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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR OCTORER, 1923, WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER, 1923, and OCTOBER, 1922.

There was a slight decline in the value of the building permits issued during October as compared with the preceding month, and the value of anticipated building was also less than in October of last year. Reports were tabulated by the Dominion Eureau of Statistics from 56 municipalities which had issued permits to the value of \$9,701,080 in October, 1923, as compared with a total of \$10,485,613 in September, 1923, and of \$10,344,770 in October, 1922. There was, therefore, a decline of \$784,533 or 7.5 per cent in the former comparison and of \$643,690 or 6.2 per cent in the latter.

Forty-seven cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued approximately 1,400 permits for dwellings, estimated to cost nearly \$6,200,000, and for over 3,000 other buildings at a proposed cost of approximately \$3,400,000. It has 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 erected is somewhat larger than the number of permits issued.

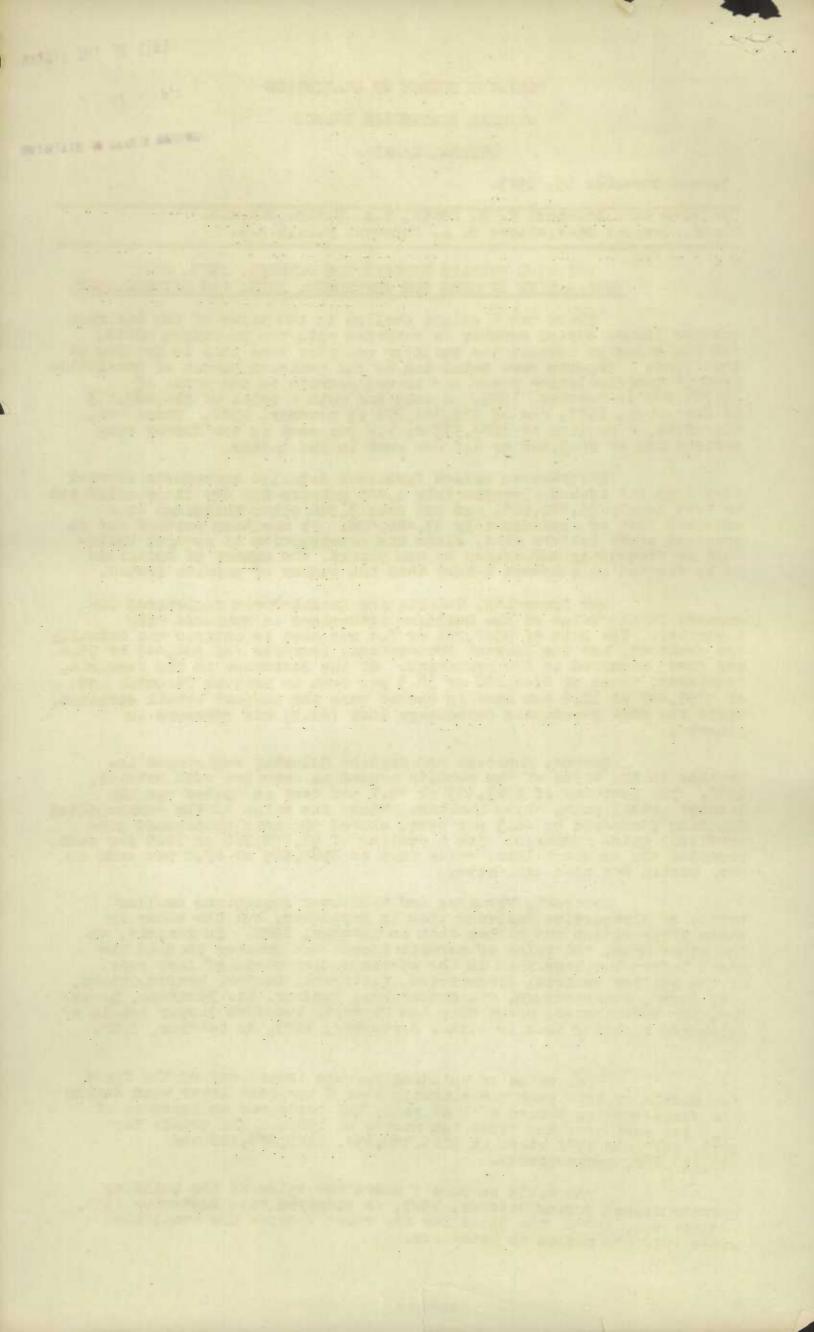
New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan registered increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with September. The gain of \$347,291 or 7.4 per cent in Ontario was actually the greatest, but the largest proportional increase (of \$46,445 or 95.6 per cent) occurred in New Brunswick. Of the decreases in the remaining provinces, 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, while the most pronounced percentage loss (61.9) was recorded in Alberta.

Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia registered increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with October, 1922. The increase of \$703,423 or 30.7 per cent in Quebec was the largest actual gain, while Manitoba, where the value of the contemplated building increased by 46.3 per cent, showed the most pronounced proportional gain. Ontario, with a decline of \$1,250,760 or 19.9 per cent, recorded the heaviest loss, while that of \$185,525 or 67.2 per cent in Nova Scotia was also extensive.

Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver registered smaller totals of prospective building than in September, but the value in those three cities was higher than in October, 1922. In Toronto, on the other hand, the value of permits issued was greater than in the month before but less than in the corresponding month of last year. Of the smaller centres, Fredericton, Westmount, Guelph, London, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Windsor, St. Boniface, Moose-jaw, New Westminster, Point Grey and Victoria recorded larger totals of estimated building than in either September, 1923, or October, 1922.

The value of building permits issued during the first ten months of this year was slightly over 8 per cent lower than during the corresponding period of last year, but there was an increase of 18.5 per cent over the first ten months of 1921. The totals for 1923, 1922 and 1921 stand at \$115,326,634, \$125,458,106 and \$97,318,180, respectively.

The table on page 2 shows the value of the building permits issued during October, 1923, as compared with September, 1923, and October, 1922. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked by asterisks.



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City	oct. 1923	Sept. 1923	Oct. 1922
Prince Edward Island-Charlotte	et.own \$	\$ nil	\$ 7.500
Nova Scotia	90,415		7,500 275,940
x Halifax	74,465	40,105	237,170
New Glasgow	3,975	3.750	14,950 23,820
x Sydney	11,975	59,200	23,820
New Brunswick	95,040	48,595	101,825
Fredericton	19,950 57,590	0,925	8,800
x Moncton x St. John	17,500	19,670	58,025 35,000
Quebec	2,994,028	3,385,495	2,290,605
x Montreal - Maisonneuve	2,115,180	2,438,180	1,720,875
x Quebec	296,158	743,295	257,030
Shawinigan Falls	35,000	38,150	2,950
x Sherbrooke	40,000	44,000	15,000
x Three Rivers	63,730	40,645	101,050
x Westmount	442,960	81,225	193,700
Ontario Belleville	5,040,975	4,693,684	6,291,735
x Brantford	nil	nil 146,517	13,950
Chatham	17,737	8,300	42,230
x Fort William	23,150	96,225	24,850
Galt	12,505	3,945	90,535
x Guelph	58,847	31,677	30,680
x Hamilton	351,100	596,250	414,300
x Kingston	25,823	19,494	45,150
x Kitchener	93,725	223,130	68,280
x London	264,055	252,045	233,530
Niagara Falls	56,940	131,250	43,765
Oshawa x Ottawa	97,330	74,870	311,450
x Ottawa Owen Sound	633, 365	250,955	281,604
x Peterboro	25,600 21,455	10,500	16,775
x Port Arthur	72,450	17,686 268,401	15,349 31,404
x Stratford	19,567	32,180	18,485
x St. Catherines	142,890	46,480	109,676
x St. Thomas	15,580	10,110	17,625
Sarnia	35,442	73,695	60,870
Sault Ste Marie	25,498	32,675	10,465
x Toronto York Township	1,940,285	1,559,212	2,946,352
Welland	613,000	520,450	1,015,250
x Windsor	20,390	30,940	43,220
Woodstock	20,096	253,542 3,155	277,575 17,890
anitoba	417,542	524,036	285,467
x Brandon	6,712	43,131	25,677
St. Boniface	34,380	21,055	15,990
x Winnipeg	376,450	459,850	243,800
askatchewan	191,880	170,160	237,275
x Moose Jaw x Regina	26,985 134,870	12,560	14,805
x Saskatoon	30,025	123,215	142,955
lberta	148,535	34,385	79,515
x Calgary	64,200	58, 580	314,935
x Edmonton	55,875	311,650	120,700
Lethbridge	26,150	15,645	32,510
Medicine Hat	2,310	3,760	2,625
ritish Columbia	722,665	1,170,953	539,438
Nanaimo	6,700	16,510	9,525
x New Westminster	28,140	14,445	13,400
Point Grey	262,500	179,000	167,900
Prince Rupert	4,285 34,100	24,850	13,235
South Vancouver	297,523	275,100 621,978	36,140
x Vancouver x Victoria	89,417	39.070	236,100
Total - 56 cities	9,701,030		63,138
Total - x 35 cities		9,009,088	8,298,000
	1923	1922	1921
Accumulative Total for	115,326,634	125 458 104	07 220 -02
56 cities - 1st 10 months	117,360,034	167,470,100	97,318,180

