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SUBURBAN BUILDING SHOWS SOME GAINS

Heavy Loss in Comparison with May, 1929, But Improvement Over April, 1930

Building construction in Chicago suburbs for May registered a 3.94 per cent gain over the month of April, according to the building survey department of S. W. Straus & Co. The total permits reported by 44 suburbs totaled \$3,513,191, as compared with \$3,379,044 for April.

La Grange made the most striking gain of any of the suburbs for May as compared with the previous month, registering 1670 per cent. Lombard was second with 6681 per cent, and Downers Grove third with 572 per cent. Other substantial gains were: Forest Park 447 per cent; River Forest 231 per cent; Niles Center 273 per cent; Libertyville 189 per cent, Wheaton 148 per cent, Glencoe, 120 per cent and Lake Forest 117 per cent.

While the April and May comparisons are cheering, the comparative figures for May 1930 and May 1929 for the 41 suburbs show a loss. However, several towns did register large advances over the same month last year. Batavia tops the list with an imposing gain of 1865 per cent. La Grange and Downers Grove, both of which won recognition in the April-May comparison, claim second and third places, with gains of 266 per cent and 226 per cent respectively. Libertyville showed an increase of 91.5 per cent, Lake Forest 85 per cent, Niles Center 11.7 per cent, Forest Park 7.56 per cent and Waukegan 3.48 per cent.

The comparative figures follow:

	May 1929	May 1930
Aurora	\$ 26,137	\$ 21,695
Batavia	5,825	590
Berwyn	11,175	739,915
Blue Island	36,291	150,288
Calumet City	8,994	32,000
Chicago Heights	21,285	19,675
Cicero	117,394	309,750
Des Plaines	32,599	83,125
Dolton	9,265	33,702
Downers Grove	11,890	12,859
Elgin	139,767	247,699
Elmhurst	27,330	103,696
Elmwood Park	11,195	192,635
Forest Park	253,200	1,323,200
Forest Hill	75,599	79,195
Geneva	2,970	123,009
Glencoe	13,299	170,569
Greenfield	31,530	155,809
Hawley	53,210	128,544
Highland Park	72,950	196,688
Hinsdale	59,175	129,350
Homewood	1,975	17,418
Joliet	232,425	413,999
Kenswood	18,999	153,198
Lake Forest	283,111	153,198
La Grange	501,199	135,535
Libertyville	24,859	13,599
Lombard	13,299	137,779
Maywood	34,099	124,890
Niles Center	85,910	76,899
North Chicago	74,159	89,159
Oak Park	47,725	178,265
Park Ridge	96,172	114,221
River Forest	89,761	127,359
St. Charles	8,299	62,269
Waukegan	294,399	24,459
Westchester	13,099	23,099
West Chicago	2,169	23,889
Wheaton	4,799	112,599
Winnetka	8,659	113,711
Winnetka	163,915	169,599
Gary, Ind.	192,115	242,810
Hammond, Ind.	149,649	366,349
	33,513,191	8,395,534

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