered increases, of which that of \$ 239,135 or 76.3 p.c. in British Columbia was most noteworthy. The greatest decline was that of \$ 991,334 or 58.7 p.c. in Quebec.

Of the four largest cities, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed improvement as compared with last month and also with the same month of 1935; Montreal and Toronto recorded increases over April, 1936, but decreases as compared with May of last year. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Fredericton, Saint John, Shawinigan Falls, Belleville, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, York and East York Townships, Welland, Windsor, St. Boniface, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster and Prince Rupert showed increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with either the preceding month or the same month of 1935.

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When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the people of the earth a new and separate station, with which they have no ties, and to which they claim no allegiance, it is reasonable that they should declare the reasons which impel them to the measure.

That the United States, on the 4th day of July, 1776, did declare their independence of Great Britain, and that they have since that time, and ever will, maintain and defend that independence, is a fact which is as clear as day.

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CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 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)
	\$	\$		
1936	4,160,988	12,914,830	21.5	84.3
1935	4,728,340	19,535,656	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

As already mentioned, the aggregate for the first five months of 1936 was smaller than in the same period in 1935, although it was higher than the months January - May of either 1934 or 1933. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the last few years have been considerably below the average for the years since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during May and April, 1936, and May, 1935. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

# TABLE 1. - SUMMARY OF THE DATA FOR THE YEARS 1950-1959

The following table gives the values of the various quantities for the years 1950-1959. The values are given in the units indicated in the column headings. The values are given in the units indicated in the column headings. The values are given in the units indicated in the column headings.

Year	Value of quantity in units of 10 <sup>10</sup>	Value of quantity in units of 10 <sup>10</sup>	Value of quantity in units of 10 <sup>10</sup>
1950	1.00	1.00	1.00
1951	1.05	1.05	1.05
1952	1.10	1.10	1.10
1953	1.15	1.15	1.15
1954	1.20	1.20	1.20
1955	1.25	1.25	1.25
1956	1.30	1.30	1.30
1957	1.35	1.35	1.35
1958	1.40	1.40	1.40
1959	1.45	1.45	1.45
1960	1.50	1.50	1.50
1961	1.55	1.55	1.55
1962	1.60	1.60	1.60
1963	1.65	1.65	1.65
1964	1.70	1.70	1.70
1965	1.75	1.75	1.75
1966	1.80	1.80	1.80
1967	1.85	1.85	1.85
1968	1.90	1.90	1.90
1969	1.95	1.95	1.95
1970	2.00	2.00	2.00

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

Cities	May 1936	April 1936	May 1935
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	22,000	11,675	24,500
Nova Scotia	135,233	108,865	114,425
x Halifax	120,783	102,215	104,205
New Glasgow	350	Nil	2,720
x Sydney	14,100	6,650	7,500
New Brunswick	76,195	26,900	39,505
Fredericton	51,800	3,350	1,400
x Moncton	1/	10,415	20,525
x Saint John	24,395	13,135	17,580
Quebec	696,430	444,786	1,687,764
x Montreal- x Maisonneuve	565,045	305,336	567,387
x Quebec	51,955	35,590	1,052,097
Shawinigan Falls	24,955	7,525	14,350
x Sherbrooke	14,650	23,175	30,900
x Three Rivers	4,200	32,350	11,900
x Westmount	35,625	40,810	10,130
Ontario	2,139,567	1,329,915	2,151,023
Belleville	11,750	5,350	11,300
x Brantford	17,399	6,138	30,962
Chatham	5,575	37,975	13,375
x Fort William	20,800	23,725	8,200
Galt	9,156	16,925	10,805
x Guelph	8,288	4,251	11,253
x Hamilton	94,565	106,896	109,370
x Kingston	27,095	12,883	47,683
x Kitchener	42,002	26,662	94,934
x London	82,970	59,285	56,645
Niagara Falls	30,048	9,485	5,065
Oshawa	15,900	16,345	6,250
x Ottawa	354,810	71,485	258,630
Owen Sound	3,505	6,113	5,425
x Peterborough	11,160	26,872	14,776
x Port Arthur	25,473	12,900	42,164
x Stratford	2,879	755	1,793
x St. Catharines	40,463	15,874	16,923
x St. Thomas	2,200	3,530	1,795
Sarnia	7,763	5,725	10,150
Sault Ste. Marie	39,945	27,735	14,795
x Toronto	710,734	530,942	1,179,404
York & East York Townships	439,890	239,700	141,266
Welland	15,404	8,080	5,605
x Windsor	108,350	39,835	39,270
Riverside	1/	4,700	200
Woodstock	11,443	9,749	12,985
Manitoba	340,790	67,725	181,480
x Brandon	4,150	925	8,450
St. Boniface	10,940	1,200	3,630
x Winnipeg	325,700	65,600	169,400
Saskatchewan	57,955	55,976	62,690
x Moose Jaw	5,735	1,200	7,850
x Regina	33,440	40,816	18,440
x Saskatoon	18,780	13,960	36,400
Alberta	140,357	654,665	153,627
x Calgary	55,582	214,365	50,566
x Edmonton	63,700	408,225	72,011
Lethbridge	16,665	31,525	27,860
Medicine Hat	4,410	550	3,190
British Columbia	552,461	495,964	313,326
Kamloops	22,270	18,990	6,909
Nanaimo	9,050	6,142	3,846
x New Westminster	26,630	24,990	15,650
Prince Rupert	4,125	320	3,466
x Vancouver	452,410	396,040	202,995
North Vancouver	1,125	2,070	5,125
x Victoria	36,851	47,412	75,335
Total - 58 Cities	4,160,988	3,196,471	4,728,340
x Total - 35 Cities	3,402,919	2,725,242	4,394,123

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