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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1925, WITH  
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1925, AND OCTOBER, 1924.

The building permits issued by 60 cities during October were valued at \$11,059,697, as compared with \$9,931,968 in September, 1925, and with \$11,817,189 in October of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$1,127,729 or 11.4 p.c. in the first comparison and a decrease of \$757,492 or 6.4 p.c. in the second.

Some 50 cities supplied detailed statements, showing that they had granted permits for the erection of approximately 1,200 dwellings estimated to cost about \$6,400,000, and of over 2,600 other buildings valued at more than \$2,900,000. In September, permits were granted for some 1,400 dwellings at a proposed cost in excess of \$5,800,000, and for more than 2,700 other buildings, valued at nearly \$3,600,000.

Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia registered increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with September, that of \$922,253 or 32.7 p.c. in Quebec being the largest. The remaining provinces showed declines, of which that of \$250,955 or 45.8 p.c. in Manitoba was most pronounced.

As compared with the same month of last year, Saskatchewan and British Columbia reported gains in the value of the building authorized; in the latter province the total for the month under review exceeded that for October, 1924, by \$1,119,365 or 132.7 p.c. Ontario recorded the greatest absolute reduction in this comparison, of \$875,174 or 16.0 p.c., but in New Brunswick there was a larger proportional loss of \$146,645 or 78.0 p.c.

Montreal and Toronto issued permits at a higher valuation than in September, 1925, but the totals were less than in October of last year. In Vancouver, on the other hand, the building authorized was lower than in the preceding month, but considerably greater than in the same month of 1924. In Winnipeg, there were decreases in both comparisons. Sydney, St. John, Shawinigan Falls, Westmount, Brantford, Niagara Falls, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sarnia, York Township, Sandwich, Walkerville, Woodstock, St. Boniface, Saskatoon, New Westminster and Prince Rupert reported increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with both September, 1925, and October, 1924.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1925.

The following table shows the aggregate value of the building authorized in 60 cities during the first ten months of the last six years. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials for the same months in those years are also indicated.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Index No. of Wholesale Prices</u> (10 mos. average)
1925	\$107,554,857	153.9
1924	107,350,304	160.6
1923	118,004,410	166.8
1922	127,279,136	162.0
1921	98,654,016	187.0
1920	106,350,792	215.5

There was an increase during 1925 of 0.2 p.c. over 1924, of 9.0 p.c. over 1921, and of 1.1 p.c. over 1920, but declines of 8.9 p.c. and 15.5 p.c. as compared with 1923 and 1922, respectively.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities during September and October, 1925, and October, 1924. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits.

Cities	Oct. 1925.	Sept. 1925	Oct. 1924
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island -Charlottetown	Nil	4,000	-
Nova Scotia	25,883	33,638	29,885
x Halifax	16,945	30,170	23,660
New Glasgow	3,700	1,040	2,145
x Sydney	5,238	2,428	4,080
New Brunswick	41,305	127,805	187,950
Fredericton	Nil	8,300	162,000
x Moncton	805	104,005	14,550
x St. John	40,500	15,500	11,400
Quebec	3,739,782	2,817,529	4,512,363
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,988,941	2,106,910	4,105,128
x Quebec	176,741	328,994	122,735
Shawinigan Falls	148,100	18,300	20,675
x Sherbrooke	57,700	102,600	6,000
x Three Rivers	51,150	113,725	33,200
x Westmunt	317,150	147,000	224,625
Ontario	4,579,737	4,307,016	5,454,911
Belleville	11,925	16,700	15,400
x Brantford	13,615	8,362	8,855
Chatham	4,200	26,505	21,125
x Port William	47,915	41,820	328,950
Galt	7,281	2,940	17,535
x Guelph	18,580	44,698	37,077
x Hamilton	183,550	191,900	175,850
x Kingston	19,831	53,171	85,339
x Kitchener	123,164	104,654	162,229
x London	189,235	152,635	244,265
Niagara Falls	106,045	66,995	83,997
Oshawa	22,465	64,700	25,325
x Ottawa	305,498	309,075	231,919
Owen Sound	1,000	3,400	5,500
x Peterboro	31,300	24,760	50,959
x Port Arthur	7,365	56,370	10,380
x Stratford	33,190	18,670	24,895
x St. Catharines	57,585	34,975	37,899
x St. Thomas	8,570	14,025	27,725
Sarnia	62,345	57,100	62,325
Sault Ste. Marie	14,065	17,415	146,643
x Toronto	2,051,735	1,856,635	2,202,215
York Township	493,500	285,000	475,250
Welland	16,635	11,335	23,215
x Windsor	303,707	386,297	467,395
Ford	107,065	175,600	37,530
Riverside	21,500	121,700	22,600
Sandwich	169,675	95,700	107,200
Walkerville	136,000	57,000	108,000
Woodstock	11,196	6,879	7,314
Manitoba	296,535	547,490	321,745
x Brandon	1,665	60	45,300
St. Boniface	95,070	56,730	17,345
x Winnipeg	199,800	490,700	259,100
Saskatchewan	224,985	234,690	198,765
x Moose Jaw	6,820	7,025	76,310
x Regina	76,445	144,895	64,520
x Saskatoon	141,720	82,770	57,935
Alberta	188,685	390,260	268,150
x Calgary	88,885	118,295	73,480
x Edmonton	95,800	247,510	92,125
Lethbridge	335	24,405	68,845
Medicine Hat	3,665	50	33,700
British Columbia	1,962,785	1,469,540	843,420
Nanaimo	2,200	800	13,350
x New Westminster	47,525	33,265	16,950
Point Grey	339,700	546,900	425,600
Prince Rupert	867,350	19,450	14,535
South Vancouver	66,275	137,675	48,123
x Vancouver	605,430	674,055	293,085
Victoria	34,305	57,395	31,777
Total 60 Cities	11,059,697	9,931,968	11,817,189
xTotal 35 Cities	8,348,405	8,105,349	9,851,912
	1925	1924	1923
Cumulative total for 60 cities - first ten months	107,554,857	107,350,304	118,004,410

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