

SUBURBAN BUILDING SHOWS SLIGHT GAIN

First two Months of 1928 Indicate 8 Percent Gain Over January, February 1927

Chicago suburban building for the opening months of this year show an 8 per cent gain over the same period a year ago. The indication, according to the building permit index, is that building will continue active for the next sixty to ninety days.

For the first two months of 1928, the twenty-seven principal suburbs for which comparative records are available showed a volume, according to official permits issued, of \$12,794,545 as compared with \$11,834,613 for the first two months of 1927.

Many in Gain Column

Although the suburbs are sustaining a high volume of proposed building as a whole, numerous losses are apparent for February, according to the building survey department of S. W. Straus and company. In February the twenty-seven suburbs with comparable records had a construction volume of \$5,585,515 as against \$6,584,584 for February last year, or a loss of 15 per cent. As against January 1928, the February record this year showed a loss of 23 per cent.

Oak Park, Joliet and Hammond of the larger suburbs made record gains last month as against a year ago. Oak Park made a February gain of 313 per cent and 124 per cent gain over January this year. Its traditional rival, Evanston, took losses in both the February and January comparisons. Hammond made gains while its neighboring rival, Gary, showed a negative position.

Other suburbs making gains last month as against a year ago were: Aurora, 7 per cent; Chicago Heights, 106 per cent; Cicero, 13 per cent; Elgin, 10 per cent; Glencoe, 18 per cent; Glen Ellyn, 56 per cent; Harvey, 122 per cent; Joliet, 126 per cent; La Grange, 11 per cent; Lake Forest, 17 per cent; Park Ridge, 82 per cent; Waukegan, 4 per cent; Wilmette 5 per cent and Hammond, 96 per cent.

The suburbs making losses in February compared with February last year were: Berwyn, 31 per cent; Des Plaines, 66 per cent; Evanston, 51 per cent; Highland Park, 42 per cent; Lombard, 71 per cent; Maywood, 35 per cent; Niles Center, 42 per cent; Wheaton, 63 per cent; Winnetka, 45 per cent; East Chicago, 38 per cent; Whiting, 73 per cent and Gary, 76 per cent.

Record Large Gains

Gains in February compared with January this year were as follows: Aurora, 103 per cent; Blue Island, 85 per cent; Cicero, 644 per cent; Elgin, 53 per cent; Forest Park, 3,237 per cent; Glencoe, 106 per cent; Harvey, 300 per cent; Joliet, 373 per cent; La Grange, 29 per cent; Maywood, 83 per cent; Niles Center, 85 per cent; North Chicago, 12,082 per cent; Oak Park, 124 per cent; Park Ridge, 186 per cent; Wilmette, 179 per cent; East Chicago, 233 per cent and Gary, 20 per cent.

Suburbs suffering losses in February compared with January this year were: Berwyn, 10 per cent; Des Plaines, 38 per cent; Evanston, 54 per cent; Geneva, 45 per cent; Glen Ellyn, 47 per cent; Highland Park, 39 per cent; Lake Forest, 71 per cent; Lombard, 47 per cent; Waukegan, 65 per cent; Wheaton, 5 per cent; Winnetka, 68 per cent; Hammond, 80 per cent and Whiting, 99 per cent.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor of Essex road are leaving Kenilworth this week-end for an extended trip to California where they will visit their daughter Dorothy (Mrs. Gerould), and tour the southern part of the state.

SELL KENILWORTH HOMES

Harold O. Barnes has sold two new brick houses at 707 and 711 Virginia avenue, Kenilworth. These houses are of brick and contain nine rooms and three baths each. The houses are to

be completed by May 1. The size of each lot is 60 x 137. One was sold to C. A. Hemphill and one to an undisclosed purchaser. DeWitt S. Stillman represented the owner and the buyer in each transaction.

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