

BUILDING PERMITS COMPARED

(DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR FIGURES)	APRIL 1915	APRIL 1914	DECREASE
NOVA SCOTIA:			
Sydney.....	3,850	13,140	9,290
Halifax.....	131,100	183,425	52,325
NEW BRUNSWICK:			
St. John.....	26,750	72,300	45,550
QUEBEC:			
Quebec.....	78,894	340,947	262,053
Three Rivers.....	65,385	153,875	88,490
Maisonneuve.....	7,200	237,000	229,800
Montreal.....	973,891	2,205,970	1,232,079
Westmount.....	40,100	99,730	59,630
Outremount.....	22,000	217,300	195,300
Longueuil.....	Nil	2,775	2,775
ONTARIO:			
Ottawa.....	185,125	710,725	525,600
Smith's Falls.....	400	16,900	16,500
Kingston.....	35,987	62,609	26,622
Belleville.....	6,450	19,300	12,850
Peterborough.....	14,400	58,015	43,615
Toronto.....	790,349	3,114,888	2,324,539
St. Catharines.....	34,396	58,057	23,661
Niagara Falls.....	12,200	30,500	18,300
Welland.....	10,452	98,124	87,672
Hamilton.....	195,000	951,040	756,040
Brantford.....	27,170	90,735	63,565
Paris.....	1,250	Nil	1,250*
Galt.....	20,325	45,020	24,695
Geolph.....	33,960	91,735	57,775
Berlin.....	57,825	120,385	62,560
Woodstock.....	13,270	30,452	17,182
Stratford.....	52,225	96,000	43,775
London.....	116,250	417,505	301,255
St. Thomas.....	24,315	74,315	50,000
Chatham.....	13,250	24,217	11,027
Windsor.....	84,450	156,900	72,450
Owen Sound.....	7,850	15,618	7,768
North Bay.....	20,815	50,250	29,435
Cobalt.....	1,100	4,000	2,900
Haileybury.....	300	150	150*
Sudbury.....	32,460	208,200	175,740
Port Arthur.....	17,042	142,148	125,106
Fort William.....	11,915	180,550	168,635
MANITOBA:			
Winnipeg.....	426,750	2,808,900	2,382,150
St. Boniface.....	31,985	70,915	38,930
Brandon.....	7,300	56,275	48,975
SASKATCHEWAN:			
Regina.....	7,005	408,160	401,155
Moose Jaw.....	8,080	53,165	45,085
Prince Albert.....	1,188	133,200	132,012
Swift Current.....	330	27,940	27,610
Yorkton.....	20,775	6,225	14,550*
Weyburn.....	3,675	127,975	123,975
Estevan.....	1,500	36,875	35,375
ALBERTA:			
Edmonton.....	40,725	750,922	710,197
Medicine Hat.....	28,855	140,320	111,465
Lethbridge.....	4,910	16,040	11,130
Red Deer.....	100	4,900	4,800
BRITISH COLUMBIA:			
Kelowna.....	Nil	5,000	5,000
Kamloops.....	200	13,790	13,590
New Westminster.....	4,400	23,140	18,740
Vancouver.....	31,754	254,166	222,412
North Vancouver.....	4,816	9,774	4,958
South Vancouver.....	19,330	35,958	17,628
Victoria.....	21,100	681,020	659,920
Oak Bay.....	850	57,016	56,166
Prince Rupert.....	4,250	31,320	27,070

* Increase.

INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES

(DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR FIGURES)	No. of Commodities	April 1915	Mar. 1915	April 1914
I. GRAINS AND FODDERS:				
Grains, Ontario.....	6	216.9	230.0	143.8
" Western.....	4	203.8	199.2	124.6
Fodder.....	5	189.6	192.6	163.9
All.....	15	204.3	209.3	145.4
II. ANIMALS AND MEATS:				
Cattle and beef.....	6	206.6	208.5	219.3
Hogs and hog products.....	6	161.8	154.2	172.6
Sheep and mutton.....	3	179.8	167.5	172.6
Poultry.....	2	204.0	196.8	221.8
All.....	17	185.7	182.0	194.8
III. DAIRY PRODUCTS:				
Fresh fish.....	9	161.0	163.7	148.6
IV. FISH:				
Prepared fish.....	6	147.7	157.8	155.6
Fresh fish.....	4	146.0	153.9	161.0
All.....	9	147.0	156.5	157.4
V. OTHER FOODS:				
(a) Fruits and vegetables.....	1	137.9	128.7	193.0
Fresh fruits, native.....	3	53.4	85.3	88.6
Fresh fruits, foreign.....	4	123.9	123.9	121.7
Dried fruits.....	3	131.6	137.3	180.0
Fresh vegetables.....	6	102.4	101.2	97.7
Canned vegetables.....	17	115.5	116.9	186.9
All.....	10	167.9	168.0	125.4
(b) Miscellaneous groceries and provisions.....	4	115.5	115.5	107.7
Breadstuffs.....	6	137.5	130.6	101.2
Tea, coffee, etc.....	5	120.3	120.3	104.6
Sugar, etc.....	25	142.7	141.1	112.6
Condiments.....	5	162.1	154.5	138.0
All.....	3	125.8	121.4	146.1
VI. TEXTILES:				
Woolens.....	3	80.3	86.3	93.2
Cottons.....	2	226.6	198.1	225.4
Silks.....	4	168.7	153.7	114.7
Flax products.....	2	103.5	101.1	104.7
Oilcloths.....	20	145.4	136.5	133.6
All.....	4	202.7	221.1	264.4
VII. HIDES, LEATHER, BOOTS AND SHOES:				
Hides and tallow.....	4	172.2	172.2	151.4
Leather.....	3	158.3	158.3	155.7
Boots and shoes.....	11	179.5	186.2	172.6
All.....	11	104.1	102.6	102.7
VIII. METALS AND IMPLEMENTS:				
Iron and steel.....	13	182.4	162.9	124.9
Other metals.....	10	110.5	106.8	106.6
Implements.....	34	136.0	129.0	112.3
All.....	6	119.3	119.3	137.7
IX. FUEL AND LIGHTING:				
Fuel.....	4	90.0	90.0	92.7
Lighting.....	10	107.6	107.6	113.7
All.....	14	177.5	181.1	182.4
X. BUILDING MATERIALS:				
Lumber.....	20	111.2	110.1	113.3
Miscellaneous materials.....	14	150.6	147.0	140.8
Paints, oils and glass.....	48	142.0	141.7	141.5
All.....	6	146.7	146.7	147.2
XI. HOUSE FURNISHINGS:				
Furniture.....	4	100.8	100.8	133.9
Crockery and glassware.....	2	80.2	80.2	72.4
Table cutlery.....	4	125.5	123.4	124.6
Kitchen furnishings.....	16	136.6	136.1	128.8
All.....	16	156.3	155.4	111.6
XII. DRUGS AND CHEMICALS:				
XIII. MISCELLANEOUS:				
Furs.....	4	133.8	133.8	241.3
Liquors and tobacco.....	6	137.8	137.8	138.5
Sundries.....	7	115.8	116.0	108.4
All.....	17	127.8	127.9	150.3
All commodities.....	261*	147.0	145.9	136.7

* Eight commodities off the market, fruits, vegetables, etc.

"To the many having interests in Canada the report of the Bank of Montreal for the half-year ended April 30th," says the city editor of the London Times, "is a very encouraging document, which will be welcomed as an indication of the resisting power of the Dominion's economies."

Mr. W. D. L. Hardie, mayor of Lethbridge, Alta., has issued a pamphlet entitled "Bond Value Calculations Simplified." It is written for the assistance of city officials in Canada, especially those who have to handle municipal financing, and it should prove of considerable assistance.

Stratford's municipal bonds are being offered by the Canada Bond Corporation, Toronto, to yield 5 1-16 per cent. The financial statement of the city shows assessed value for taxation, \$8,900,831; general debenture debt, \$1,097,877; less sinking fund, \$481,525; waterworks debentures, \$192,156; electric light debentures, \$166,090; \$839,771; net debenture debt, \$258,106; value of municipality's assets, \$840,000; local improvement debt, \$638,184.

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