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

The value of the building permits issued showed a slight decline during September as compared with August and there was also a small decrease as compared with September of last year. According to reports from 56 cities the estimated cost of building work during September was \$10,485,613, while in August it stood at \$11,541,593 and in September, 1922, at \$11,424,119. There was, therefore, a reduction of \$1,055,980 or 9.1 per cent in the former and of \$938,506 or 8.2 per cent in the latter comparison.

Forty-seven cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued nearly 1,200 permits for dwellings at a proposed cost of approximately \$5,000,000. Some 2,900 permits were issued for other buildings at an estimated valuation of over \$4,800,000. As has been mentioned in previous press letters, the construction of several buildings is frequently authorized by a single permit; the number of buildings to be erected, therefore, would be larger than appears from the number of permits issued.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Alberta showed increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with August, 1923. The largest actual gain of \$882,752 or 35.3 per cent was recorded in Quebec, while Nova Scotia, with a gain of \$75,630 or 275.8 per cent, registered the most pronounced proportional increase. Of the declines reported in the remaining provinces, those of \$1,437,093 or 55.1 per cent in British Columbia and of \$720,943 or 13.3 per cent in Ontario were most noteworthy.

In comparison with the returns for September, 1922, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia registered increases in prospective building. Quebec, with a gain of \$444,507 or 15.1 per cent, showed the greatest increase. The heaviest loss, of \$801,581 or 14.6 per cent, occurred in Ontario, but that in Manitoba of \$324,115 or 38.2 per cent was also pronounced.

An analysis of the returns from individual cities shows that in Montreal the value of the building permits issued during September exceeded that for August, 1923, and also for September of last year. In Toronto there were reductions in both comparisons. Winnipeg registered a rather larger total of anticipated building than in the preceding month, with a decline as compared with September, 1922, while in Vancouver there was a decrease in comparison with the August figures, but an increase over September of last year. Quebec, Three Rivers, Brantford, Fort William, Hamilton, Kitchener, London, Niagara Falls, Port Arthur, Brandon, Edmonton and South Vancouver registered increases in the estimated cost of building in both comparisons.

The value of the building permits issued during the first nine months of this year showed a decline of 8 per cent as compared with the corresponding period of 1922, and an increase of 21 per cent over the first nine months of 1921. The total for 1923 was \$105,625,554, for 1922 \$115,113,336 and for 1921 \$86,970,449.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE

LANDS BELONGING TO THE STATE OF TEXAS

The report of the commissioners of the land office for the year ending December 31, 1910, is herewith submitted. It contains a full and complete statement of the lands owned by the state, and of the proceeds of the sale of the same.

The lands owned by the state are divided into three classes, to-wit: lands reserved for public use, lands reserved for educational purposes, and lands reserved for other public purposes.

The lands reserved for public use consist of lands reserved for the use of the public, lands reserved for the use of the military, and lands reserved for the use of the navy.

The lands reserved for educational purposes consist of lands reserved for the use of the public schools, lands reserved for the use of the state university, and lands reserved for the use of other educational institutions.

The lands reserved for other public purposes consist of lands reserved for the use of the public, lands reserved for the use of the military, and lands reserved for the use of the navy.

The proceeds of the sale of the lands owned by the state for the year ending December 31, 1910, amount to the sum of \$1,000,000.

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Estimated cost of Building work as indicated by
Building Permits.

City	Sept. 1923	Aug. 1923	Sept. 1922
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	\$ nil	2,500	3,200
Nova Scotia	103,055	27,425	363,993
x Halifax	40,105	16,425	223,343
New Glasgow	3,750	11,000	4,500
x Sydney	59,200	nil	136,150
New Brunswick	48,595	30,205	208,682
Fredericton	8,925	4,625	8,000
x Moncton	19,670	19,580	155,688
x St. John	20,000	6,000	45,000
Quebec	3,385,495	2,502,743	2,940,983
x Montreal - X Maisonneuve	2,438,180	1,839,367	2,210,167
x Quebec	743,295	287,770	491,843
Shawinigan Falls	38,150	900	27,500
x Sherbrooke	44,000	63,000	30,000
x Three Rivers	40,645	35,705	11,300
x Westmount	81,225	276,001	170,175
Ontario	4,693,634	5,414,627	5,495,265
Belleville	nil	6,000	6,800
x Brantford	146,517	18,284	25,765
Chatham	8,300	21,675	22,660
x Fort William	96,225	57,825	49,650
Galt	3,945	21,040	30,045
x Guelph	31,677	76,387	35,837
x Hamilton	596,250	458,550	349,665
x Kingston	19,494	23,344	11,262
Kitchener	223,130	80,855	63,575
x London	252,045	247,020	215,495
Niagara Falls	131,250	31,015	31,980
Oshawa	74,870	180,170	47,000
x Ottawa	250,955	267,505	654,762
Owen Sound	10,500	12,050	14,050
x Peterboro	17,686	25,033	30,418
x Port Arthur	268,401	36,680	24,340
x Stratford	32,180	92,383	13,040
x St. Catharines	46,480	64,970	73,995
x St. Thomas	10,110	22,170	8,945
Sarnia	73,695	79,535	84,835
Sault Ste. Marie	32,675	112,725	42,895
x Toronto	1,559,212	2,077,425	2,464,216
York Township	520,450	780,100	846,250
Welland	30,940	9,885	17,175
x Windsor	253,542	527,680	325,400
Woodstock	3,155	84,321	3,610
Manitoba	524,036	536,955	848,151
x Brandon	43,131	27,050	17,206
St. Boniface	21,055	76,005	117,495
x Winnipeg	459,850	433,900	713,450
Saskatchewan	170,160	194,455	303,570
x Moose Jaw	12,560	9,300	32,050
x Regina	123,215	73,755	169,870
x Saskatoon	34,385	111,400	101,650
Alberta	389,635	224,637	353,505
x Calgary	58,580	78,000	123,400
x Edmonton	311,650	123,050	162,510
Lethbridge	15,645	20,420	12,545
Medicine Hat	3,760	3,167	50
British Columbia	1,170,953	2,608,046	901,759
Nanaimo	16,510	3,860	2,000
x New Westminster	14,445	11,360	23,100
Point Grey	179,000	242,000	299,200
Prince Rupert	24,350	19,500	21,650
South Vancouver	275,100	49,450	35,630
x Vancouver	621,978	1,514,490	370,060
x Victoria	39,070	761,386	150,119
Total - 56 cities	10,485,613	11,541,593	11,424,119
Total - x 35 cities	9,009,088	9,763,650	9,744,449
	1923	1922	1921
Accumulative Total for 56 cities - 1st 9 months	105,625,554	115,113,336	86,970,449

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