

Published by Authority of the Honourable
J. A. Robb, M.P. Acting Minister
of Trade and Commerce

NOV 20 1925

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE
DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS
GENERAL STATISTICS BRANCH
OTTAWA - CANADA.

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS

Issued December 15, 1925.

Dominion Statistician: R. H. Coats, B.A., F.S.S. (Hon), F.R.S.C.
Chief, General Statistics: S. A. Cadmore, M.A., F.S.S.

BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR NOV 1925, WITH
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCT 1925, AND NOVEMBER, 1924.

There was a decline in the value of the building permits issued by 60 cities during November as compared with the preceding month and also as compared with November, 1924. The building authorized was valued at \$7,696,099; this was 30.4 p.c. less than the October total of \$11,059,697 and 23.4 p.c. less than the aggregate of \$10,047,273 for November of last year.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had issued over 800 permits for dwellings estimated to cost about \$3,300,000, and nearly 1,300 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$2,100,000. In the preceding month the erection was authorized of some 1,200 dwellings at a proposed cost of about \$6,400,000 and of over 2,600 other buildings estimated to cost more than \$2,900,000.

All provinces recorded reductions in the value of the building permits issued as compared with October. British Columbia and Quebec registered the greatest absolute losses of \$1,143,487 or 58.3 p.c. and \$1,052,837 or 28.2 p.c., respectively.

As compared with November, 1924, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported increases in the value of the building authorized. The last named province showed the most pronounced gain of \$73,040 or 66.1 p.c. Of the declines recorded elsewhere, that of \$1,870,676 or 41.0 p.c. in Quebec was actually the largest, but New Brunswick registered the greatest proportional loss of \$8,990 or 83.6 p.c.

Montreal and Toronto reported reductions in the value of building permits issued as compared with both October, 1925, and November, 1924, while Winnipeg and Vancouver showed declines in the former and increases in the latter comparison. Three Rivers, Guelph, Hamilton, Kingston, Oshawa, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Windsor, Calgary and New Westminster registered increases in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS; 1925

The value of the building permits issued by 60 cities during the first eleven months of the last six years, is shown in the following table, which also gives the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials for the same months:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Index No. of Wholesale Prices</u> <u>(11 mos. average)</u>
1925	\$115,250,956	153.5
1924	117,397,577	159.8
1923	126,227,451	166.9
1922	138,450,681	162.0
1921	110,828,380	185.0
1920	111,970,591	215.3

There were, therefore, declines in 1925 of 1.8, 8.7 and 16.8 p.c., in the eleven months' aggregate for the 60 cities as compared with 1924, 1923 and 1922, respectively, but the total was higher by 4.0 p.c. than in 1921 and 2.3 p.c. than in 1920.

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

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits

Cities	Nov. 1925	Oct. 1925	Nov. 1924
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	\$ 24,715	\$ 25,883	\$ 68,285
x Halifax	23,825	16,945	27,920
New Glasgow	Nil	3,700	1,000
x Sydney	890	5,238	39,365
New Brunswick	1,760	41,305	10,750
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	1,760	805	4,250
x St. John	Nil	40,500	6,500
Quebec	2,626,945	3,739,782	4,557,621
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,331,420	2,988,941	4,176,785
x Quebec	165,210	176,741	142,061
Shavininigan Falls	Nil	148,100	11,250
x Sherbrooke	29,150	57,700	7,500
x Three Rivers	97,365	51,150	26,400
x Westmount	63,800	317,150	193,625
Ontario	3,712,565	4,579,737	4,273,115
Belleville	2,200	11,925	8,800
x Brantford	4,198	13,615	5,650
Chatham	16,278	4,200	18,250
x Fort William	45,725	47,915	23,400
Galt	700	7,281	8,510
x Guelph	31,410	18,580	30,949
x Hamilton	185,430	183,550	176,850
x Kingston	29,663	19,831	24,988
x Kitchener	103,911	123,164	81,515
x London	159,045	189,235	151,610
Niagara Falls	88,435	106,045	52,465
Oshawa	30,075	22,465	27,225
x Ottawa	92,945	305,408	228,480
Owen Sound	6,060	1,000	14,400
x Peterboro	11,660	31,300	33,665
x Port Arthur	13,334	7,365	3,387
x Stratford	18,945	33,190	11,090
x St. Catharines	64,953	57,585	39,085
x St. Thomas	10,700	8,570	3,095
Sarnia	46,495	62,345	142,700
Sault Ste Marie	10,993	14,065	20,090
x Toronto	1,776,468	2,051,735	2,223,585
York Township	319,600	493,500	389,400
Welland	8,820	16,635	13,190
x Windsor	423,290	303,707	256,730
Ford	80,975	107,065	35,170
Riverside	39,000	21,500	39,500
Sandwich	29,000	169,675	50,800
Walkerville	59,000	136,000	117,000
Woodstock	3,257	11,196	41,536
Manitoba	194,075	296,535	143,700
x Brandon	900	1,665	3,300
St. Boniface	31,325	95,070	26,800
x Winnipeg	161,850	199,800	113,600
Saskatchewan	73,150	224,985	47,610
x Moose Jaw	745	6,820	3,770
x Regina	49,440	76,445	27,435
x Saskatoon	22,965	141,720	16,405
Alberta	183,591	188,685	110,551
x Calgary	125,825	88,885	74,700
x Edmonton	49,245	95,800	28,675
Lethbridge	4,935	335	6,791
Medicine Hat	3,526	3,665	385
British Columbia	819,298	1,962,785	835,641
Nanaimo	1,000	2,200	2,500
x New Westminster	138,113	47,525	24,420
Point Grey	233,600	339,700	230,100
Prince Rupert	13,105	867,350	16,525
South Vancouver	41,250	66,275	26,650
x Vancouver	355,660	605,430	302,950
x Victoria	36,570	34,305	232,496
Total 60 cities	7,696,999	4,059,697	10,047,273
x Total 35 cities	6,626,410	8,348,405	8,746,236
Cumulative total for 60 cities - first eleven months	1925	1924	1923
	115,250,956	117,397,577	126,227,451

