

PERMITS TOTALLED UP \$30,000
FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARYContractors Look for a
Boom in Building.MATERIALS AND
WAGES ARE RIGHTConsensus of Opinion Is That
1909 Will Distance the
Record of 1908.

Building will boom in London this summer.

This is the statement heard on all sides.

In City Engineer Graydon's office, the same optimism prevails and the optimism is backed by substantial figures.

Over \$30,000 in building permits have been issued since Jan. 1.

In January the total reached \$24,285, while the first three weeks of February have shown \$65,900 in permits.

If this rate continues—and there is no reason why it should not—then February will show at least three times as much building as in January—the highest for many years.

Builders Are Hopeful.

With the same optimism, the same optimism prevails. A large number of them have good contracts locked away in their vaults and are expecting many more.

The larger number of buildings will, of course, be houses.

The large contracts in sight are not many.

The Murray Shoe Company and the Ontario Loan and Debenture Building, one for \$25,000, and the other for \$18,000 are the largest yet mentioned, but it is expected that some more large contracts will be forthcoming shortly.

Circumstances are more favorable for building than usual. The price of materials is not quite so high as last year, and there is plenty of brick and lumber on hand, so that there will be no shortage.

Everything Favorable.

The building trades have no trouble, the brick masons being under an agreement for another year, at least, and the carpenter trades are also at peace with the contractors. There are no signs of a strike in the city, and they are looking for a good season.

There is no doubt that this will be a good building year," said City Engineer Graydon. "We have issued a large number of permits and the demand keeps up, as I expect it will, 1909 should be a banner year."

An Excellent Year.

"I look for an excellent year," said Mr. George Hammond, "and already a large number of contracts have been let, and contractors are figuring on many jobs. Many houses will be built in the city. There are plenty of bricks, both red and white. The red will come at about \$15 a thousand, while the white will run about \$18. Lumber and some other supplies are somewhat lower than usual. We look for a good year."

Very Busy.

"We have been very busy right along," said Mr. William Jones, of Tumbler & Jones. "We have a number of contracts now, and there is every probability that the amount of building going on will be larger than in 1908. There will be a large number of houses erected, and I expect to look for a most successful year in the building trades," said Assessment Commissioner Grant. "There are many signs of better prospects, and I look for an advance in building."

Men Satisfied.

Among the labor men there is no talk of trouble. Satisfactory agreements prevail between the contractors and the masons and carpenters, etc., and there is no likelihood that there will be any difference between them this year. Everybody is anxious to make it a banner year.

In the east and south sections of the city a large number of houses will be erected. One man is figuring on building sixteen, while another expects to build at least fifty in the east end, and there are many others who will build.

Prospects Bright.

"Prospects for a good season are quite bright," said Mr. John Purdom. "There are a number of good jobs under way at the present time, and there are more to be figured on yet. There are busy times ahead, and I expect to have it finished by May at least. There are a large number of houses to be built this year and I anticipate a good season. There is no trouble of a kind that I am aware of, and I look for none."

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SLEET OR RAIN.

FORECASTS

Today—Moderate variable winds; fair and mild.

Tuesday—Easterly winds, increasing to gales; sleet or rain.

WEATHER NOTES.

A pronounced disturbance now centered in Colorado will probably move across the Great Lakes during Tuesday. The weather is fair throughout the Dominion. It is moderately cold from the Ottawa Valley to the Maritime Provinces, and mild in the west.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Today.	Max.	Min.
London	29	35	23
Ottawa	28	34	22
Calgary	32	38	26
Montreal	30	36	24
Peterborough	31	37	25
Quebec	30	36	24
Halifax	31	37	25
St. John's	32	38	26
Victoria	33	39	27
Edmonton	30	36	24
Winnipeg	31	37	25
Saskatoon	32	38	26
Regina	33	39	27
Prince Albert	34	40	28
Calgary	35	41	29
Edmonton	36	42	30
Winnipeg	37	43	31
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Regina	39	45	33
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