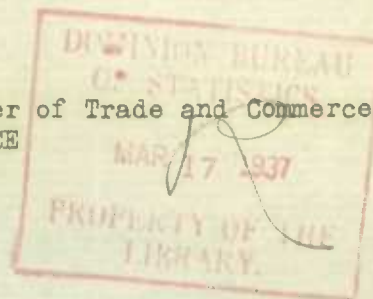


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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1937, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS  
FOR JANUARY, 1937, AND FEBRUARY, 1936.

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 58 cities stood at \$2,120,111 in February, 1937; this was an increase of \$424,609 or 25 p.c. over the total of \$1,695,502 for the preceding month, and of \$198,935 or 10.4 p.c. in the more significant comparison with February of last year, when the authorized building in these cities was valued at \$1,921,176.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 200 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$800,000, and not quite 900 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$1,200,000. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 110 dwellings and 500 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$605,000 and \$850,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1937; the greatest gain, of \$180,908 or 49.3 p.c., took place in Quebec. New Brunswick and Saskatchewan showed small declines in this comparison.

As compared with February, 1936, all provinces except British Columbia recorded increases, that of \$608,210 or 138.6 p.c. in Ontario being most noteworthy. There was a decrease of \$954,295 or 80 p.c. in British Columbia in this comparison.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg reported increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with either January, 1937, or February, 1936, while Vancouver showed a gain in the former, but a loss in the latter comparison.

Of the other centres, Charlottetown, Halifax, Moncton, Saint John, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Fort William, Guelph, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Peterborough, Stratford, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Welland, Riverside, Brandon, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Calgary, Kamloops, Nanaimo and North Vancouver reported improvement over the preceding month, and also as compared with the same month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1937.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during February, and in the first two 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 January and February of the same years are also given (1926=100).

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Year	Value of permits issued in February	Value of permits issued in first two months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first two months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first two months, (1926=100)
1937	\$ 2,120,111	\$ 3,815,613	32.2	90.1
1936	1,921,176	3,223,934	27.2	83.9
1935	3,601,637	4,484,515	37.8	81.8
1934	894,102	1,601,914	13.5	82.2
1933	925,894	2,111,856	17.8	75.2
1932	2,845,271	6,056,283	51.1	79.4
1931	6,395,659	14,797,115	124.8	83.8
1930	8,919,078	16,136,475	136.1	96.8
1929	10,465,330	18,882,210	159.2	99.6
1928	10,318,338	18,034,925	152.1	96.4
1927	7,638,176	13,314,713	112.3	97.1
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	100.0	102.4
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	95.7	103.2
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	72.1	112.3
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	82.8	110.1
1922	4,738,105	8,064,642	68.0	108.3
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	52.9	140.5
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	85.8	137.5

The aggregate for the first two months of 1937 was higher than in 1936, being also greater than in January-February of 1934 or 1933, while it was lower than in 1935. The total for these months in each of the last few years had been lower than in other years for which statistics for the 58 cities are available. The index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in recent months have shown a moderately upward movement, but continue lower than in the years prior to 1930.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in January and February, 1937, and February, 1936. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Year	Value of Exports to the United States (\$1000)	Value of Imports from the United States (\$1000)	Balance of Trade with the United States (\$1000)
1911	2,445,000	2,107,000	338,000
1912	2,421,000	2,021,000	400,000
1913	2,441,000	1,907,000	534,000
1914	2,441,000	1,801,000	640,000
1915	2,441,000	1,711,000	730,000
1916	2,441,000	1,607,000	834,000
1917	2,441,000	1,507,000	934,000
1918	2,441,000	1,407,000	1,034,000
1919	2,441,000	1,307,000	1,134,000
1920	2,441,000	1,207,000	1,234,000
1921	2,441,000	1,107,000	1,334,000
1922	2,441,000	1,007,000	1,434,000
1923	2,441,000	907,000	1,534,000
1924	2,441,000	807,000	1,634,000
1925	2,441,000	707,000	1,734,000
1926	2,441,000	607,000	1,834,000
1927	2,441,000	507,000	1,934,000
1928	2,441,000	407,000	2,034,000
1929	2,441,000	307,000	2,134,000
1930	2,441,000	207,000	2,234,000
1931	2,441,000	107,000	2,334,000
1932	2,441,000	7,000	2,434,000
1933	2,441,000	0	2,441,000
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2027	2,441,000	0	2,441,000
2028	2,441,000	0	2,441,000
2029	2,441,000	0	2,441,000
2030	2,441,000	0	2,441,000

The following table shows the value of exports to the United States and imports from the United States for the years 1911 to 2025. The balance of trade with the United States is shown in the third column. The data is presented in thousands of dollars.

The table shows that the United States has consistently been a net exporter of goods to other countries since 1911. The value of exports to the United States has generally increased over time, while the value of imports from the United States has generally decreased. This has resulted in a growing trade surplus for the United States.

The largest trade surplus was recorded in 2025, when exports to the United States were valued at \$2,441,000,000 and imports from the United States were valued at \$0. The trade surplus for that year was \$2,441,000,000.

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

C i t i e s	February	January	February
	1937	1937	1936
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	14,600	11,000 <sup>1/</sup>	10,675
Nova Scotia	124,830	67,370	33,010
x Halifax	124,830	63,470	33,010
New Glasgow	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Sydney	Nil	3,900	Nil
New Brunswick	30,035	32,975	3,885
Fredericton	Nil	25,000	Nil
x Moncton	5,400	Nil	125
x Saint John	24,635	7,975	3,760
Quebec	548,053	367,145	203,290
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	420,508	305,250	159,355
x Quebec	41,360	14,425	8,460
Shawinigan Falls	2,545	Nil	2,000
x Sherbrooke	18,600	7,100	4,900
x Three Rivers	30,350	10,375	825
x Westmount	34,690	29,995	27,750
Ontario	1,047,066	879,780	438,856
Belleville	2,240	350	3,500
x Brantford	11,284	30,250	1,275
Chatham	4,100	5,850	350
x Fort William	32,000	500	Nil
Galt	2,295	570	2,800
x Guelph	14,970	4,475	6,700
x Hamilton	36,679	68,972	29,000
x Kingston	Nil	3,490	10,350
x Kitchener	10,630	44,971	6,975
x London	74,800	119,550	13,145
Niagara Falls	8,600	6,200	Nil
Oshawa	300	Nil	4,950
x Ottawa	32,550	15,100	18,600
Owen Sound	1,750	550	4,500
x Peterborough	13,725	2,131	4,675
x Port Arthur	1,135	1,250	1,911
x Stratford	22,620	2,425	2,125
x St. Catharines	38,703	15,625	Nil
x St. Thomas	2,550	Nil	Nil
Sarnia	6,515	4,765	4,275
Sault Ste. Marie	9,200	1,240	15,650
x Toronto	615,681	208,278	251,890
York & East York Townships	47,045	270,675	18,500
Welland	7,384	2,886	850
x Windsor	50,010	68,020	29,860
Riverside	300	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	Nil	1,657	6,975
Manitoba	40,350	26,300	19,700
x Brandon	2,000	1,000	Nil
St. Boniface	4,000	Nil	150
x Winnipeg	34,350	25,300	19,550
Saskatchewan	25,785	31,800	6,275
x Moose Jaw	20,000	Nil	5,075
x Regina	3,285	31,300	200
x Saskatoon	2,500	500	1,000
Alberta	50,333	47,255	12,131
x Calgary	42,618	35,705	8,486
x Edmonton	6,845	8,250	2,425
Lethbridge	770	3,300	220
Medicine Hat	100	Nil	1,000
British Columbia	239,059	231,877	1,193,354
Kamloops	1,000	20	600
Nanaimo	2,025	Nil	950
x New Westminster	13,100	4,800	17,850
Prince Rupert	1,640	1,810	300
x Vancouver	202,545	159,595	1,108,160
North Vancouver	2,730	800	Nil
x Victoria	16,019	64,852	65,494
Total - 58 Cities	2,120,111	1,695,502 <sup>1/</sup>	1,921,176
Total - x35 Cities	2,000,972	1,383,829	1,842,931

1/ Includes Charlottetown report, received too late for inclusion in January tabulation.



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