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

According to reports tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, there was a decline in the value of the building permits issued during November as compared with October. The permits issued during the month under review also had a lower valuation than those issued in November, 1922. Statements were furnished by 56 cities, showing that they authorized building to the value of \$8,003,601 as compared with \$9,701,080 in October, 1923, and \$10,085,415 in November of last year. There was, therefore, a decrease of \$1,694,479 or 17.5 per cent in the first and of \$2,078,814 or 20.6 per cent in the second comparison.

Detailed statements were furnished by 45 cities, which issued approximately 1,100 permits for dwellings at an estimated cost of more than \$4,800,000 and for 2,100 other buildings valued at slightly over \$3,100,000. During October detailed reports were tabulated from 47 cities, which 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. The number of buildings to be erected is usually in excess of the number of permits issued, since the construction of several buildings may be authorized by a single permit.

Manitoba and Prince Edward Island reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with October; in the former province there was a gain of 9.4 per cent. The largest actual decrease in the remaining provinces occurred in Ontario, where the value of projected building declined by \$962,685 or 19.1 per cent. The most pronounced percentage decrease, however, was that of 79.8 per cent in New Brunswick.

As compared with November, 1922, Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia reported increases in the estimated value of building. Quebec showed the largest actual increase, of \$431,499 or 20.3 per cent, while Manitoba registered the greatest proportional increase, of \$228,363 or 99.9 per cent. Ontario, with a decline of \$2,620,924 or 39.1 per cent, recorded the most pronounced actual loss, but the largest proportional reduction occurred in Alberta, when the value of building permits showed a falling off of \$326,849 or 81.4 per cent.

Winnipeg and Vancouver recorded expansion in the value of the permits issued as compared with October, 1923, and November, 1922; in Montreal there was a decline as compared with the preceding month, but an increase over November of last year, while the value of building authorized in Toronto was higher than in October, 1923, and less than in November, 1922. Quebec, Brantford, Chatham, Niagara Falls, Stratford, Welland, Nanaimo and New Westminster recorded increases in the building permits issued in both comparisons.

The value of the building permits issued during the first eleven months of 1923 was lower by 9 per cent than during the same period of last year, but was about 13 per cent higher than during the first eleven months of 1921. The totals for 1923, 1922 and 1921 stand at \$123,333,235, \$135,543,521 and \$108,929,544 respectively.

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

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Estimated Cost of Building work as Indicated by
Building Permits.

	Nov. 1923	Oct. 1923	Nov. 1922
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	3,000	nil	3,200
Nova Scotia	51,637	90,415	80,406
x Halifax	29,642	74,465	55,580
New Glasgow	295	3,975	nil
x Sydney	21,700	11,975	24,826
New Brunswick	19,190	95,040	55,235
Fredericton	2,400	19,950	3,500
x Moncton	6,190	57,590	4,735
x St. John	10,600	17,500	47,000
Quebec	2,559,589	2,994,028	2,128,090
x Montreal-Maisonneuve	1,862,214	2,116,180	1,675,370
x Quebec	561,000	296,158	243,420
Shawinigan Falls	100	35,000	4,000
x Sherbrooke	64,000	40,000	16,000
x Three Rivers	61,825	63,730	96,200
x Westmount	10,450	442,960	93,100
Ontario	4,078,290	5,040,975	6,699,214
Belleville	nil	nil	1,950
x Brantford	25,202	17,737	11,955
Chatham	11,822	7,000	7,676
x Fort William	5,925	23,150	456,300
Galt	2,825	12,505	8,978
x Guelph	24,495	58,347	86,268
x Hamilton	337,550	351,100	337,525
x Kingston	2,300	25,823	297,169
x Kitchener	60,075	93,725	446,872
x London	163,600	264,055	165,875
Niagara Falls	87,380	56,940	29,000
Oshawa	52,560	97,330	22,100
x Ottawa	194,040	633,365	330,980
Owen Sound	10,000	25,600	5,675
x Peterboro	12,855	21,455	11,678
x Port Arthur	2,681	72,450	5,790
x Stratford	39,230	19,567	10,481
x St. Catharines	28,676	142,890	70,550
x St. Thomas	14,230	15,580	11,337
Sarnia	21,015	35,442	77,770
Sault Ste. Marie	10,348	25,498	700
x Toronto	2,013,513	1,940,285	3,213,307
York Township	606,150	613,000	794,800
Welland	41,640	20,390	7,820
x Windsor	304,415	447,145	276,840
Woodstock	5,763	20,096	9,818
Manitoba	456,850	417,542	228,487
x Brandon	4,200	6,712	4,037
St. Boniface	18,400	34,380	12,600
x Winnipeg	434,250	376,450	211,850
Saskatchewan	60,827	191,880	120,730
x Moosejaw	777	26,985	22,680
x Regina	19,775	134,870	48,355
x Saskatoon	40,275	30,025	49,695
Alberta	74,775	148,535	401,624
x Calgary	27,500	64,200	103,800
x Edmonton	35,750	55,875	250,879
Lethbridge	7,690	26,150	45,945
Medicine Hat	3,835	2,310	1,000
British Columbia	702,443	722,665	368,429
Nanaimo	10,395	6,700	2,500
x New Westminster	49,650	28,140	11,950
Point Grey	120,500	262,500	132,750
Prince Rupert	6,065	4,285	3,677
South Vancouver	31,390	34,100	21,475
x Vancouver	427,125	297,523	165,379
x Victoria	57,318	89,417	30,698
Total - 56 cities	8,008,601	9,701,080	10,085,415
Total - x 35 cities	6,953,023	8,357,929	8,888,481
	1923	1922	1921
Accumulative Total for 56 cities - 1st 11 months	123,333,235	135,543,521	108,929,544

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