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BUILDING PERMITS UP IN MARCH: STATSCAN

Contractors took out \$4.5 billion in building permits in March, up 23.5 per cent from February. The rise ended five straight monthly declines. The March increase came mainly from the non-residential sector in Ontario, Quebec and Alberta. Statistics Canada reports permits in the non-residential sector rose 47.9 per cent to \$2.3 billion following increases in the commercial and institutional components in Ontario, Quebec and Alberta. The agency reports the value of permits advanced five per cent in the residential sector to \$2.2 billion, largely due to higher construction intentions in both multi-family and single-family permits.

The value of the non-residential sector increased in six provinces, mainly as a result of gains in the commercial and institutional components.

