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## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN CANADA, FEBRUARY, 1944

The February report of Building Permits included returns from 160 of the 204 municipalities in Canada which have systems for issuing such permits and of this number 108 reported detailed operations. The remaining 52 advised that no permits had been issued during the month of February, while 44 munioipalities had failed to roport at the close of March loth.

The total value of permits reported as issued in the month of February is $\$ 5,259,283$. Revised values for the month of January include returns from 200 munioipalities and aggregate $\$ 4,716,036$. Reports were reseived from 48 of the 58 original municipalities and show a value of $33,887,563$ for February. The corresponding revised value of January includes 57 returns and is $\$ 4,245,735$ while the February 1943 value was $\$ 1,863,479$.

The total value of permits issued by all municipalities during the two elapsed months of this year is $\$ 9,975,319$. The value of the 58 municipalitios for the same period is $\$ 8,133,298$, while their corresponding value in 1943 was $\$ 3,564,872$.

During the month of February new construction of all types amounted to 7. . 3 per cent of the total value, while the percentage of new rosidential constructicr, was 39.6.

Table No, 4 is arranged so as to give complete information as to the number and description of new housing units (new building and conversions).

## THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN CANADA

BUILDING PERYITS, FEBRUARX, 1944.
Fable 1. - Values and Classification of Building Permits is6ued by 160 Muniopalitiea
in Canada, by Provinces, February, 2944.


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## BUILDING PERMITS, FEBRUARY, 1944.

Table 2. - Cumatate and Comparative Record of Fuilding Pormits and their indexes, together with average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, 1920-1944.
(1926=100).

| Yos | Value of Building Permite Issued |  |  | Index of Value of Building Permits |  |  | Average index of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fobruary | January | Pirst <br> 2 Montins | Fobruary | January | First 2 Months | February | January | First <br> 2 Months |
| 1944 | 5,259,283 | 4,716,036(1) | $9,975,319$ | 54.3 (2) | 89.8(2) | 68.6(2) | (3) | 126.6 | (3) |
| 1945 | 2,426,091 | 3,544,329 | $5,970,420$ | 26.1 (2) | 36.1 (2) | $30.1(2)$ | 118.3 | 116.8 | 217.5 |
| 1942 | 4.405,775 | 6.432,687 | 10,838,462 | 61.0(2) | 89.6 (2) | 90.9(2) | 113.3 | 113.1 | 113.2 |
| 1941 | 5,873,60\% | 4,470,931 | 10,344,538 | 66.6(2) | $74.9(2)$ | 70.8(2) | 100.1 | 98.7 | 99.4 |
| 1940 | 5.912,789 | 3,350,089 | 7,262,878 | 43.0(2) | 51.2(2) | $61.2(2)$ | 94.3 | 94.2 | 94.3 |
| 1989 | 1,912,151 | 1,721,165 | 3,633,306 | 26.8 | 36.5 | 30.6 | 87.3 | 87.3 | 87.3 |
| 1938 | 2,364,402 | 1,859,181 | 4,223,583 | 33.1 | 39.4 | 36.5 | 91.4 | 91.7 | 91.6 |
| 1937 | 2,138,886 | 1,721,867 | 3,860,753 | 30.0 | 36.5 | 32.6 | 91.8 | 90.0 | 90.9 |
| 1936 | 1,921,176 | :,302,758 | 3,223,934 | 26.9 | 27.6 | 27.2 | 84.2 | 83.6 | 83.9 |
| 1935 | $3,601,637$ | 882,878 | $4,484,515$ | 50.4 | 18.7 | 37.8 | 81.6 | 81.6 | 81.6 |
| 1934 | 894,102 | 707,812 | 1,601,914 | 12.5 | 15.0 | 13.5 | 82.3 | 81.9 | 82.1 |
| 1933 | 925,894 | 1,185,961 | 2,111,855 | 13.0 | 25.1 | 17.8 | 74.7 | 75.7 | 75.2 |
| 1932 | 2,845,271 | 3,211,022 | 6,056,283 | 39.9 | 58.5 | 51.1 | 79.3 | 79.4 | 79.4 |
| 1931 | 6,395,659 | 8,401,456 | 14,797,115 | 89.5 | 178.0 | 124.8 | 83.5 | 84.0 | 83.8 |
| 1930 | 8,919,078 | 7,217,397 | 16,236,475 | 124.9 | 152.9 | 136.1 | 96.6 | 97.4 | 97.0 |
| 1929 | 10,465,330 | 8,416,880 | 18,882,210 | 146.6 | 178.3 | 159.2 | 98.9 | 98.0 | 98.5 |
| 1928 | 10,318,338 | $7,716,587$ | 18,034,825 | 144.5 | 163.5 | 152.1 | 95.4 | 95.2 | 95.3 |
| 1927 | 7.638 .176 | 5,676,537 | 13,314,713 | 107.0 | 120.3 | 112.3 | 96.3 | 96.8 | 96.6 |
| 1926 | 7,139,549 | 4,719,534 | 11,869,085 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 102.4 | 102.3 | 102.4 |
| 1925 | 5,902,118 | 5,447,270 | 11,349.388 | 82.7 | 115.4 | 95.7 | 103.5 | 101.9 | 102.7 |
| 1924 | 4,093,800 | 4,460,679 | 8,554,379 | 57.3 | 94.5 | 72.1 | 112.1 | 112.4 | 112.3 |
| 1923 | $5,679,671$ | 4,138.498 | 9,819,169 | 79.6 | 87.7 | 82.8 | 110.4 | 109.8 | 110.1 |
| 1922 | 4,738,105 | 3,326,537 | 8,064,642 | 66.4 | 70.5 | 68.0 | 107.2 | 109.4 | 108.3 |
| 1921 | 3,683,359 | 2,595,564 | 6,278,923 | 51.6 | 55.0 | 52.9 | 138.0 | 143.0 | 140.5 |
| 1920 | $6,156,287$ | 4,017,024 | 10,173,311 | 86.2 | 85.1 | 85.8 | 140.5 | 134.5 | 137.5 |

(1) Revised figures containing returns from 200 municipalities.
(2) Pigures based on value reported by the original 58 municipalities.
(3) Data not yet available.

Tabie 3, - Value of Building Pormite iseued by 204 Municipalitiee in canade in jumary and Februury, 1944, together with the aggregste for the firat two months of this yoar, and for 204 munioipulition in Fobmary. 1945.
M.P.I." - Indscates that no pormite were issued during the ourrent month. "No Roport"-Indicates that the muniolpality failed to furnish ite monthly report.

x Indicates a muioipality whose records are available back to 1910.
(1) Hevised figures containing returns from munioipalities not inoluded in our January report.

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## BUILDING PERMITS, FERRUARY, 1944.

Table 5. - Value of Building Permits issued by 204 Mmicipalities in Canada in Jamary and February, 1944, together with the aggregate for the first two months of this year, and for 204 Municipalitios in February, 1943 - Continued.

|  | Velue of Permits Issued during - |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | February $1944$ | January 1944 | $\begin{gathered} \text { February } \\ 1943 \end{gathered}$ | First <br> 2 Months |
| QUEREC - (Concluded) |  |  |  |  |
| Lovis | 2,150 | 15,450 | 800 | 17,600 |
| Longuouil | 11,500 | 9,300 | 5,625 | 20,800 |
| Megantio | No Report | 1,200 | N.P.I. | 1.200 |
| $x$ Montreal (x Maisonneuve) | 1,025,185 | 736,687 | 257, 877 | 1,761,872 |
| Montreal East | 3,500 | , 400 | N.P.I. | 3,900 |
| Montreal North | 5,100 | 1,350 | 75 | 6,450 |
| Montreal West | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| Mount Royal | 6,670 | 54,445 | 85,790 | 61,115 |
| Noranda | N.P.1. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| Outremont | 23.400 | 3,500 | 15,500 | 26,700 |
| Pointe aux Trembles | 2,000 | 1,400 | 475 | 3,400 |
| Pointe Claire | No Report | 1,500 | 400 | 1,500 |
| x Queboo | 167,150 | 120,265 | 21,335 | 287,415 |
| R1mouski | N.P.I. | 1,850 | N.P.I. | 1,850 |
| Riviere du Loup | N.P.I. | 8,100 | N.P.I. | 8,100 |
| Rouyn | 1,050 | 475 | 200 | 1,525 |
| Ste. Agathe-des-Monts | N.P.I. | N, P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue | 500 | N.P.I. | 300 | 500 |
| St. Hyacinthe | 8,950 | 12,750 | 275 | 21.700 |
| St. Jean | 16,300 | 9,100 | 12,000 | 25,400 |
| St. Jerome | 3,900 | 890 | 10,500 | 4,790 |
| St. Joseph de Grantham | N.P.I. | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| St. Lambert | No Report | N.P.I. | 18,800 | - |
| St. Laurent | 3,000 | 9,500 | 2,850 | 12,500 |
| Shawinigan Falls | No Report | 3,900 | 300 | 3,900 |
| $\times$ Sherbrooke | 17.125 | 10,675 | 22,350 | 27.800 |
| Sorel | 890 | 7,425 | 650 | 8,315 |
| x Trois Rivieres | 8,700 | 4,925 | 3,075 | 13,625 |
| Val d'or | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| Valleyfield | 12.475 | 4,950 | 6,328 | 17.425 |
| Verdun | 54.500 | 18,000 | 39,200 | 72.500 |
| $\times$ Westmount | 1.250 | 25,500 | N.P.I. | 26.750 |
| ONTARIO | 2,343,835 | 988,441 (1) | 1,135,011 | 3,332,276 |
| Anherstburg | 15, 250 | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | - 250 |
| Barrio | 15,000 | 5,525 | 125 | 20,525 |
| Belloville | B,890 | 3,450 | 6,340 | 12,340 |
| Bowmantille | No Report | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | - |
| Bracobridge | No Report | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | - |
| Brampton | No Report | 465 | N.P.I. | 465 |
| * Brantford | 13,525 | 7,860 | 5,845 | 21,385 |
| Brookvill. | 5,500 | N.P.I. | 16,500 | 5,500 |
| Burlington | 7,600 | 3,100 | 800 | 10,700 |
| Campbellford | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| Chatham | 1,340 | 1,920 | 3,639 | 3,260 |
| Cobourg | N, P.I. | 400 | N.P.I. | 400 |
| Cochrane | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| Collingwood Cornwall | N.P.I. | N.P.I. ${ }^{25}$ | N.P.I. | 25 |

x Indicates a municipality whose records are available back to 1910.
(1) Revised figures containing returns from municipalities not included in our January report.

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BOILDING PERMITS, FEBRUARY, 1944.
Table 3. .- Value of Building Pormits issued by 204 manicipalities in Canada in january and Fobruary, 1944, together with the aggregate for the first two months of this year, and for 204 Manicipalities in February, 1943. - Continued.

|  | Value of Permits Issued during - |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { February } \\ 1944 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { January } \\ 1944 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb ruary } \\ & 1943 \end{aligned}$ | Firat 2 Months |
| ONTARIO - (continued) |  |  |  |  |
| Dandas | 4.100 | 1,600 | N.P.I. | 5,700 |
| Eastriew | 525 | 3,790 | N.P.I. | 4,315 |
| Eest York Twp. | 107,175 | 23,655 | 35,800 | 130,830 |
| Etobicoke Twp. | 60,350 | 23,225 | 40,300 | 83,575 |
| Forest Hill | 79,100 | 35,500 | 39,000 | 114,600 |
| Fort Erie | No Report | 300 | 500 | 300 |
| Fort Franoes | No Report | 204 | 598 | 204 |
| $\times$ Fort William | 3,335 | 40,620 | 1.810 | 43,955 |
| Galt | $6,575$ | 315 | 16.210 | 6,890 |
| Gananoque | No Report | N.P.I. | 10,000 | - |
| Gloucester Twp. | No. Report | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | - |
| Goderich | No Report | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | - |
| x Guelph | 3,850 | 4,030 | 6,760 | 7.880 |
| Haileybury | No Report | 500 70.695 | N.P.I. |  |
| $x$ Hamilton Hanover | 87,008 N.P.I. | 70,695 N.P.I. | 191,910 | 157,703 |
| Hewkesbury | N.P.I. | N.i.'.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| Huntspille | No Report | N.P.I | N.P.I. | - |
| Ingersoll | No Report | 300 | 150 | 300 |
| Kapuskasing | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| Kenora | 675 | 410 | 2,000 | 1,085 |
| $x$ Kingston | 41,925 | 13,875 | 24,635 | 55,800 |
| Kiricland Lake (Twp. of Teck) | No 675 | 460 | N.P.I. | 1,135 |
| $\times$ Kitchener | No Report | 18,615 | 13,325 | 18,615 |
| Leamington | No Report | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | 30,350 |
| Lindsay | No Report | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | 30,350 |
| Listowel | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| $\times$ London | 49,940 | 55,950 | 22,085 | 105,890 |
| Long Branch | 6,500 | 150 | 6,600 | 6,650 |
| Mimioo | N.P.I. | 4,865 | 250 | 4,865 |
| Napanee | No Report | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | - |
| New Liskeard | No Report | 325 | N.P.I. | 325 |
| Newmarket | N.P.I. No Roport | N.P.T. | N.P.I. 9,800 | N.P.I. 15,200 |
| Niagara Falle | N.P.I. | 2,950 | 3,850 | 2,950 |
| North Bay | 2,308 | 300 | 8,000 | 2.608 |
| North York Twp. | 839,337 | 20, 160 | 25,150 | 859,497 |
| Oakville | 300 | 300 | N.P.I. | 600 |
| Orillia | 5,300 | 1.274 | 16,100 | 6,574 |
| Oshawa | 17,025 | 57800 | 5,175 | 17.425 |
| * Ottawa ${ }^{\text {Owen Sound }}$ | 39,820 4,275 | 57,800 1,875 | 49,700 7.288 | 97,620 6,150 |
| Paris | 200 | 250 | N.P.I. | 450 |
| Parry Sound | No Report | 960 | N,P.I. | 960 |
| Pembroke | 600 | N.P.I. | 5,142 | 600 |
| Perth | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| x Peterborough | 8,250 | 2,915 | 1.170 | 11,165 |

$x$ Indioates a muncipality whose records are available back to 1910.
(1) Revised figures containing returns from manicipalities not included in our January report.

## BUILDING PERMTTS, FEBRUARY, 1944.

Table 3. - Value of Building Permits issued by 204 Municipalities in Canada in January and Pebruary, 1944, together with the aggregate for the first two months of this year, and for 204 Municipalitios in February, 1943. - Continued.

|  | Value of Permits Issued during - |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { February } \\ 1944 \end{gathered}$ | January 1944 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pobruary } 1943 \end{aligned}$ | First 2 Months |
| ONTARIO - (Conoluded) |  |  |  |  |
| Petrolia <br> $x$ Port Arthur | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N.P.I. } \\ & 3,400 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { N.P.I. } \\ \text { S,575 } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { N.P.I } \\ 740 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { N.P.I. } \\ 8,975 \end{array}$ |
| $x$ Port Colborne | . 200 | 550 | N.P.I. | 750 |
| Proston | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| Renfrew | No Report | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | - - |
| Riverside | 12,300 | 5,550 | N.P.I. | 17,850 |
| x St. Catharines | 18,100 | 27,120 | 12,000 | 45,220 |
| St. Mary's | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| x St. Thomas | No Report | 23.500 | 10.600 | 23,500 |
| Sarnia | 48,575 | 6,040 | 9,390 | 54,615 |
| Sault Ste. Mario | 9,297 | 3,199 | 2,000 | 12,496 |
| Soarboro Twp. | 41,779 | 19,450 | 39,700 | 61,229 |
| Simooe | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| Smith's Falls | No Report | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | 12.865 |
| $x$ Stratford | 11.165 7.950 | 1,700 4,575 | 500 13.525 | 12,865 12,525 |
| Sudbury Swrnsea. | 7.950 650 | 4,575 10,200 | 13,525 18,050 | 12,525 10,850 |
| Tillsonburg | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| Timmins | N.P.I. | 900 | 350 | 900 |
| - Toronto | 550,138 | 310,539 | 239,597 | 860,677 |
| Trenton | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| Wallaceburg | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| Waterloo | 11,050 | 1,600 | 3.450 | 12,650 |
| Welland | 4,800 | 500 | 1,225 | 5,300 |
| Weston | No Report | 75 | N.P.I. | + 75 |
| Whitby | 500 | 500 | N.P.I. | 1.000 |
| $\times$ Windsor | 37,028 | 33,255 | 144.242 | 70,283 |
| Woods took | 2,000 153,550 | 7.100 .9 .750 | 2,185 44,500 | 9,100 233,300 |
| York TWp. | 153,550 | -9,750 | 44,500 | 233,300 |
| manitoba | 35,280 | 219.250 | 79,400 | 254,530 |
| $\times$ Brandon | 11.300 | 2,025 | 2,300 | 13,325 |
| Brooklands | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| Dauphin | No Report | N.P.I. | N.P.I. N.P.I. | 3.975 |
| North Kildonan | No Report | No Report | 1,000 | No Report |
| St. Bonifeoe | 8,880 | 1,900 | . 400 | 10,780 |
| Solkirk | No Report | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | - |
| The Pas | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N. P.I. |
| Transcona | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | 4,650 | N.P.I. |
| x Winoipog | 15,100 | 211,350 | 71. 650 | 226.450 |
| SASKATCHFWAN | 33,091 | 79,855 | 27.699 | 112,946 |
| Biggar | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |
| Betevan | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | 450 | N.P.I. |
| Molville | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |

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(1) Revised figures containing returns from municipelitios not inciuded in our Jamary roport.

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and Febmiary, 1944, togother with the aggregate for the first two months of this year, end for 204 Manicipalitios in February, 1943. - Conoluded.
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$x$ Indicates manicipality whose records are evailable back to 1910.
(1) Revised figures containing returns from municipalities not included. in our January report.
(2) 160 Municipalities only, reporting.
(3) 48 Municipalities only, reportimg.
(4) 31 Municipalities oriy, reporting.
(5) Revised figures containing returns from 200 Municipalities.
(6) Revised figures containing raturns from 57 huricipalities.

# $-9$ <br> THE COISTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN CANADA <br> BUILDING PERIITS, PLBRUARY, 1944. 

fable 4. - Humer and Desoription of New Housing Units to be Built in Canadn as hown by Building Pernite Iseued by 204 Munioipalitios. Figures are given for the monthe of Jamury and Fobruary, 1944, togothor with the eggregato for tho firet Two Wonthe of this year, and for 204 Munioipalitios in Fobruery. 1943.

(1) Adjustmente have beec mode in onees of ineurfioient informetion supplied by manioipelitios.
(2) 160 musaipalitios only, reporting.
(3) Revieed figures contalning returne from 200 minioipelition.

