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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1938, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR JANUARY, 1938, AND FEBRUARY, 1937.

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 58 cities stood at \$2,361,957 in February, 1938; this was an increase of \$515,856 or 27.9 p.c. over the total of \$1,846,101 for the preceding month, and of \$223,071 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 \$2,138,886.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted about 125 permits for dwellings valued at over \$700,000, and more than 1,000 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$1,600,000. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 175 dwellings and 700 other buildings, whose value was estimated at approximately \$530,000 and \$1,171,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building represented by the permits issued as compared with January, 1938; the greatest gain, of \$259,970 or 31.4 p.c., took place in Ontario. Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan showed small declines in this comparison.

As compared with February, 1937, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases, that of \$394,625 or 156.2 p.c. in British Columbia being most noteworthy. The largest decrease in this comparison was that of \$141,363 or 25.8 p.c. in Quebec.

Of the four largest cities, Winnipeg and Vancouver reported increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with either January, 1938, or February, 1937, while Montreal and Toronto each showed a gain over the preceding month, but a loss as compared with the same month of last year.

Of the other centres, Sydney, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Belleville, Chatham, Hamilton, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Woodstock, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster, North Vancouver and Victoria reported improvement over January, 1938, and also as compared with February, 1937.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1938.

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).

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Washington, D. C.

February 1, 1900

Mr. J. M. Smith
123 Main Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. in relation to the land in question.

The land in question is situated in the County of Denver, State of Colorado, and is more particularly described as follows:

Section 10, Township 10 North, Range 10 West, 6th Principal Meridian, Colorado.

The land is owned by the United States Government, and is being offered for sale at public auction.

The land is situated in the County of Denver, State of Colorado, and is more particularly described as follows:

Very truly yours,
J. M. Smith

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)
1938	\$ 2,361,957	\$ 4,208,058	35.5	91.5
1937	2,138,886	3,860,753	32.6	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 1938, was 10.9 p.c. higher than in 1937, being also greater than in January-February in 1936, 1934 or 1933; it was, however, rather lower than in 1935. The total for these months in each of the last seven years has been lower than in other years for which statistics for the 58 cities are available. The index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials have recently shown a moderately upward movement, but continue lower than in the years prior to 1931.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in January and February, 1938, and February, 1937. 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.

C i t i e s	February	January	February
	1938	1938	1937
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	3,000	5,100	14,600
Nova Scotia	69,515	24,305	124,830
x Halifax	66,110	20,425	124,830
New Glasgow	225	2,000	Nil
x Sydney	3,180	1,880	Nil
New Brunswick	20,951	24,625	29,910
Fredericton	900	17,000	Nil
x Moncton	Nil	3,050	5,275
x Saint John	20,051	4,575	24,635
Quebec	406,720	318,110	548,083
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	297,455	215,065	420,508
x Quebec	43,630	38,420	41,360
Shawinigan Falls	5,200	750	2,545
x Sherbrooke	25,000	19,300	18,600
x Three Rivers	13,935	825	30,380
x Westmount	21,500	43,750	34,690
Ontario	1,088,156	828,186	1,051,766
Belleville	5,900	500	2,240
x Brantford	2,200	6,500	11,284
Chatham	8,900	7,150	4,100
x Fort William	3,000	18,700	32,000
Galt	650	2,165	2,295
x Guelph	3,000	1,600	14,970
x Hamilton	505,543	105,687	36,679
x Kingston	10,450	14,454	Nil
x Kitchener	10,380	26,470	10,630
x London	7,865	21,025	74,800
Niagara Falls	4,382	200	8,600
Oshawa	Nil	1,800	300
x Ottawa	109,400	45,875	36,650
Owen Sound	9,190	1,000	1,750
x Peterborough	6,600	10,130	13,725
x Port Arthur	3,740	3,940	1,135
x Stratford	100	500	22,620
x St. Catharines	4,250	3,500	38,703
x St. Thomas	4,350	7,600	2,550
Sarnia	9,115	18,550	6,515
Sault Ste. Marie	5,250	2,500	9,200
x Toronto	289,940	253,800	616,281
York & East York Townships	45,370	11,500	47,045
Welland	1,250	900	7,384
x Windsor	32,731	255,300	50,010
Riverside	900	4,150	300
Woodstock	3,700	2,190	Nil
Manitoba	62,675	47,010	41,350
x Brandon	Nil	Nil	3,000
St. Boniface	1,175	3,310	4,000
x Winnipeg	61,500	43,700	34,350
Saskatchewan	11,700	14,925	25,785
x Moose Jaw	4,500	Nil	20,000
x Regina	5,450	7,525	3,285
x Saskatoon	1,750	7,400	2,500
Alberta	52,036	34,106	49,983
x Calgary	14,875	7,111	42,268
x Edmonton	24,660	21,225	6,845
Lethbridge	12,501	5,770	770
Medicine Hat	Nil	Nil	100
British Columbia	647,204	549,734	252,579
Kamloops	4,460	150	1,000
Nanaimo	11,073	75	2,025
x New Westminster	34,950	34,650	13,100
Prince Rupert	4,075	127,360	1,640
x Vancouver	434,290	344,205	202,545
North Vancouver	8,225	7,125	2,780
x Victoria	150,131	36,169	29,489
Total - 58 Cities	2,361,957	1,846,101	2,138,886
Total - x 35 Cities	2,216,516	1,624,856	2,019,697



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