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In Charge Employment Statistics: M. E. K. Roughsedge. BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1937, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR DEGEMBER, 1936, AND JANUARY, 1936. 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, 1936: the co-operating municipalities reported permits for buildings estimated to cost \$1,684,502, compared with \$3,282,166 in December, 1936, and \$1,302,758 in January of last year. There was, therefore, a reduction of 48.7 p.c. in the first comparison, but an increase of 29.3 p.c. in the second and more significant comparison. Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted some 110 permits for dwellings valued at over \$605,000, and more than 500 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$850,000. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 165 dwellings and 700 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$1,200,000 and \$1,700,000, respectively. New Brunswick only, reported an increase in the value of the building authorized in Jamuary over December, 1936, there being a gain of \$22,200 or 206.0 p.c. in this comparison. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, the most marked were those of \$530,658 or 59.1 p.c. in Quebec, and \$860,151 or 49.4 p.c. in Ontario. As compared with January, 1936, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta showed increases, that of \$423,021 in Ontario being largest. In Manitoba and British Columbia, on the other hand, the value of projected building as represented by the building permits taken out showed reductions, that of \$205,166 or 46.9 p.c. in the latter being considerable. In Winnipeg and Vancouver there were decreases in the value of the building permits granted as compared with the preceding month, and also as compared with the same month of last year; in Montreal and Toronto there was a decline in the former, but an increase in the latter comparison. following cities reported increases as compared with December and also as compared with January of last year, - Sydney, Fredericton, Quebec, Westmount, Brantford, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Niagara Falls, Stratford, York and East York Townships, Welland, Windsor, Regina, Calgary and Victoria. RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS 1920-1937. 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)
1937	\$ 1,684,502	35.7	81.3
1936	1,302.758	27.6	81.2
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	1.78.3	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	2,595.50	55.0	143.0
1920	4,017,024	85.1.	134.5

The 1937 figure was higher by 29.3 p.c. then in January, 1936, and was also higher than in 1935, 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 rather higher than in the same period of the last few years, although they continue lower than in any of the years, 1930-1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in January, 1937, and December and January, 1936. The statistics for fall 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".

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

Cities	January, 1937	December, 1936	January, 1936
P. E. I Charlottetown	\$	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	67,370	80,310	52,640
x Halifax	63.470	73,660	50,640
New Glasgow x Sydney	Nil 3,900	4,500	Nil 2,000
New Brunswick	32,975	2,150 10,775	19,035
Fredericton	25,000	4,000	Nil
x Moncton	Nil	1,090	11,000
x Saint John	7,975	5,685	8,035
Quebec x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	367,145	897,803	288,946
x Quebec	305,250 14,425	843,590 1,135	271,021
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	12,943	Nil
x Sherbrooke	7,100	5,500	9,500
x Three Rivers	10,375	16,835	1,900
x Westmount	29,995	17,800	5,000 456,759
Ontario Belleville	879,780 350	1,739,931 Nil	500
x Brantford	30,250	10,755	16,594
Cha tham	5,850	32,600	3,050
x Fort William	500	1,800	Nil
Galt	570 4,475	1,510	1,771 485
x Guelph x Hamilton	68,972	285 269,251	50,620
x Kingston	3,490	18,685	3,375
x Kitchener	44,971	16,095	7,600
x London	119,550	19:345	17,390
Niagara Falls	6,200	3.305	1,000
Oshawa	Nil 15,100	1,435 47,400	1,450
x Ottawa Owen Sound	550	83, 125	Nil
x Peterborough	2,131	3,585	2,500
x Port Arthur	1,250	8,385	2,040
x Stratford	2,425	1,843	1,400
x St. Catharines	15,625	37.465	272 140
x St. Thomas Sarnia	Nil 4,765	11,500 5,830	4,225
Sault Ste. Marie	1,240	8,590	1,415
x Toronto	208,278	988,520	201,087
York & East York Townships	270,675	128,065	53,060
Welland	2,886	981	62,925
X Windsor Riverside	68,020 Nil	26,885 2,275	Nil
Woodstock	1,657	10,416	1,810
Manitoba	26,300	48,350	34,166
x Brandon	1,000	Nil	3,766
St. Boniface	Nil	20,100	Nil 30,400
x Winnipeg Saskatchewan	25,300 31,800	28,250 69,050	4,991
x Moose Jaw	Nil	9,250	4,175
x Regina	31,300	18,525	216
x Saskatoon	500	41,275	600
Alberta	47,255	71,444	9,178 6,848
x Calgary	35.705 8,250	9,526 40,265	2,000
x Edmonton Lethbridge	3,300	21,653	330
Medicine Hat	Nil	Nil	Nil
British Columbia	231,877	364.503	437,043
Kamloops	20	265	1,380
Nanaimo	Nil 4,800	47,550 17,700	17.100
x New Westminster Prince Rupert	1,810	48.765	2,100
x Vancouver	159,595	212,685	359,415
North Vancouver	800	5,070	575
x Victoria	64,852	32,468	49,643
Total - 58 Cities	1,684,502	3,282,166	1,302,758
Total -x 35 Cities	1,383,829	2,839,188	1,223,212

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