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BUILDING PERMITS IN CANADA, FEBRUARY, 1940.

Commencing with 1940 our enlarged report of Building Permits included returns from 201 municipalities. An additional one, Megantio, Quebec, now issues permits and has been added to our list, thus making a total of 202 municipalities in Canada which will be included in our future compilations.

It will be realized, of course, that it is not possible to make comparisons between detailed totals contained in the monthly reports published in the current year with those of past years. The value of building permits for 1940, shown in Table 2, is compiled from returns received from 202 municipalities, while the years 1920-1939 inclusive contain values from 58 municipalities only. Therefore, no comparable figures will be available until 1941.

The index of 100 is based on the value of permits issued by 58 municipalities in the year 1926. A corresponding index will be compiled for 202 municipalities but this compilation is delayed pending receipt of reports from two of the original 58 municipalities.

For the February report, returns were received from 143 municipalities. 106 of these reported detailed building values while 37 had issued no permits during the month. The remainder of the 202 municipalities, 59 in number, failed to furnish any report, and values of their permits could not be included in this compilation. As a consequence the value of the report is temporarily nullified to a certain extent, and we are exceedingly disappointed with the lack of cooperation evinced by these particular municipal officials.

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The following statement shows, by provinces, the number of municipalities which issue permits together with the number which reported for February:

	<u>Number Issuing Reports</u>	<u>Number Reported</u>
Canada	202	143
Prince Edward Island	1	-
Nova Scotia	14	7
New Brunswick	8	3
Quebec	45	31
Ontario	91	66
Manitoba	10	9
Saskatchewan	11	9
Alberta	5	5
British Columbia	17	13

To be of value, this report must be published sufficiently early after the end of each month in order that the information it contains may become available while it is comparatively new and fresh. To accomplish this purpose it is our intention to close off and combine all future reports as at the tenth of each month, and all monthly municipal returns must be in our hands by that date.

We sincerely trust that municipal officials will co-operate actively with us in our efforts to make this report portray an accurate monthly trend of building conditions in Canada, and that we shall receive their returns regularly in future, in sufficient time to permit their inclusion in our report.

The total value of permits issued in February, 1940, by 106 municipalities is \$3,722,799. Revised figures for the month of January now show 117 municipalities reporting a value of \$3,334,337. 56 of the 58 original municipalities reported a value of \$3,015,089 for February in comparison with a revised value of \$2,411,950 for January 1940. The total value of permits reported by these 58 municipalities in February, 1939, was \$1,912,151.

The aggregate value of permits issued in the first two months of 1940 is \$7,057,136, while for the 58 municipalities (56 reporting) the value is \$5,427,039. The value reported by these 58 municipalities for the first two months of 1939 was \$3,633,306.

As stated above, the index of value of building permits for the 202 municipalities is not yet available. This index for the 58 municipalities stands at 42.2 for February, as compared with 26.8 for February, 1939, or an increase of 15.4 points in February, 1940.

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Table 1. - Values and Classifications of Building Permits issued by 202 Municipalities in Canada, by Provinces, February, 1940.

Classification of Permits		CANADA	Provinces			
			Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec
All Permits	Total Value	3,722,799	-	49,785	8,703	904,303
New Construction		2,549,770	-	17,000	-	644,650
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		1,173,029	-	32,785	8,703	259,653
Residential		1,982,109	-	45,370	5,703	664,840
New Construction		1,705,377	-	17,000	-	577,025
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		276,732	-	28,370	5,703	87,815
Institutional		157,114	-	300	500	600
New Construction		97,150	-	-	-	-
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		59,964	-	300	500	600
Commercial		612,563	-	4,115	2,500	169,935
New Construction		146,018	-	-	-	27,450
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		466,545	-	4,115	2,500	142,485
Industrial		756,063	-	-	-	47,198
New Construction		483,555	-	-	-	25,400
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		272,508	-	-	-	21,798
Other Building		214,950	-	-	-	21,750
New Construction		117,670	-	-	-	14,775
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		97,280	-	-	-	6,955
Classification of Permits		Provinces (Con.)				
		Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia
All Permits	Total Value	1,828,415	113,745	84,710	64,198	668,940
New Construction		1,210,140	19,960	74,400	11,755	571,865
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		618,275	93,785	10,310	52,443	97,075
Residential		823,522	25,310	1,700	18,206	397,458
New Construction		731,287	3,660	400	5,580	370,425
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		92,235	21,650	1,300	12,626	27,033
Institutional		23,250	-	200	23,882	108,382
New Construction		150	-	-	-	97,000
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		23,100	-	200	23,882	11,382
Commercial		285,638	66,775	9,200	19,335	55,065
New Construction		76,933	15,300	1,000	5,500	19,835
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		208,705	51,475	8,200	13,835	35,230
Industrial		612,655	20,060	600	2,100	73,450
New Construction		400,055	-	-	-	58,100
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		212,600	20,060	600	2,100	15,350
Other Building		83,350	1,600	73,010	675	34,585
New Construction		1,715	1,000	73,000	675	26,505
Additions, Alterations, Repairs		81,635	600	10	-	8,080

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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	Value of Building Permits Issued			Index of Value of Building Permits		Average Index of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials		
	February	January	First 2 months	February	First 2 months	February	January	First 2 months
1940	3,722,799	(1) 3,334,337	7,057,136	(2)	(2)	(2)	94.2	(2)
1939	1,912,151	1,721,155	3,633,306	26.8	30.6	87.3	87.3	87.3
1938	2,364,402	1,859,181	4,223,583	33.1	35.6	91.4	91.7	91.6
1937	2,138,886	1,721,867	3,860,753	30.0	32.6	91.8	90.0	90.9
1936	1,921,176	1,302,758	3,223,934	26.9	27.2	84.2	83.6	83.9
1935	3,601,637	882,878	4,484,515	50.4	37.8	81.6	81.6	81.6
1934	894,102	707,812	1,601,914	12.5	13.5	82.3	81.9	82.1
1933	925,894	1,185,961	2,111,855	13.0	17.8	74.7	75.7	75.2
1932	2,845,271	3,211,012	6,056,283	39.9	51.1	79.3	79.4	79.4
1931	6,395,659	8,401,456	14,797,115	89.6	124.8	83.5	84.0	83.8
1930	8,919,078	7,217,397	16,136,475	124.9	136.1	96.6	97.4	97.0
1929	10,465,330	8,416,880	18,882,210	146.6	159.2	98.9	98.0	98.5
1928	10,318,338	7,716,587	18,034,925	144.5	152.1	95.4	95.2	95.3
1927	7,638,176	5,676,537	13,314,713	107.0	112.3	96.3	96.8	96.6
1926	7,139,549	4,719,534	11,859,083	100.0	100.0	102.4	102.3	102.4
1925	5,902,118	5,447,270	11,349,388	82.7	95.7	103.5	101.9	102.7
1924	4,093,800	4,460,579	8,554,379	57.3	72.1	112.1	112.4	112.3
1923	5,679,671	4,139,498	9,819,169	79.6	82.8	110.4	109.8	110.1
1922	4,738,105	3,326,537	8,064,642	66.4	68.0	107.2	109.4	108.3
1921	3,683,359	2,595,564	6,278,923	51.6	52.9	138.0	143.0	140.5
1920	6,156,287	4,017,024	10,173,311	86.2	85.8	140.5	134.5	137.5

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"N.P.I." - Indicates that no permits were issued during the current month.

"No Report"-Indicates that the municipality failed to make their monthly report in time.

	Value of Permits Issued during -			
	February, 1940	January, 1940	February, 1939	First 2 months 1940
CANADA	3,722,799	3,334,337(1)	1,912,151	7,057,136
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Charlottetown	No report	N.P.I.	N.P.I.	-
Nova Scotia	49,785	123,250	51,785	173,035
Amherst	No report	1,200		1,200
Bridgewater	" "	N.P.I.		-
Dartmouth	" "	1,900		1,900
Glace Bay	" "	58,050		58,050
x Halifax	47,920	53,850	43,935	101,770
Liverpool	100	N.P.I.		100
Lunenburg	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
New Glasgow	N.P.I.	N.P.I.	1,350	N.P.I.
New Waterford	No report	N.P.I.		-
North Sydney	" "	No report		No report
x Sydney	1,665	7,250	6,500	8,915
Sydney Mines	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Truro	No report	1,000		1,000
Yarmouth	100	N.P.I.		100
New Brunswick	8,703	13,165	24,095	21,868
Campbellton	200	500		700
Chatham	No report	No report		No report
Dalhousie	" "	N.P.I.		-
Fredericton	N.P.I.	1,400	N.P.I.	1,400
x Moncton	No report	No report	6,450	No report
Newcastle	" "	N.P.I.		-
x Saint John	8,503	11,265	17,645	19,768
St. Stephen	No report	No report		No report
Quebec	904,303	1,082,365	415,115	1,986,668
Cap-de-la-Madeleine	No report	2,400		2,400
Chicoutimi	" "	3,500		3,500
Coaticook	100	N.P.I.		100
Drummondville	No report	N.P.I.		-
Granby	3,000	3,500		6,500

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CANADA - (Cont'd.)				
Quebec - (Cont'd.)				
Grand'Mere	N.P.I.	1,000		1,000
Hull	1,800	1,100		2,900
Hampstead	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Iberville	900	N.P.I.		900
Joliette	4,500	21,120		25,620
Jonquiere	N.P.I.	22,000		22,000
Lachine	16,348	9,900		26,248
La Tuque	No report	2,000		2,000
Levis	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Longueuil	10,000	N.P.I.		10,000
Megantic	No report	New		-
X Montreal x Maisonneuve	641,640	697,635	279,180	1,339,275
Montreal Est	400	N.P.I.		400
Montreal Nord	N.P.I.	500		500
Montreal West	13,300	10,100		23,400
Mount Royal	31,075	77,760		108,835
Noranda	No report	8,350		8,350
Outremont	18,250	1,200		19,450
Pointe aux Trembles	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Pointe Claire	2,550	600 (1)		3,150
X Quebec	43,140	15,175	60,300	58,315
Rimouski	No report	4,000		4,000
Riviere du Loup	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Rouyn	No report	7,750		7,750
Ste. Agathe-des-Monts	700	N.P.I.		700
Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
St. Hyacinthe	No report	N.P.I.		-
St. Jean	13,700	22,000		35,700
St. Jerôme	N.P.I.	150		150
St. Joseph de Grantham	N.P.I.	10,500		10,500
St. Lambert	4,500	18,750		23,250
St. Laurent	No report	47,500		47,500
Shawinigan Falls	9,000	N.P.I.	8,025	9,000
x Sherbrooke	29,500	32,200	43,000	61,700

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CANADA - (Cont'd.)				
Quebec - (Concluded)				
Sorel	No report	No report		No report
x Trois-Rivières	" "	1,275	18,075	1,275
Val d'Or	" "	N.P.I.		-
Valleyfield	" "	N.P.I.		-
Verdun	40,100	59,900		100,000
x Westmount	19,800	500	6,535	20,300
Ontario	1,828,415	1,448,856	703,374	3,277,271
Amherstburg	No report	N.P.I.		-
Barrie	1,775	3,200		4,975
Belleville	1,000	35	675	1,035
Bowmanville	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Bracebridge	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Brampton	1,000	900		1,900
x Brantford	6,500	2,065	6,325	8,565
Brockville	No report	N.P.I.		
Burlington	" "	36,900		36,900
Campbellford	250	N.P.I.		250
Chatham	5,700	19,250	17,800	24,950
Cobourg	1,000	N.P.I.		1,000
Cochrane	No report	N.P.I.		
Collingwood	" "	N.P.I.		
Cornwall	1,300	N.P.I.		1,300
Dundas	65,480	N.P.I.		65,480
Eastview	750	N.P.I.		750
East York Twp.	20,750	70,040	13,500	90,790
Etobicoke Twp.	56,500	42,385		98,885
Forest Hill	70,500	27,500		98,000
Fort Erie	N.P.I.	1,125		1,125
Fort Frances	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
x Fort William	3,250	33,498	22,275	36,748
Galt	117,999	8,690	3,240	126,689
Gananoque	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.

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CANADA - (Cont'd.)				
Ontario -(Continued)				
Goderich	No report	No report		
x Guelph	3,650	1,200	2,895	4,850
Haileybury	No report	No report		
x Hamilton	113,889	62,250	40,050	176,139
Hanover	No report	N.P.I.		
Hawkesbury	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Huntsville	No report	600		600
Ingersoll	1,675	150		1,825
Kapuskasing	No report	N.P.I.		
Kenora	175	300		475
x Kingston	4,100	2,670	2,300	6,770
Kirkland Lake(Twp.of Teck)	2,000	27,125		29,125
x Kitchener	12,660	5,930	8,025	18,590
Leamington	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Leaside	82,400	53,100		135,500
Lindsay	No report	No report		
Listowel	" "	No report		
x London	52,845	46,250	29,505	99,095
Long Branch	No report	4,000		4,000
Mimico	10,350	N.P.I.		10,350
Napanee	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
New Liskeard	No report	425		425
Newmarket	" "	N.P.I.		
New Toronto	3,980	89,437		93,417
Niagara Falls	225	3,885	14,350	4,110
North Bay	15,000	2,000		17,000
North York Twp.	132,985	63,550		196,535
Oakville	3,565	12,750		16,315
Orillia	1,800	800		2,600
Oshawa	3,560	8,650	1,450	12,210
x Ottawa	149,100	41,370	49,625	190,470
Owen Sound	3,600	1,800	19,650	5,400

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CANADA - (Cont'd.)				
Ontario - (Cont'd.)				
Paris	No report	100		100
Parry Sound	" "	100		100
Pembroke	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Perth	No report	No report		
x Peterborough	7,750	74,350	4,875	82,100
Petrolia	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
x Port Arthur	4,005	N.P.I.	410	4,005
Port Colborne	1,750	N.P.I.		1,750
Preston	N.P.I.	1,100		1,100
Renfrew	No report	800(1)		800
Riverside	1,610	4,615	24,800	6,225
x St. Catharines	31,450	29,250	7,550	60,700
St. Mary's	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
x St. Thomas	1,600	1,075	12,621	2,675
Sarnia	24,398	5,175	2,450	29,573
Sault Ste. Marie	No report	No report	3,865	-
Scarboro Twp.	13,257	41,800		55,057
Simcoe	No report	N.P.I.		
Smith's Falls	No report	N.P.I.		
x Stratford	2,800	100	4,120	2,900
Sudbury	5,550	12,050		17,600
Swansea	10,600	11,150		21,750
Tillsonburg	No report	N.P.I.		
Timmins	10,310	51,550		61,860
x Toronto	660,782	416,166	350,639	1,076,948
Trenton	22,900	N.P.I.		22,900
Wallaceburg	No report	N.P.I.		
Waterloo	" "	300		300
Welland	5,550	18,750	8,907	24,300
Weston	N.P.I.	2,500		2,500
Whitby	N.P.I.	2,700		2,700

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CANADA - (Cont'd.)				
Ontario -(Concluded)				
x Windsor	29,890	76,395	18,072	106,285
Woodstock	2,600	4,350	1,100	6,950
York Twp.	40,300	20,650 (1)	32,300	60,950
Manitoba	113,745	28,800	42,225	142,545
x Brandon	60	N.P.I.	N.P.I.	60
Brooklands	275	N.P.I.		275
Dauphin	N.P.I.	3,350		3,350
North Kildonan	1,000	N.P.I.		1,000
Portage-la-Prairie	No report	9,000 (1)		9,000
St. Boniface	2,700	5,050	3,275	7,750
Selkirk	N.P.I.	800		800
The Pas	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Transcona	260	N.P.I.		260
x Winnipeg	109,450	10,600	38,950	120,050
Saskatchewan	84,710	88,747	29,925	173,457
Biggar	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Estevan	No report	N.P.I.		
Melville	N.P.I.	750		750
x Moose Jaw	1,100	1,200	22,000	2,300
North Battleford	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Prince Albert	2,510	580		3,090
x Regina	75,400	80,792	6,925	156,192
x Saskatoon	5,400	5,350	1,000	10,750
Swift Current	300	N.P.I.		300
Weyburn	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Yorkton	No report	75 (1)		75
Alberta	64,198	86,639	37,197	150,837
x Calgary	50,233	23,829	16,087	74,062
Drumheller	650	N.P.I.		650
x Edmonton	7,925	37,675	13,250	45,600
Lethbridge	5,390	25,135	7,860	30,525
Medicine Hat	N.P.I.	N.P.I.	N.P.I.	N.P.I.

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CANADA - (Concluded)				
British Columbia	668,940	462,515	608,435	1,131,455
Chilliwack	7,800	1,500		9,300
Cranbrook	3,000	N.P.I.		3,000
Fernie	No report	N.P.I.		
Kamloops	5,300	1,275	2,500	6,575
Kelowna	11,365	11,175		22,540
Nanaimo	2,205	N.P.I.	750	2,205
Nelson	No report	5,033		5,033
x New Westminster	46,950	48,850	65,750	95,800
North Vancouver	16,800	10,950	9,460	27,750
Prince George	N.P.I.	N.P.I.		N.P.I.
Prince Rupert	3,055	5,175	1,575	8,230
Revelstoke	No report	332		332
Rossland	75	N.P.I.		75
Trail	No report	N.P.I.		
x Vancouver	488,585	292,715	455,610	781,300
Vernon	2,000	1,165		3,165
x Victoria	81,805	84,345	72,790	166,150
Total 202 Municipalities	3,722,799	3,334,337	-	7,057,136
Total 58 Municipalities	3,015,089(1)	2,411,950(1)	1,912,151	5,427,039
Total 35 Municipalities	2,743,347	2,197,075	1,733,269	4,940,422

(1) 56 Municipalities only, reporting.

x Indicates a municipality whose records are available back to 1910.

