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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1924, WITH COMPARATIVE
FIGURES FOR July, 1924, AND AUGUST, 1923.

The value of the building permits issued in 56 cities showed a considerable increase in September as compared with the preceding month and also as compared with September, 1923. According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics the building authorized last month was valued at \$14,566,504, while in August, 1924, it was \$9,465,758 and in September of last year it was \$10,472,618. There was, therefore, an increase of \$5,102,748 or 53.0 per cent in the former comparison and of \$4,087,886 or 39.0 per cent in the latter. The total for September is the highest in any month of this year; it is also the largest recorded in September of any year since 1913.

Detailed statements were furnished by 48 cities, showing that they had issued over 1,100 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$1,500,000, and for some 2,500 other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$9,500,000.

Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia recorded substantial increases in the value of the building permits issued; the percentage gains were 63.6, 62.5 and 55.3, respectively in these provinces. Prince Edward Island also reported improvement. Over August. Elsewhere there were declines on a rather small scale, that of \$42,850 or 38.3 per cent in New Brunswick being the largest proportional loss. The decrease of \$85,023 or 21.7 per cent in Manitoba was the most extensive actual reduction.

As compared with September, 1923, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia registered increases in the estimated value of building. The gain of \$3,937,713 or 116.0 per cent in Quebec was most pronounced. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, that in Alberta of \$192,440 or 51.4 per cent and in Manitoba of \$216,809 or 41.4 per cent were the largest.

An analysis of the returns by cities shows that in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver the value of contemplated building was higher than in August, 1924, and also than in September, 1923. In Winnipeg, on the other hand, there were declines in both comparisons. Fredericton, Quebec, Westmount, Galt, Guelph, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, Windsor, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Calgary registered increases in both cases.

The building permits issued in the first three quarters of this year had a lower valuation than in the corresponding nine months of 1923 and 1922 but the total was higher than in 1921. The aggregate for 1924 is \$93,017,471 for 1923, \$105,216,056, for 1922, \$115,115,356 and for 1921, \$86,970,447. The declines in the first two comparisons were 11.6 and 19.2 per cent, respectively, and the gain as compared with 1921 was 7 per cent.

The table on the back of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during September as compared with August, 1924 and with September, 1923. The 55 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits.

CITY	Sept. 1924	Aug. 1924	Sept. 1923
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	1,500		2,000
Nova Scotia	78,982	87,675	103,055
x Halifax	71,972	77,420	40,105
New Glasgow	775	805	3,750
x Sydney	6,235	9,450	59,200
New Brunswick	68,830	111,439	48,590
Fredericton	49,500	16,000	8,920
x Montcn	6,550	5,530	19,670
x St. John	12,800	89,959	20,000
Quebec	7,313,968	4,469,708	3,386,253
x Montreal-x Maisonneuve	3,727,714	3,319,835	2,438,880
x Quebec	3,128,264	373,558	743,295
Shawinigan Falls	30,475	68,625	35,000
x Sherbrooke	13,500	11,000	44,000
x Three Rivers	19,950	560,450	43,853
x Westmount	325,065	256,250	81,225
Ontario	5,034,456	3,128,087	4,692,684
Belleville	12,100	42,400	nil
x Brantford	14,505	12,072	146,517
Chatham	27,725	110,325	3,300
x Fort William	64,850	71,175	96,225
Galt	6,770	5,744	5,945
x Guelph	46,985	30,577	31,677
x Hamilton	318,700	254,050	596,250
x Kingston	26,750	34,363	19,494
x Kitchener	68,785	45,281	223,130
x London	115,695	207,515	253,045
Niagara Falls	163,600	20,895	131,360
Oshawa	163,245	37,155	74,370
x Ottawa	436,985	106,030	250,955
Owen Sound	15,050	6,200	10,500
x Peterboro	51,755	33,805	17,686
x Port Arthur	16,191	20,125	268,401
x Stratford	51,720	45,525	31,180
x St. Catharines	54,310	65,997	46,480
x St. Thomas	9,860	10,320	10,110
Sarnia	65,010	65,940	73,695
Sault Ste Marie	21,035	70,335	32,675
x Toronto	2,640,120	1,098,530	1,559,212
York Township	277,350	310,500	520,450
Welland	14,790	44,640	30,940
x Windsor	390,420	375,385	253,542
Woodstock	10,150	4,643	3,155
Manitoba	307,227	392,250	524,036
x Brandon	20,200	6,500	43,131
St. Boniface	24,927	31,700	21,055
x Winnipeg	263,100	354,050	459,850
Saskatchewan	234,570	242,876	170,160
x Moose Jaw	19,955	13,930	12,560
x Regina	88,395	114,310	123,215
x Saskatoon	126,220	115,636	34,385
Alberta	182,195	137,677	374,635
x Calgary	104,200	86,690	43,580
x Edmonton	74,425	96,290	311,350
Letbridge	3,375	13,997	15,645
Medicine Hat	295	700	3,760
British Columbia	1,294,776	833,994	1,177,203
Nanaimo	4,450	15,860	16,510
x New Westminster	25,465	29,192	14,445
Point Grey	433,300	470,400	179,000
Prince Rupert	11,750	15,875	24,850
South Vancouver	44,120	47,003	275,100
x Vancouver	747,170	231,745	621,978
x Victoria	28,521	25,920	45,320
Total 56 Cities	14,566,504	9,463,756	10,478,618
Total 35 Cities	13,185,312	8,067,515	9,003,248
Accumulative total for first	1924	1923	1922
nine months - 56 cities	93,017,431	105,216,056	115,113,336