BUILDING PERMITS COMPARED

RETURNS FOR THIRTY-FIVE CITIES.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR FIGURES	January 1917	February 1917	February 1916	Feb., 1917, compared with Feb., 1916. Increase+ Decrease− Amount	Per Cent.
CITIES	$	$	$	$	
NOVA SCOTIA	22,805	27,250	17,790	+9,460	+ 53.18
Halifax	20,005	25,335	16,580	+ 8,755	+ 52.80
Sydney	2,800	1,915	1,210	+ 705	+ 58.25
NEW BRUNSWICK	3,500	88,475	7,800	+80,675	+1034.29
Moncton	3,500	2,175	2,500	− 325	− 13.00
St. John	.....	86,300	5,300	+ 81,000	+1528.30
QUEBEC	608,448	553,390	204,935	+ 348,455	+170.03
Maisonneuve	120,000	500	3,000	− 2,500	− 83.33
Montreal	249,895	402,565	66,936	+ 335,630	+501.43
Quebec	117,938	145,725	57,020	+ 88,705	+155.57
Sherbrooke	4,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Three Rivers	112,000	2,700	68,800	− 66,100	− 96.08
Westmount	4,615	1,900	9,180	− 7,280	− 79.30
ONTARIO	592,499	771,997	344,961	+427,036	+123.79
Brantford	2,000	5,815	50	+ 5,765	+11530.00
Fort William	50	200	935	− 735	− 78.61
Guelph	1,000	3,200	290	+ 2,910	+1003.45
Hamilton	53,925	40,000	575	+ 39,425	+6856.52
Kingston	4,340	.....	1,485	− 1,485	.....
Kitchener	260	2,825	300	+ 2,525	+841.67
London	14,435	18,305	18,765	− 460	− 2.45
Ottawa	54,650	26,500	34,150	− 7,650	− 22.40
Peterborough	11,625	13,425	12,500	+ 925	+ 7.40
Port Arthur	21,276	1,125	2,107	− 982	− 46.62
Stratford	1,780	11,305	1,045	+ 10,260	+981.81
St. Catharines	4,428	13,580	10,230	+ 3,350	+ 32.74
St. Thomas	5,200	2,000	3,570	− 1,570	− 43.67
Toronto	394,880	573,517	191,509	+382,008	+199.47
Windsor	22,650	60,200	67,450	− 7,250	− 10.75
MANITOBA	79,175	36,350	8,550	+27,800	+325.15
Brandon	10,725	24,000	.....	+ 24,000	.....
Winnipeg	68,450	12,350	8,550	+ 3,800	+44.44
SASKATCHEWAN	54,575	68,255	5,400	+62,855	+ 1163.98
Moose Jaw	51,000	53,600	.....	+ 53,600	.....
Regina	2,200	13,005	2,900	+ 10,105	+348.45
Saskatoon	1,375	1,650	2,500	− 850	− 34.00
ALBERTA	4,000	7,300	19,450	−12,150	−62.47
Calgary	3,500	4,500	8,000	− 3,500	− 43.75
Edmonton	500	2,800	11,450	− 8,650	− 75.54
BRITISH COLUMBIA	34,165	104,200	83,684	+20,516	+ 24.52
New Westminst'r	1,300	6,520	3,130	+ 3,390	+108.31
Vancouver	29,045	96,780	79,969	+ 16,811	+ 21.02
Victoria	3,820	900	585	+ 315	+ 53.85
Total	$1,399,167	$1,657,217	$692,570	+964,647	+137.84

MONEY MARKETS

Messrs. Glazebrook and Cronyn, exchange and bond brokers, Toronto, report exchange rates as follows:—

	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
N.Y. funds	⅜ pm	13-32 pm	½
Mont. funds	par	par	⅛ to ¼
Sterling—			
Demand	$4.77.50	$4.77.75	$4.80
Cable transfers	$4.78.50	$4.78.75	$4.81

Rate in New York—Sterling, demand, $4.75¾.
Bank of England rate, 5 per cent.

INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES

(DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR FIGURES)	No. of Commodities	Index Numbers Feb. 1917	Jan. 1917	Feb. 1916
I. GRAINS AND FODDERS:				
Grains, Ontario	6	287.8	270.1	184.8
" Western	4	235.7	258.6	172.5
Fodder	5	198.9	193.1	177.6
All	15	243.0	258.7	179.1
II. ANIMALS AND MEATS:				
Cattle and beef	6	265.9	247.5	201.6
Hogs and hog products	6	263.4	253.6	218.3
Sheep and mutton	3	233.3	223.5	193.9
Poultry	2	273.6	280.2	263.5
All	17	260.2	249.2	213.3
III. DAIRY PRODUCTS	9	234.8	233.3	176.3
IV. FISH:				
Prepared fish	6	186.4	186.4	151.8
Fresh fish	3	193.3	178.7	151.5
All	9	188.7	183.8	151.7
V. OTHER FOODS:				
(A) Fruits and vegetables				
Fresh fruits, native	1	257.4	229.8	183.8
Fresh fruits, foreign	3	95.2	104.5	110.2
Dried fruits	4	192.7	200.4	156.7
Fresh vegetables	5	481.9	373.7	253.4
Canned vegetables	3	181.7	181.7	105.9
All	16	266.8	234.9	170.4
(B) Miscellaneous groceries and provisions				
Breadstuffs	10	200.1	200.9	150.2
Tea, coffee, etc.	4	141.6	138.7	126.5
Sugar, etc.	6	185.0	180.9	151.8
Condiments	5	153.1	153.5	140.0
All	25	177.7	176.7	144.8
VI. TEXTILES:				
Woollens	5	242.0	242.0	202.4
Cottons	4	184.0	187.8	143.6
Silks	3	115.0	115.0	107.5
Jutes	2	412.7	385.1	298.0
Flax products	4	270.2	243.3	199.4
Oilcloths	2	139.8	139.8	125.6
All	20	223.8	216.4	177.6
VII. HIDES, LEATHER, BOOTS AND SHOES:				
Hides and tallow	4	320.8	351.9	230.6
Leather	4	191.3	191.3	180.0
Boots and shoes	3	221.1	221.1	166.9
All	11	264.7	275.9†	194.8
VIII. METALS AND IMPLEMENTS:				
Iron and steel	11	190.3	186.9	130.2
Other metals	12	274.4	232.9	300.8
Implements	10	165.2	156.5	20.9
All	33	213.3	194.4	189.4
IX. FUEL AND LIGHTING:				
Fuel	6	204.6	201.6	140.7
Lighting	4	99.3	96.9	94.7
All	10	162.5	159.7	122.0
X. BUILDING MATERIALS:				
Lumber	14	189.2	185.8	160.4
Miscellaneous materials	20	186.0	179.6	135.8
Paints, oils and glass	14	222.8	213.0	180.7
All	48	197.7	191.1	155.8
XI. HOUSE FURNISHINGS:				
Furniture	6	177.5	177.5	145.9
Crockery and glassware	4	209.0	200.0	170.3
Table cutlery	2	90.1	90.1	87.2
Kitchen furnishings	4	155.4	155.4	1 9.3
All	16	168.9	168.9	140.5
XII. DRUGS AND CHEMICALS	16	237.0	236.7	253.9
XIII. MISCELLANEOUS:				
Raw Furs	4	403.7	399.5	283.2
Liquors and tobacco	6	164.8	167.2	140.5
Sundries	7	155.6	155.5	139.4
All	17	218.8	216.4	173.6
All commodities	262*	217.3	208.1	173.7

* Nine commodities off the market. One line of spelter was dropped in 1915. † Revised.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE—UNLISTED SECURITIES

WEEK ENDED APRIL 11TH, 1917

Mines	Par Value	Sellers	Buyers	Sales
	$			
Porcupine Crown Mines, Ltd.	1	....	....	....
Miscellaneous				
British Can. Canners, Ltd.	100	....	....	....
" .....bonds	500	....	....	....
Brompton	....	....	....	....
Can. Felt .....com.	100	....	....	....
.....pref.	100	....	....	....
Can. Light & Power	100	....	....	....
" .....bonds	100	....	....	....
Can. Coal & Coke .....com.	100	...	....	....
" .....bonds	100	....	....	....
Canadian Pacific Notes	20	....	....	....
Dominion Glass Co., Ltd.	100	....	....	45
Dominion Glass Co., Ltd. .....pref.	100	....	....	....
" " .....bonds	100	....	....	....
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Miscellaneous *(Continued)*	Par Value	Sellers	Buyers	Sales
	$			
Dominion War Loan, 1937 partly paid	100	95¼	....	69800
Frontenac Breweries Co.	100	....	....	....
" " .....pref.	100	....	....	....
" " .....bonds	100	....	....	....
Howard Smith Paper Mills, Ltd.	....	....	....	....
Laurentide	100	....	....	....
" .....bonds	100	....	....	....
Mexican Northern Power	100	....	....	....
" .....bonds	100	....	....	....
Mexican Mahogany & Rubber Corp.	100	....	....	....
" " .....bonds	100	....	....	....
Mont. Tramway & Power Co.	100	....	36	1290
National Brick .....com.	100	....	....	....
" .....bonds	100	....	....	....
Sherbrooke Railway & Power Co.	100	....	....	....
" " " .....bonds	500	....	....	....
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