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BUILDING PERMITS FOR DECEMBER, 1939, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR  
NOVEMBER, 1939, AND DECEMBER, 1938, AND TOTALS FOR THE YEARS, 1920-1939.

The building permits issued by 58 cities in December, 1939, represented construction work valued at \$6,035,212, as compared with \$4,148,889 in November, 1939, and \$3,482,915 in December, 1938. There was therefore an increase of \$1,886,323, or 45.5 p.c. in December as compared with the preceding month, and of \$2,552,297, or 73.3 p.c. in comparison with the same month in 1938. The total for December, 1939, was the highest for that month in the years since 1931.

The value of the building represented by the construction permits taken out during 1939 was \$59,724,014; this was slightly lower than the aggregate of \$60,817,332 reported in 1938, but with this exception was the largest aggregate since that for 1931. The cumulative total in each of the last eight years has, however, been decidedly below that for any earlier year of the record; the wholesale prices of building materials have recently been lower than in the same period of 1937 and the same as in 1938, although they continue higher than in any of the years, 1931-1936.

A review of building permits granted in 1939, based on revised figures, will be issued next month.

Detailed statements for December were received from some 50 cities, showing that they had issued about 225 permits for dwellings valued at more than \$1,100,000, and 1,200 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of more than \$3,900,000. There were also seven permits taken out for engineering work at a cost of \$519,279. During November, the construction of some 500 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings was authorized; these were estimated to cost approximately \$1,850,000 and \$2,200,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized. The gains of \$2,113,513, or 107.2 p.c. in Ontario, and \$354,151, or 100.8 p.c. in B.C. were most pronounced. There were declines in the other provinces, that in Quebec being the greatest; this amounted to \$524,949, or 41.1 p.c.

The value of the building represented by the permits taken out in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia was higher in December, 1939, than in the same month of 1938, the most pronounced increase of \$2,345,939, or 134.9 p.c., being in Ontario. Decreases were recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$405,848, or 35.1 p.c., in Quebec being greatest.

Of the four largest cities, Toronto reported important increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with November, 1939, and December, 1938; in Vancouver, there was a reduction in the former, but a gain in the latter comparison, while Montreal and Winnipeg reported declines as compared with either November, 1939, or December, 1938. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, Shawinigan Falls, Guelph, Hamilton, London, Oshawa, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Welland, Windsor, Brandon, St. Boniface, Saskatoon, Edmonton, New Westminster and Prince Rupert reported increases in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1939.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during the Decembers of the years since 1920, and also gives the statistics for the completed years; the 1939 figures are unrevised, while those for preceding years are revised. (A revised statement for 1939 will be issued next month). Index numbers, based upon the total value of the building authorized by these cities during 1926 as 100, are given

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Monthly Report of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, for the month of November, 1950.

REVENUE FROM THE OPERATION OF THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, NOVEMBER, 1950, AND THROUGH APRIL, 1951.

The following table shows the revenue from the operation of the Bureau of Reclamation for the month of November, 1950, and through April, 1951. The total revenue for the month of November, 1950, was \$1,000,000.00. The total revenue through April, 1951, was \$4,000,000.00.

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Year	Value of permits issued in December	Value of permits issued in twelve months	Indexes of value of permits issued in twelve months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, twelve months (1926=100)
1939	6,035,212	59,724,014	38.2	89.3 *
1938	3,482,915	60,817,332	38.9	89.1
1937	3,556,977	55,844,999	35.7	94.4
1936	3,282,166	41,325,693	26.4	85.3
1935	2,401,856	46,560,623	29.8	81.2
1934	2,521,820	27,457,524	17.6	82.6
1933	1,983,292	21,776,496	13.9	78.3
1932	1,569,255	42,319,397	27.1	77.2
1931	7,895,106	112,222,845	71.8	81.9
1930	15,440,281	166,379,325	106.4	90.9
1929	14,688,682	234,944,549	150.2	99.0
1928	16,095,160	219,105,715	140.1	97.1
1927	11,755,566	184,613,742	118.0	96.1
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	100.0	100.0
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	79.9	102.9
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	80.9	106.6
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	85.4	111.8
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	94.8	108.7
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	74.7	122.7
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	74.8	144.0

The unrevised statistics for 1939 indicate that last year's aggregate was slightly lower than that for 1938, but was higher than in 1937 and preceding years since 1931. However, the annual aggregate for each of those years has been considerably below the average for the nineteen years, 1920-1938. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials in 1939, though lower than in 1937 and the same as 1938, was higher than in earlier years since 1930.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in November and December, 1939, and December, 1938. The 35 centres for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

\* Eleven months' average.

Year	Average number of birds per nest	Standard deviation	Sample size
1950	1.75	0.45	100
1951	1.78	0.46	100
1952	1.80	0.47	100
1953	1.82	0.48	100
1954	1.85	0.49	100
1955	1.88	0.50	100
1956	1.90	0.51	100
1957	1.92	0.52	100
1958	1.95	0.53	100
1959	1.98	0.54	100

The average number of birds per nest for 1950-1959 is shown in the table. The standard deviation and sample size are also given. The average number of birds per nest in the United States in 1950 was 1.75, and in 1959 it was 1.98. The standard deviation in 1950 was 0.45, and in 1959 it was 0.54. The sample size in 1950 was 100, and in 1959 it was 100.

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