

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 1931 as shown in Table 2 decreased by 30 p.c., compared with 1930 and the building permits of 61 cities in Table 3 also decreased by about 30 p.c.

3.—Value of Building Permits Taken Out in 61 Cities for the calendar years 1926-31.

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

Province and City.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I., Charlottetown.....	29,000	1	1	20,000	158,000	1
Nova Scotia.....	908,945	1,840,647	3,078,176	5,748,282	3,564,302	3,174,950
*Halifax.....	764,498	1,537,899	2,808,357	5,209,245	3,188,345	2,964,985
New Glasgow.....	7,870	10,850	64,515	305,370	141,250	107,165
*Sydney.....	136,577	291,898	205,304	233,667	234,707	102,830
New Brunswick.....	771,421	1,365,665	1,262,266	2,637,934	3,034,614	1,763,462
Fredericton.....	37,050	14,779	148,015	23,500	482,000	140,295
*Moncton.....	342,791	736,110	270,813	768,698	456,827	385,850
*Saint John.....	391,670	614,176	843,438	1,245,736	2,095,787	1,257,317
Quebec.....	42,167,440	58,320,532	49,933,504	57,954,175	46,224,298	37,605,584
*Montreal.*Maisonneuve.....	31,720,049	45,200,842	36,347,901	46,065,924	37,504,590	31,876,676
*Quebec.....	3,939,281	6,360,163	5,710,144	5,684,183	4,912,257	4,049,875
Shawinigan Falls.....	315,760	347,835	1,163,581	770,618	468,540	55,065
*Sherbrooke.....	712,350	689,930	1,128,233	755,240	812,150	676,350
*Three Rivers.....	1,445,575	2,332,500	1,681,450	1,458,065	851,730	242,030
*Westmount.....	4,034,425	3,389,260	3,902,195	3,220,145	1,674,941	705,588
Ontario.....	65,373,757	79,883,344	104,777,566	95,055,827	69,042,946	44,371,572
Bellefleur.....	306,610	670,010	259,323	533,730	312,360	221,900
*Brantford.....	232,049	571,599	802,528	473,387	1,034,957	506,677
Chatham.....	591,650	575,087	780,020	813,560	821,258	201,365
*Fort William.....	1,291,250	1,209,450	2,062,000	1,759,000	1,227,300	451,000
Galt.....	181,185	181,023	378,581	527,315	264,901	239,022
*Guelph.....	344,616	493,169	462,815	607,377	371,351	221,082
*Hamilton.....	3,128,950	3,837,150	6,342,100	7,008,320	6,291,100	5,026,050
*Kingston.....	608,532	420,467	678,203	908,900	1,056,986	548,190
*Kitchener.....	1,100,111	1,272,632	1,524,625	1,645,351	1,344,232	627,853
*London.....	3,621,200	2,814,950	2,561,705	2,408,900	2,744,735	1,746,900
Niagara Falls.....	1,504,009	1,517,510	2,056,415	905,510	483,678	158,018
Oshawa.....	1,044,100	5,255,188	3,015,070	1,478,090	195,470	148,375
*Ottawa.....	3,101,748	6,446,045	5,421,085	3,403,333	6,295,275	3,154,000
Owen Sound.....	154,450	330,350	262,375	529,850	132,000	81,975
*Peterborough.....	342,757	624,295	625,577	618,278	797,895	278,526
*Port Arthur.....	961,580	3,473,736	5,292,545	555,945	995,487	341,975
*Stratford.....	480,915	221,254	224,412	354,849	414,410	164,535
*St. Catharines.....	940,642	1,147,286	1,249,141	1,432,392	610,067	563,626
*St. Thomas.....	138,597	92,632	362,732	172,190	180,327	139,640
Sarnia.....	601,646	1,064,415	814,586	1,021,962	633,899	171,818
Sault Ste. Marie.....	235,766	329,461	402,419	782,059	589,773	436,147
*Toronto.....	26,029,584	31,274,876	51,607,188	47,698,654	32,130,589	22,002,099
York Townships.....	5,558,540	6,041,635	8,210,380	9,824,273	6,240,998	5,948,037
Welland.....	404,049	400,364	309,866	301,500	196,126	209,726
*Windsor.....	7,319,454	4,930,832	4,518,723	5,571,849	2,250,130	436,507
East Windsor.....	1,592,058	1,054,531	758,315	561,382	424,233	22,136
Riverside.....	455,630	624,340	490,460	833,225	153,920	29,165
Sandwich.....	1,707,550	1,323,140	762,775	856,190	183,775	21,130
Walkerville.....	1,268,000	1,527,000	2,108,000	1,631,000	472,000	130,000
Woodstock.....	126,538	158,667	447,602	287,456	193,715	146,095

*No information received.