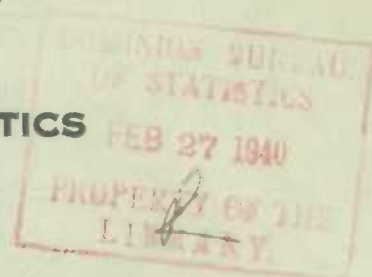


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BUILDING PERMITS IN CANADA, JANUARY, 1940.

I N T R O D U C T I O N

With the present report the statistics of building permits issued monthly and annually by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics are enlarged to include 201 municipalities instead of 58 as formerly. The return now includes all municipalities which have systems of issuing permits.

A new table is included which shows a classification of all permits issued according to the proposed use of the building to be erected, altered or repaired. This classification is made up by provinces, and covers residential, institutional, commercial, industrial and "all other" structures. It also separates new construction from additions, alterations, and repairs.

The table, showing values and average indexes for the preceding twenty years, has been enlarged, and now includes permits for the current and preceding months, as well as total values for the last twenty calendar years.

Average indexes of the value of building permits and of wholesale prices of building materials (1926=100) will be shown for the current month, together with the preceding twelve-month period.

The value of permits issued by each municipality will be shown for the current month, the previous month, the corresponding month of last year, and the total amount for the past calendar year.

This report will continue to make comparisons of the 58 and 35 municipalities as formerly.

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THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN CANADA

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The January, 1940, report of building permits issued includes permits from 113 municipalities and has a value of \$3,303,212 with \$2,313,868 representing new construction, while repairs, alterations and additions, account for \$989,344.

Of the 201 municipalities in Canada which issue permits, 59 had nothing to report for January, while 29 failed to respond to our enquiries.

Reports were received from 54 of the 58 municipalities which heretofore comprised this report. The value of permits issued by them amounted to \$2,391,300, while the total for the 35 municipalities was \$2,196,975. Corresponding values for December, 1939, were \$6,035,212 and \$5,399,870 respectively.

The new and amplified tables referred to in the introduction to this report follow herewith.

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BUILDING PERMITS, JANUARY, 1940.

Table 1. - Values and Classifications of Building Permits in 201 Municipalities in Canada, by Provinces, January, 1940.

Classification of Permits	CANADA	Provinces			
		Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec
All Permits Total Value	3,303,212	-	123,250	13,165	1,081,765
New Construction	2,313,868	-	106,500	9,500	899,510
Repairs, Alterations, Additions, etc.	989,344	-	16,750	3,665	182,255
Residential	1,424,532	-	60,675	11,115	488,235
New Construction	1,228,129	-	47,300	9,500	434,185
Repairs, Alterations, Additions, etc.	196,403	-	13,375	1,615	54,050
Institutional	432,797	-	54,000	-	325,000
New Construction	408,500	-	54,000	-	325,000
Repairs, Alterations, Additions, etc.	24,297	-	-	-	-
Commercial	719,368	-	5,075	650	123,035
New Construction	385,170	-	4,200	-	35,125
Repairs, Alterations, Additions, etc.	334,198	-	875	650	87,910
Industrial	645,547	-	3,500	1,400	137,360
New Construction	278,400	-	1,000	-	102,900
Repairs, Alterations, Additions, etc.	367,147	-	2,500	1,400	34,460
Other Building	80,968	-	-	-	8,135
New Construction	13,669	-	-	-	2,300
Repairs, Alterations, Additions, etc.	67,299	-	-	-	5,835
Classification of Permits	Provinces (Con.)				
	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia
All Permits Total Value	1,427,406	19,800	88,672	86,639	462,515
New Construction	883,032	9,300	1,475	47,581	356,970
Repairs, Alterations, Additions, etc.	544,374	10,500	87,197	39,058	105,545
Residential	521,455	11,450	5,900	22,855	302,847
New Construction	445,412	4,900	1,400	12,627	272,805
Repairs, Alterations, Additions, etc.	76,043	6,550	4,500	10,228	30,042
Institutional	33,000	-	550	5,447	14,800
New Construction	29,500	-	-	-	-
Repairs, Alterations, Additions, etc.	3,500	-	550	5,447	14,800
Commercial	377,970	7,800	62,142	52,303	90,393
New Construction	258,775	3,900	-	29,020	54,150
Repairs, Alterations, Additions, etc.	119,195	3,900	62,142	23,283	36,243
Industrial	439,087	-	20,000	-	44,200
New Construction	147,000	-	-	-	27,500
Repairs, Alterations, Additions, etc.	292,087	-	20,000	-	16,700
Other Building	55,894	550	80	6,034	10,275
New Construction	2,345	500	75	5,934	2,515
Repairs, Alterations, Additions, etc.	53,549	50	5	100	7,760

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Table 2. - Cumulative and Comparative Record of Building Permits and their indexes, together with average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, 1920-1940, (1926=100).

Year	Total Value Covered by Building Permits			Average Index of Value of Building Permits		Average Index of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials		
	January	December	12 months	Janu- ary	12 months	Janu- ary	Decem- ber	12 months
1940	3,303,212	Not yet	available	70.0	Not yet	available		
1939	1,706,730	6,035,212	59,724,014	36.1	38.2	87.3	94.2	89.7
1938	1,859,181	3,482,915	60,817,332	39.4	38.9	91.6	87.3	89.1
1937	1,721,867	3,556,977	55,844,999	36.5	35.7	89.1	91.7	94.4
1936	1,302,758	3,282,166	41,325,693	27.6	26.4	83.6	87.8	85.3
1935	882,878	2,401,856	46,560,623	18.7	29.8	81.6	82.1	81.2
1934	707,812	2,521,820	27,457,524	15.0	17.6	81.9	81.4	82.6
1933	1,185,961	1,983,292	21,776,496	25.1	13.9	75.7	80.6	78.3
1932	2,761,929	1,569,255	42,319,397	58.5	27.1	79.4	75.7	77.2
1931	8,401,456	7,895,106	112,222,845	178.0	71.8	84.0	79.3	81.9
1930	7,217,397	15,440,281	166,379,325	152.9	106.4	97.4	85.0	90.9
1929	8,416,880	14,688,682	234,944,549	178.3	150.2	98.0	97.9	99.0
1928	7,716,587	16,095,160	219,105,715	163.5	140.1	95.2	98.1	97.1
1927	5,676,537	11,755,566	184,613,742	120.3	118.0	96.8	95.7	96.1
1926	4,719,534	11,508,818	156,386,607	100.0	100.0	102.3	97.8	100.0
1925	5,447,270	7,363,777	125,029,367	115.4	79.9	101.9	102.3	102.9
1924	4,460,579	6,463,319	126,583,148	94.5	80.9	112.4	101.4	116.6
1923	4,139,498	6,974,256	133,521,621	87.7	85.4	109.8	111.5	111.8
1922	3,326,537	9,517,402	148,215,407	70.5	94.8	109.4	109.9	108.7
1921	2,595,564	5,537,330	116,794,414	55.0	74.7	143.0	109.7	122.7
1920	4,017,024	4,844,354	117,019,622	85.1	74.8	134.5	140.8	144.0

NOTE:- Commencing with January, 1940, returns from 201 municipalities are used in this compilation, as compared with 58 municipalities from 1920 to 1939.

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Table 3. - Value of Building Permits issued by 201 Municipalities in Canada, in January, 1940, and for 58 Municipalities in December and January, 1939, and during the twelve months of 1939.

"N.P.I." - Indicates that no permits were issued during the current month.
 "No Report" - Indicates that the municipality failed to make a report.

	Value of Permits Issued during -			
	January, 1940	December, 1939	January, 1939	Year 1939
C A N A D A	3,303,212	6,037,582	1,721,155	60,272,379
Prince Edward Island		2,700	4,500	133,788
Charlottetown	N.P.I.	2,700	4,500	133,788
Nova Scotia	123,250	67,225	99,713	1,562,125
Amherst	1,200			
Bridgewater	N.P.I.			
Dartmouth	1,900			
Glace Bay	58,050			
x Halifax	53,850	50,400	90,995	1,129,481
Liverpool	N.P.I.			
Lunenburg	N.P.I.			
New Glasgow	N.P.I.	450	5,500	53,688
New Waterford	N.P.I.			
North Sydney	No Report			
x Sydney	7,250	16,375	3,218	378,956
Sydney Mines	N.P.I.			
Truro	1,000			
Yarmouth	N.P.I.			
New Brunswick	13,165	35,600	11,815	1,069,111
Campbellton	500			
Chatham	No Report			
Dalhousie	No Report			
Fredericton	1,400			105,620
x Moncton	No Report		6,750	460,680
Newcastle	N.P.I.			
x Saint John	11,265	35,600	5,065	502,811
St. Stephen	No Report			
Quebec	1,081,765	751,670	232,875	14,796,421
Cap de la Madeleine	2,400			
Chicoutimi	3,500			
Coaticook	No Report			
Drummondville	N.P.I.			
Granby	3,500			
Grand'Mere	1,000			

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	January, 1940	December, 1939	January, 1939	Year 1939
C A N A D A - (Cont'd.)				
Quebec - (Concluded)				
Hull	1,100			
Hampstead	N.P.I.			
Iberville	N.P.I.			
Joliette	21,120			
Jonquiere	22,000			
Lachine	9,900			
La Tuque	2,000			
Levis	N.P.I.			
Longueuil	No Report			
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	697,635	545,200	155,915	9,253,506
Montreal Est	N.P.I.			
Montreal Nord	500			
Montreal West	10,100			
Mount Royal	77,760			
Noranda	8,350			
Outremont	1,200			
Pointe aux Trembles	N.P.I.			
Pointe Claire	No Report			
x Quebec	15,175	81,150	14,645	2,493,572
Rimouski	4,000			
Riviere du Loup	N.P.I.			
Rouyn	7,750			
Ste. Agathe des Monts	N.P.I.			
Ste. Anne de Bellevue	No Report			
St. Hyacinthe	N.P.I.			
St. Jean	22,000			
St. Jerome	150			
St. Joseph de Grantham	10,500			
St. Lambert	18,750			
St. Laurent	47,500			
Shawinigan Falls	N.P.I.	95,920	3,500	491,070
x Sherbrooke	32,200	24,400	36,100	1,171,550
Sorel	No Report			
x Trois-Rivieres	1,275	1,000	7,375	1,007,360
Val d'Or	N.P.I.			
Valleyfield	No Report			
Verdun	59,900			
x Westmount	500	4,000	15,340	379,363

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	January, 1940	December, 1939	January, 1939	Year 1939
C A N A D A - (Cont'd.)				
Ontario	1,427,406	4,089,174	644,215	26,543,103
Amherstburg	No Report			
Barrie	3,200			
Belleville	35	400	2,900	251,396
Bowmanville	N.P.I.			
Bracebridge	N.P.I.			
Brampton	900			
x Brantford	2,065	16,467	1,800	233,175
Brockville	N.P.I.			
Burlington	36,900			
Campbellford	No Report			
Chatham	19,250	35,500	9,700	532,178
Cobourg	N.P.I.			
Cochrane	N.P.I.			
Collingwood	N.P.I.			
Cornwall	N.P.I.			
Dundas	No Report			
Eastview	N.P.I.			
East York Twp.	70,040	77,700	19,500	829,373
Etobicoke Twp.	42,385			
Forest Hill	27,500			
Fort Erie	1,125			
Fort Frances	N.P.I.			
x Fort William	33,498	3,710	5,237	524,315
Galt	8,690	14,895	18,025	268,995
Gananoque	N.P.I.			
Goderich	No Report			
x Guelph	1,200	20,260	11,255	198,294
Haileybury	No Report			
x Hamilton	62,250	192,242	31,850	2,265,265
Hanover	No Report			
Hawkesbury	N.P.I.			
Huntsville	600			
Ingersoll	150			
Kapuskasing	N.P.I.			
Kenora	300			
x Kingston	2,670	13,290	5,560	415,153
Kirkland Lake (Twp. of Teck)	27,125			
x Kitchener	5,930	85,885	5,150	774,419
Leamington	N.P.I.			

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C A N A D A - (Cont'd.)				
Ontario - (Cont'd.)				
Leaside	53,100			
Lindsay	No Report			
Listowell	No Report			
x London	46,250	186,460	35,760	1,895,870
Long Branch	4,000			
Mimico	N.P.I.			
Napanee	N.P.I.			
New Liskeard	425			
Newmarket	N.P.I.			
New Toronto	89,437			
Niagara Falls	3,885	21,145	410	226,578
North Bay	2,000			
North York Twp.	63,550			
Oakville	12,750			
Orillia	800			
Oshawa	8,650	54,100	25,210	235,225
x Ottawa	41,370	67,570	83,990	2,050,656
Owen Sound	1,800	6,950	22,000	122,760
Paris	100			
Parry Sound	100			
Pembroke	No Report			
Perth	No Report			
x Peterborough	74,350	4,443	6,110	502,078
Petrolia	N.P.I.			
x Port Arthur	N.P.I.	36,230	2,610	441,656
Port Colborne	N.P.I.			
Preston	1,100			
Renfrew	No Report			
Riverside	4,615	3,965	500	125,100
x St. Catharines	29,250	57,275	42,950	599,389
St. Mary's	N.P.I.			
x St. Thomas	1,075	8,875		166,106
Sarnia	5,175	21,994	14,750	231,222
Sault Ste. Marie	No Report	13,166	3,055	596,491
Scarboro Twp.	41,800			
Simcoe	N.P.I.			
Smith's Falls	N.P.I.			
Stratford	100	1,557	775	77,852
Sudbury	12,050			
Swansea	11,150			

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C A N A D A - (Cont'd.)				
Ontario - (Concluded)				
Tillsonburg	N.P.I.			
Timmins	51,550			
x Toronto	416,166	2,885,201	213,843	10,313,943
Trenton	N.P.I.			
Wallaceburg	N.P.I.			
Waterloo	300			
Welland	18,750	14,885		198,854
Weston	2,500			
Whitby	2,700			
x Windsor	76,395	136,904	45,902	928,402
Woodstock	4,350	685	3,123	325,118
York Twp.	No Report	107,420	32,250	1,213,240
Manitoba	19,800	192,882	33,512	3,097,593
x Brandon	N.P.I.		660	74,540
Brooklands	N.P.I.			
Dauphin	3,350			
North Kildonan (Rural Mun.)	N.P.I.			
Portage la Prairie	No Report			
St. Boniface	5,050	124,132	5,402	439,003
Selkirk	800			
The Pas	No Report			
Transcona	N.P.I.			
x Winnipeg	10,600	68,750	27,450	2,584,050
Saskatchewan	88,672	58,084	35,698	1,237,633
Biggar	N.P.I.			
Estevan	N.P.I.			
Melville	750			
x Moose Jaw	1,200	4,075		77,354
North Battleford	N.P.I.			
Prince Albert	580			
x Regina	80,792	10,284	34,048	598,785
x Saskatoon	5,350	43,725	1,650	251,494
Swift Current	N.P.I.			
Weyburn	N.P.I.			
Yorkton	No Report			

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	Value of Permits Issued during -			
	January, 1940	December, 1939	January, 1939	Year 1939
C A N A D A - (Concluded)				
Alberta	86,639	127,403	81,801	3,198,979
x Calgary	23,829	20,374	12,776	1,064,076
Drumheller	N.P.I.			
x Edmonton	37,675	86,954	47,525	1,662,109
Lethbridge	25,135	20,075	21,500	463,904
Medicine Hat	N.P.I.			8,890
British Columbia	462,515	712,844	577,026	8,633,626
Chilliwack	1,500			
Cranbrook	No Report			
Fernie	No Report			
Kamloops	1,275	6,315	855	104,757
Kelowna	11,175			
Nanaimo	No Report	4,470	3,800	80,913
Nelson	5,033			
x New Westminster	48,850	414,150	83,890	1,172,705
North Vancouver	10,950	3,000	12,575	103,995
Prince George	N.P.I.			
Prince Rupert	5,175	5,925	1,300	81,990
Revelstoke	332			
Rossland	N.P.I.			
Trail	N.P.I.			
x Vancouver	292,715	229,285	421,235	6,283,796
Vernon	1,165			
x Victoria	84,345	49,699	53,371	805,470
Total 201 municipalities	3,303,212			
Total 58 municipalities ^{1/}	2,391,300	6,037,582	1,721,155	60,272,379
Total 35 municipalities	2,196,975	5,401,790	1,510,800	53,048,231

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^{1/} 54 municipalities only, reporting.