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BUITDITG PBRIIIIS RTMORI'S FOR OCIORER, 1923, WI1M COIMPARAIIVE FI GIRES FOR SEPYEITBER, 1923, ENd OCYOBER,1922.

There was as slight decline in the value of the buildine pormits issued during october is compared with the preceding month, and the value of anticipeted building mis also less thain in october of list year. Reports rere tabulated by the Dominion Eureau of Statistics from 56 municipalities which hed issued permits to the velue of $\$ 9,701,080$ in October, 1923, as compired rith a total of $\$ 10,485,613$ in Sentember, 1923, and of $10,344,770$ in Octnber, 1922. There was, therefore, $\varepsilon$ decline of $\$ 784,533$ or 7.5 per cent in the former comparison and of $\$ 643,690 \mathrm{ar} 6.2$ per cent in the letter.

Forty-seven cities furnished detailed statements shoming that they hed issued approximately 1,400 permits for dwellings, estimeted to cost neerly $\$ 6,200,000$, and for over 3,000 other buiqaings at a proposed cost of epproximetely $\$ 3,400,000$. It hes been pointed out in previous press letters that, since the construction of several buildings is frequently authorized by one permit, the number of buildings to be erocted is somewhet lnger than the number of permits issued.

New Brunswick, Onterio ind Suskatchewan registered increases in the value of the building euthorized is compared with September. The gain of $\$ 347,291$ or 7.4 per cent in ontario wes actually the greatest, but the lergest proportionel incresse (of $\$ 46,445$ or 95.6 per cent) occurred in New Brunswick. Of the decreases in the remaining nrovinces, those of $\$ 448,288$ or 38.3 per cent in British columbia and of $\$ 391,467$ or 11.6 per cent in Quebec were the largest actual declines, Thile the most pronounced percentage loss (61.9) wew recorded in Alberta.

Quebec, Nicnitoba ind British Columbia registered increases in the value of the permits issued as compared vith october, 1922. The increese of $\$ 703,423$ or 30.7 per cent in quebec was the lergest actual gain, while Manitoba, where the value of the contempleted building increased by 46.3 per cent, shomed the most pronounced proportionel gein. ontario, with a decline of $\$ 1,250,760$ or 19.9 per cent, recorded the heaviest loss, while thet of 185,525 or 67.2 per cent in Nove Scotia wes also extensive.

Montreel, Winnipeg and Vencouver registered smaller totals of prospective building then in September, but the value in those three oities was higher than in october, 1922. In roronto, on the other hand, the value of permits issued ves greater than in the month before but less then in the corresponding month of lest year. Of the smaller centres, Fredericton, Westmount, Guelph, Iondon,Ottawa, Owen sound, PeterborouEh, St. Catharines, Windsor, St. Eoniface, Moose.. jew, Ne:W Westminster, Point Grey and Victoria recorded larger totals of ostimeted buildine than in either September, 1923, or october, 1922.

The value of building permits issued during the first ten months of this year Tris slightly over 8 per cent Inver than during the corresponding neriod of lest year, but there mes an increase of 18.5 per cont over the first ten months of 1921. The totals for $1023,19 ? 2$ and 1921 stand zt $115,326,634, \$ 125,458,106$ and $\$ 97,318,180$, respectively.

The table on pace 2 shoms the value of the building rermits issued durine october, 1923, as compared with September, 1923, and october, 29??. nhe 35 cities for wich records are availabie since 1910 cre marked by asterisks.


