

Owing to the increasing use of the automobile and other means of rapid transportation, a growing percentage of those who work in the cities reside outside the municipal boundaries. Hence arises, in part, the necessity for an extension of the record of building permits to include such suburban areas as the York Townships in the case of Toronto, and North and South Vancouver. South Vancouver and Point Grey were annexed to Vancouver city as from Jan. 1, 1929.

The construction contracts in 1930 as shown in Table 2 decreased by 20.7 p.c., whereas the building permits of 61 cities in Table 3 decreased 29.2 p.c. The more favourable showing of construction contracts was due in large measure to the high level of activity in engineering construction, which is covered only to a very limited extent by building permits. In fact, an unusually large proportion of the construction carried on during 1930 consisted of hydro-electric undertakings, the building of highways, bridges, sewers, waterworks, etc.

3.—Value of Building Permits Taken Out in 61 Cities for the calendar years 1925-1930.

NOTE.—Asterisks indicate the 35 original cities, statistics for which are available since 1910.

Province and City.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I., Charlottetown.....	21,900	23,000			20,000	188,000
Nova Scotia.....	1,099,787	908,945	1,540,647	3,078,176	5,748,282	3,564,302
*Halifax.....	1,085,564	784,498	1,537,899	2,808,357	5,209,245	3,188,345
New Glasgow.....	20,286	7,870	10,850	64,515	305,570	141,250
*Sydney.....	43,937	136,577	291,898	205,304	233,667	234,707
New Brunswick.....	986,325	771,421	1,265,065	1,262,266	2,037,934	3,024,514
Fredericton.....	98,175	37,050	14,779	148,015	23,500	482,000
*Moncton.....	204,620	342,701	786,110	270,813	768,698	460,827
*Saint John.....	683,530	391,670	614,176	843,438	1,245,736	2,095,787
Quebec.....	35,156,268	42,167,440	58,329,532	49,933,504	57,984,175	46,224,268
*Montreal-Maisonnette.....	25,520,523	31,720,049	45,200,842	36,347,901	46,065,924	37,504,590
*Quebec.....	3,274,371	3,939,281	6,360,165	5,710,144	5,684,188	4,912,257
Shawinigan Falls.....	384,925	815,760	347,885	1,163,581	770,618	468,540
*Sherbrooke.....	1,037,110	712,350	889,980	1,128,223	755,240	812,150
*Three Rivers.....	2,084,815	1,445,575	2,332,500	1,681,450	1,458,065	851,730
*Westmount.....	2,904,524	4,034,425	3,389,260	3,902,195	3,220,145	1,674,941
Ontario.....	59,888,867	65,373,757	79,883,344	104,777,566	85,055,827	69,042,946
Belleville.....	194,725	308,610	670,010	239,328	533,730	812,360
*Brantford.....	159,537	232,049	371,599	802,528	473,337	1,084,957
Chatham.....	193,858	591,650	575,087	780,020	818,560	821,258
*Fort William.....	727,340	1,291,250	1,209,450	2,062,000	1,759,000	1,227,300
Galt.....	108,723	181,185	181,023	373,581	527,315	264,901
*Guelph.....	426,641	344,616	493,169	462,815	607,377	371,351
*Hamilton.....	2,675,830	3,128,950	3,837,150	6,342,100	7,008,320	6,291,100
*Kingston.....	493,758	608,532	420,467	678,203	908,900	1,066,986
*Kitchener.....	1,546,262	1,100,111	1,272,632	1,524,625	1,645,351	1,344,232
*London.....	2,389,800	3,621,200	2,814,950	2,581,705	2,408,900	2,744,735
Niagara Falls.....	1,114,290	1,604,000	1,517,510	2,056,415	2,905,510	483,678
Oshawa.....	576,205	1,044,100	5,255,188	3,015,070	1,478,090	195,470
*Ottawa.....	4,942,327	3,101,748	6,446,045	5,421,085	3,403,333	6,295,275
Owen Sound.....	536,970	154,450	330,350	262,375	529,850	132,000
*Peterborough.....	272,637	342,787	624,295	625,577	618,278	797,895
*Port Arthur.....	402,483	961,580	3,473,735	5,292,545	555,945	998,487
*Stratford.....	407,731	480,915	221,254	224,412	354,849	414,410
*St. Catharines.....	686,962	940,642	1,147,286	1,249,141	1,482,392	610,067
*St. Thomas.....	350,181	138,597	92,682	362,732	172,190	180,327
Sarnia.....	725,698	601,646	1,064,415	814,586	1,021,962	633,899
Sault Ste. Marie.....	242,993	235,768	329,461	402,419	782,069	589,773
*Toronto.....	25,797,196	26,029,584	31,274,876	51,607,188	47,698,654	32,130,589
York Townships.....	6,611,440	5,558,540	6,041,635	8,210,380	9,824,273	6,240,998
Welland.....	124,320	404,049	400,364	309,866	301,500	196,125
*Windsor.....	4,333,945	7,319,454	4,830,832	4,518,723	5,571,849	2,250,130
Ford.....	1,104,445	1,592,058	1,054,531	758,315	561,882	424,200
Riverside.....	600,750	485,630	624,340	496,460	383,225	153,920
Sandwich.....	1,224,765	1,707,550	1,323,140	762,775	856,190	183,775
Walkerville.....	851,000	1,268,000	1,527,000	2,108,000	1,631,000	472,000
Woodstock.....	86,050	126,638	153,867	447,602	287,456	183,715

1 No information received.