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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1939, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS  
FOR DECEMBER, 1938, AND JANUARY, 1938.

The value of the building authorized by 58 cities in January, 1939, showed a seasonal decline as compared with the preceding month, and the total was also lower than in January, 1938; the co-operating municipalities issued permits for building work estimated to cost \$1,706,630, compared with \$3,482,915 in December, 1938, and \$1,859,181 in January of last year. There was therefore a reduction of 51 p.c. in the former comparison, and of 8.2 p.c. in the latter comparison.

Some 50 centres furnished detailed statements for January, showing that they had granted about 160 permits for dwellings, whose anticipated cost was over \$600,000, and more than 900 permits for other buildings estimated at approximately \$1,000,000. In December, the erection of some 230 dwellings and 1,000 other buildings was authorized, at an estimated expenditure of \$1,000,000 and \$2,200,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building represented by the permits taken out in January as compared with December, 1938. The largest gain of \$295,276 or 107.6 p.c. took place in British Columbia. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, the most marked were those of \$924,643 or 79.9 p.c. in Quebec, and \$1,095,675 or 63.0 p.c. in Ontario.

As compared with January, 1938, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia showed increases, of which those of \$75,408 in Nova Scotia, and \$47,695 in Alberta were most pronounced. In the other provinces, the value of the building authorized was lower, the reduction of \$189,926 or 22.8 p.c. in Ontario being greatest.

In Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg there were decreases in the value of the building undertaken as compared with the preceding month, and also as compared with the same month of last year, while Vancouver showed gains in both comparisons. The following cities also reported increases over December and as compared with January of last year:- Halifax, Saint John, Galt, Guelph, Oshawa, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Stratford, St. Catharines, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Nanaimo, New Westminster and North Vancouver.

RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS, 1920-1939.

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).

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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)
1939	\$1,706,630	36.1	87.3
1938	1,859,181	39.4	91.6
1937	1,721,867	36.5	89.1
1936	1,302,758	27.6	83.6
1935	882,878	18.7	81.6
1934	707,812	15.0	81.9
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	178.3	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	2,595,564	55.0	143.0
1920	4,017,024	85.1	134.5

The 1939 figure was less by 51 p.c. than in January, 1938, and was also slightly lower than in 1937, but was higher than in any earlier year since 1932. The wholesale costs of building materials in recent months have been below those in the same period of the preceding year, and in January, 1939, were also slightly lower than in 1937, although they were higher than in any January in the period, 1931-1936.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in January, 1939, and December and January, 1938. The statistics for all 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".

Year	Amount of money received from the sale of the land	Amount of money received from the sale of the land	Year
1870	100	100	1870
1871	100	100	1871
1872	100	100	1872
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1896	100	100	1896
1897	100	100	1897
1898	100	100	1898
1899	100	100	1899
1900	100	100	1900

The following table shows the amount of money received from the sale of the land in each year from 1870 to 1900. The amount of money received from the sale of the land in each year is shown in the first column, and the year is shown in the second column. The total amount of money received from the sale of the land is shown in the third column.

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Estimated Value of Construction Work According to Building Permits issued by 58 cities.

Cities	January, 1939	December, 1938	January, 1938
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	4,500	-	5,100
Nova Scotia	99,713	91,380	24,305
x Halifax	90,995	65,460	20,425
New Glasgow	5,500	6,455	2,000
x Sydney	3,218	19,465	1,880
New Brunswick	5,065	30,880	24,625
Fredericton	"	17,000	17,000
x Moncton	1/	9,100	3,050
x Saint John	5,065	4,780	4,575
Quebec	232,875	1,157,518	318,110
x Montreal -- x Maisonneuve	155,915	912,960	215,065
x Quebec	14,645	125,040	38,420
Shawinigan Falls	3,500	7,900	750
x Sherbrooke	36,100	64,000	19,300
x Three Rivers	7,375	34,035	825
x Westmount	15,340	13,583	43,750
Ontario	643,760	1,739,435	833,686
Belleville	2,900	2,950	500
x Brantford	1,800	30,044	6,500
Chatham	9,700	47,100	7,150
x Port William	5,237	9,215	18,700
Galt	18,025	7,725	2,165
x Guelph	11,255	8,447	1,600
x Hamilton	31,850	128,410	105,687
x Kingston	5,560	25,650	14,454
x Kitchener	5,150	27,345	26,470
x London	35,760	89,565	21,025
Niagara Falls	410	12,150	5,850
Oshawa	25,210	9,375	1,800
x Ottawa	83,990	73,200	45,875
Owen Sound	22,000	400	1,000
x Peterborough	6,110	33,075	10,130
x Port Arthur	2,610	3,945	3,940
x Stratford	775	150	500
x St. Catharines	42,950	19,225	3,500
x St. Thomas	-	44,500	7,600
Sarnia	14,750	275	18,550
Sault Ste. Marie	2,600	19,040	2,500
x Toronto	213,843	1,013,307	253,800
York & East York Townships	51,750	98,800	11,350
Welland	-	3,050	900
x Windsor	45,902	11,927	255,800
Riverside	500	16,565	4,150
Woodstock	3,123	4,000	2,190
Manitoba	33,512	134,940	47,010
x Brandon	660	-	-
St. Boniface	5,402	62,390	3,310
x Winnipeg	27,450	72,550	43,700
Saskatchewan	35,698	13,135	14,925
x Moose Jaw	-	-	-
x Regina	34,048	12,190	7,525
x Saskatoon	1,650	945	7,400
Alberta	81,801	41,197	34,106
x Calgary	12,776	11,267	7,111
x Edmonton	47,525	23,450	21,225
Lethbridge	21,500	5,480	5,770
Medicine Hat	-	1,000	-
British Columbia	569,706	274,430	557,314
Kamloops	855	3,240	150
Nanaimo	3,800	1,460	75
x New Westminster	83,890	13,600	34,650
Prince Rupert	1,300	1,402	127,360
x Vancouver	421,235	196,490	344,205
North Vancouver	12,575	1,270	7,125
x Victoria	46,051	56,968	43,749
Total - 58 Cities	1,706,630	3,482,915	1,859,181
Total - x 35 Cities	1,496,730	3,153,888	1,632,436

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