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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1938, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1938,
AND MAY, 1937, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1938.

The value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during May, 1938, was higher by 34.8 p.c. than in April, 1938, and was also greater by 21.4 p.c. than in May, 1937, being in fact, higher than in that month in any other year since 1931. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$6,576,296, as compared with \$4,879,867 in the preceding month, and \$5,416,299 in May of last year.

The value of the building authorized in the first five months of the present year was \$19,220,788; this was lower than the aggregate of \$22,050,984 reported in the period, January - May, 1937, but was higher than in those months of 1936. The cumulative total for the same period in each of the last seven years has been very much lower than in earlier years of the record. The wholesale prices of building materials have in recent months averaged lower than in the corresponding period of 1937; although they were higher than in the first five months in any of the years, 1931-1936, they continued below the average for the years since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for May, 1938, showing that they had issued some 660 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$2,250,000, and for more than 3,000 other buildings, estimated to cost over \$3,800,000. In addition, there was one engineering project in Port Arthur valued at \$230,000. In April, authority was given for the erection of about 550 dwellings and 2,500 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,800,000 and \$3,000,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of the building represented by the permits issued during May as compared with the preceding month. Ontario and British Columbia showed the greatest gains, of \$1,086,521, or 66.2 p.c. and \$966,303, or 116.7 p.c., respectively. The total in each of the Prairie Provinces was lower in May, 1938, than in April; the largest decline in this comparison was that of \$776,017, or 76.9 p.c., in Alberta.

As compared with May, 1937, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia registered increases, of which that of \$1,126,314, or 168.7 p.c., in British Columbia was most noteworthy. The greatest decline, of \$129,313, or 76.1 p.c., was in Saskatchewan.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver showed gains as compared with last month, and also over the same month of last year; Winnipeg, on the other hand, recorded decreases in both comparison.

Of the other centres, Moncton, Saint John, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Brantford, Chatham, Hamilton, Kitchener, London, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, Sarnia, York and East York Townships, Windsor, Riverside, Brandon, St. Boniface, Lethbridge and Victoria showed increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with either the preceding month, or the same month of 1937.

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CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1938.

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)
1938	\$ 6,576,296	\$ 19,220,788	32.0	90.9
1937	5,416,299	22,050,984	36.7	94.6
1936	4,836,358	13,666,195	22.8	86.3
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 1938 was lower than in the same period in 1937, and was also slightly less than in 1935 or 1932, but exceeded the total for the months, January - May, in 1936, 1934 and 1933. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, while lower than in 1937, were higher than in preceding years since 1930, but were below the average for the eighteen years, 1920-1937.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during April and May, 1938, and May, 1937. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus, "x".

STATISTICAL REPORT ON THE RIVER

The following table gives the values of the discharge of the river at the gauging station at the mouth of the river in the year 1910. The values are given in cubic feet per second. The values are given in the following table:

Year	Discharge (cubic feet per second)	Discharge (cubic feet per second)	Discharge (cubic feet per second)
1904	10,000	10,000	10,000
1905	10,000	10,000	10,000
1906	10,000	10,000	10,000
1907	10,000	10,000	10,000
1908	10,000	10,000	10,000
1909	10,000	10,000	10,000
1910	10,000	10,000	10,000
1911	10,000	10,000	10,000
1912	10,000	10,000	10,000
1913	10,000	10,000	10,000
1914	10,000	10,000	10,000
1915	10,000	10,000	10,000
1916	10,000	10,000	10,000
1917	10,000	10,000	10,000
1918	10,000	10,000	10,000
1919	10,000	10,000	10,000
1920	10,000	10,000	10,000

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

C i t i e s	May 1938	April 1938	May 1937
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	9,900	6,100	48,625
Nova Scotia	159,484	156,406	214,040
x Halifax	122,379	116,396	127,650
New Glasgow	2,145	18,640	5,015
x Sydney	34,960	21,370	81,375
New Brunswick	132,484	47,386	84,175
Fredericton	18,950	8,000	22,260
x Moncton	40,943	23,250	30,125
x Saint John	72,591	16,136	31,790
Quebec	1,248,455	844,237	1,144,661
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	755,105	482,352	741,630
x Quebec	273,730	100,235	139,906
Shawinigan Falls	66,050	34,800	45,735
x Sherbrooke	78,200	70,200	96,690
x Three Rivers	57,570	33,400	32,750
x Westmount	17,800	123,250	87,950
Ontario	2,728,480	1,641,959	2,550,164
Belleville	5,400	3,400	14,000
x Brantford	23,050	10,580	16,089
Chatham	28,300	8,624	19,600
x Fort William	87,710	23,745	132,245
Galt	27,120	29,761	33,528
x Guelph	15,860	5,000	32,613
x Hamilton	148,738	139,235	135,105
x Kingston	43,640	22,475	150,956
x Kitchener	93,543	43,400	91,438
x London	112,425	93,575	65,370
Niagara Falls	11,365	77,910	10,890
Oshawa	15,960	10,165	19,410
x Ottawa	280,345	338,470	183,505
Owen Sound	9,680	15,050	3,060
x Peterborough	33,542	28,735	40,238
x Port Arthur	278,893	37,565	32,674
x Stratford	3,680	14,429	14,957
x St. Catharines	24,455	10,833	242,105
x St. Thomas	21,737	14,495	5,016
Sarnia	23,945	10,832	21,280
Sault Ste. Marie	35,200	22,750	59,910
x Toronto	979,432	503,698	910,160
York & East York Townships	276,350	106,960	110,890
Welland	12,239	21,750	23,294
x Windsor	118,588	30,030	98,680
Riverside	10,860	8,050	7,175
Woodstock	6,423	10,442	75,976
Manitoba	229,120	251,415	308,260
x Brandon	5,400	4,355	2,975
St. Boniface	32,070	20,360	17,085
x Winnipeg	191,650	226,700	288,200
Saskatchewan	40,576	94,853	169,889
x Moose Jaw	2,773	7,665	25,653
x Regina	31,153	78,633	119,601
x Saskatoon	6,650	8,555	24,635
Alberta	233,702	1,009,719	228,704
x Calgary	55,657	75,639	101,031
x Edmonton	146,685	926,965	107,150
Lethbridge	30,960	6,065	18,863
Medicine Hat	400	1,050	1,660
British Columbia	1,794,095	827,792	667,781
Kamloops	2,250	2,440	2,650
Nanaimo	8,650	9,300	31,420
x New Westminster	58,450	51,050	63,350
Prince Rupert	630	7,030	2,845
x Vancouver	1,612,045	703,445	509,710
North Vancouver	11,330	15,025	230
x Victoria	100,740	39,502	57,576
Total - 58 Cities	6,576,296	4,879,867	5,416,299
Total - x 35 Cities	5,930,119	4,425,363	4,820,898

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