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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR OCTOBER, 1924, WITH COMPARATIVE
FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER, 1924, and OCTOBER, 1923.

The value of the building permits issued during October was lower than in the preceding month, but it was greater than in October, 1923. Building in Canada is so greatly influenced by seasonal changes that the comparison of permits issued in any month with the corresponding month of other years is necessarily more significant than is the change since the preceding month. According to statements received by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics from 56 cities, the total for October was \$11,533,111, compared with \$14,566,504 in September, 1924, and with \$9,243,034 in October of last year; the loss in the former comparison was 20.8 per cent and the gain in the latter was 18.4 per cent. The change since the preceding month is somewhat greater than the average decline in October as compared with September over a period of 14 years, but it should be noted that the total for September was unusually large for that month, being, in fact, the highest total for September of any year since 1913.

Statements in some detail were furnished by 48 cities, showing that they had issued about 1,300 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$6,500,000, and more than 3,000 permits for other buildings, valued at nearly \$4,700,000.

New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with September; New Brunswick, with a gain of \$119,120 or 173.1 per cent, showed the largest actual and proportional gain. Of the declines registered in the remaining provinces, those in Quebec of \$2,300,630 or 38.3 per cent and in Nova Scotia of \$49,037 or 62.2 per cent were, respectively, the largest actual and proportional decreases.

In comparison with the returns for October, 1923, all provinces except Nova Scotia and Manitoba showed increases in the value of the building permits issued. The gain of \$1,509,310 or 50.2 per cent in Quebec was most pronounced actually, while the largest proportionate increase of \$116,620, or 78.5 per cent, was in Alberta.

The value of building authorized in Montreal was greater during October than in September, 1924, and October, 1923; Toronto showed a decrease in the former and an increase in the latter comparison, while Winnipeg and Vancouver recorded reductions in both comparisons. Fredericton, Belleville, Fort William, Galt, Kingston, Kitchener, St. Thomas, Scult Ste. Marie, Welland, Windsor, Brandon, Moose Jaw, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert and South Vancouver registered increases as compared with the preceding month, and also as compared with the corresponding month of last year.

The value of the building permits issued during the first ten months of 1924 was lower by 9.1 per cent and 16.7 per cent than in 1923 and 1922, respectively, but it was 7.4 per cent higher than in the same period of 1921. The total for this year is \$104,550,542, for 1923, \$114,959,080, for 1922, \$125,458,106 and for 1921, \$97,318,180.

The table on the back of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during October and September, 1924, and October, 1923. The 35 cities for which returns are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".



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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits.

CITY	Oct. 1924	Sept. 1924	Oct. 1923
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	nil	1,500	nil
Nova Scotia	29,885	78,982	90,415
x Halifax	23,630	71,972	74,465
New Glasgow	2,145	775	3,975
x Sydney	4,080	6,235	11,975
New Brunswick	187,950	63,830	120,040
Fredericton	162,000	49,500	19,950
x Moncton	14,550	6,530	82,590
x St. John	11,400	13,800	17,500
Quebec	4,513,268	7,313,268	3,003,978
x Montreal - Maisonneuve	4,105,128	3,727,714	2,116,180
x Quebec	122,735	3,198,264	236,152
Shawinigan Falls	20,600	30,475	45,000
x Sherbrooke	6,000	12,500	40,000
x Three Rivers	34,200	19,950	53,680
x Westmount	224,235	325,065	442,960
Ontario	5,179,575	5,081,156	5,041,724
Belleville	15,400	12,100	3,450
x Brantford	8,855	14,505	17,737
Chatham	21,125	27,725	7,000
x Fort William	528,950	64,850	23,150
Galt	17,535	6,770	12,505
x Guelph	57,070	46,985	58,847
x Hamilton	175,850	318,700	351,100
x Kingston	85,339	26,750	25,823
x Kitchener	162,229	68,785	95,725
x London	244,265	115,635	264,055
Niagara Falls	83,297	163,600	56,940
Cahawa	25,325	163,245	97,330
x Ottawa	231,919	436,985	633,365
Owen Sound	5,500	15,050	25,600
x Peterboro	50,959	51,755	31,455
x Port Arthur	10,380	16,131	72,450
x Stratford	24,825	51,720	19,567
x St. Catharines	37,900	54,310	142,820
x St. Thomas	27,725	9,860	15,520
Sarnia	62,225	65,010	35,441
Sault Ste. Marie	146,642	21,035	25,493
x Toronto	2,202,215	2,640,120	1,940,285
York Township	475,250	277,350	613,000
Welland	23,215	14,790	17,690
x Windsor	467,395	390,430	447,145
Woodstock	7,314	10,150	20,023
Manitoba	321,745	307,227	417,542
x Brandon	45,300	20,300	6,712
St. Boniface	17,545	24,927	34,320
x Winnipeg	259,100	262,100	376,450
Saskatchewan	198,765	234,570	191,330
x Moose Jaw	76,510	19,955	26,385
x Regina	64,520	82,395	134,270
x Saskatoon	57,935	126,320	30,025
Alberta	265,150	122,195	142,530
x Calgary	73,480	104,200	64,200
x Edmonton	92,125	74,425	55,870
Lethbridge	65,245	3,275	36,150
Medicine Hat	33,700	295	2,310
British Columbia	836,753	1,294,776	728,915
Nanaimo	13,350	4,450	6,700
x New Westminster	16,950	25,465	28,140
Point Grey	425,600	433,300	262,500
Prince Rupert	14,535	11,750	4,285
South Vancouver	42,123	44,120	34,100
x Vancouver	293,025	747,170	297,523
x Victoria	25,110	28,521	95,637
Total 56 Cities	11,533,111	14,566,504	9,743,024
Total 35 Cities x	8,846,239	13,185,312	8,339,124
Accumulative total for first ten months - 56 Cities	1924	1923	1922
	104,550,542	114,959,080	125,458,106