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

The building authorized by 60 cities during September was valued at \$9,927,968; this was an increase of 7.2 p.c. as compared with the August aggregate of \$9,258,752, but a decline of 33.3 p.c. as compared with the total of \$14,883,323 for September of last year. The value of the permits issued by the 60 cities during September, 1924, however, was higher than in the same month of any year since 1920, while for the 35 cities for which these statistics were originally compiled, it was the highest since 1913. It was also the largest aggregate registered in any one month of 1924, but it has twice been exceeded this year, the 1925 April and May totals for the 60 cities each being over \$15,000,000.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted permits for the erection of approximately 1,400 dwellings estimated to cost over \$5,800,000, and of more than 2,700 other buildings valued at nearly \$3,600,000. In August, permits were granted for over 1,100 residences at a proposed cost of approximately \$4,800,000 and about 2,500 other buildings valued at more than \$3,900,000.

New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with the preceding month. The gain of \$111,815, or 699.3 p.c. in New Brunswick was proportionally highest, but was exceeded by the absolute increase of \$442,589 or 18.6 p.c. in Quebec. In Nova Scotia and Ontario there were declines of 61.3 p.c. and 7.9 p.c., respectively.

As compared with September, 1924, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia showed increases in the value of proposed building. Manitoba recorded the greatest actual gain of \$240,259, or 78.2 p.c., while Alberta registered the largest proportional increase of \$207,040, or 113.0 p.c. Of the decreases in the remaining provinces, that of \$4,496,439, or 61.5 p.c., in Quebec was most pronounced.

Montreal and Vancouver recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with August, 1925, but reductions in comparison with September, 1924. In Toronto, the total was lower than in either the preceding month or the corresponding month of last year, while Winnipeg reported advances in both comparisons. New Glasgow, Moncton, St. John, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Belleville, Kingston, Kitchener, Port Arthur, Ford, Riverside, St. Boniface, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Point Grey, Prince Rupert, South Vancouver and Victoria also issued permits at a higher valuation than in either August, 1925, or September, 1924.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1925.

The aggregate value of the building permits issued by 60 cities during the first nine months of this year was \$96,491,160, as compared with \$95,533,115 in 1924, \$108,026,938 in 1923, \$116,567,251 in 1922, \$83,172,673 in 1921 and \$95,962,951 in 1920. There were, therefore, increases of 1.0 p.c., 9.4 p.c. and 0.6 p.c. as compared with 1924, 1921 and 1920, respectively, but the total was lower by 10.7 p.c. and 17.2 p.c. than in 1923 and 1922, respectively. The Bureau's weighted index number of wholesale prices of building materials averaged 154.0, as compared with 161.5, 166.8, 161.9, 189.3 and 215.1 for the same nine months of 1924, 1923, 1922, 1921 and 1920, respectively.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities during August and September, 1925, and September, 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	Sept. 1925	Aug. 1925.	Sept. 1924
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Ed. Island - Charlottetown	-	2,800	7,800
Nova Scotia	33,638	26,822	78,982
x Halifax	30,170	77,847	71,972
New Glasgow	1,040	300	775
x Sydney	2,428	8,675	6,235
New Brunswick	127,805	15,990	69,130
Fredericton	8,300	-	49,800
x Moncton	104,005	15,990	6,530
x St. John	15,500	-	12,800
Quebec	2,817,529	2,374,940	7,313,968
x Montreal-x Maisonneuve	2,106,910	1,681,085	3,727,714
x Quebec	328,994	241,980	3,198,264
Shawinigan Falls	18,300	13,900	30,475
x Sherbrooke	102,600	93,100	12,500
x Three Rivers	113,725	14,375	19,950
x Westmount	147,000	330,500	325,365
Ontario	4,307,016	4,677,765	5,376,979
Belleville	16,700	3,750	12,100
x Brantford	8,362	26,980	14,505
Chatham	26,505	13,200	27,725
x Fort William	41,820	43,925	64,850
Galt	2,940	2,695	6,770
x Guelph	44,698	38,985	46,985
x Hamilton	191,900	258,450	318,700
x Kingston	53,171	51,774	26,750
x Kitchener	104,654	86,186	68,785
x London	152,635	293,100	115,695
Niagara Falls	66,995	184,375	163,950
Oshawa	64,700	118,885	163,245
x Ottawa	309,075	221,845	436,985
Owen Sound	3,400	5,000	15,050
x Peterboro	24,760	23,825	51,755
x Port Arthur	56,370	24,352	16,191
x Stratford	18,670	36,226	51,720
x St. Catharines	34,975	46,485	54,310
x St. Thomas	14,025	15,145	9,860
Sarnia	57,100	76,110	65,010
Sault Ste. Marie	17,415	38,370	21,035
x Toronto	1,856,635	1,936,325	2,640,120
York Township	285,000	316,700	277,350
Welland	11,335	6,825	14,790
x Windsor	386,237	454,695	390,420
Ford	175,600	114,925	54,495
Riverside	121,700	54,600	20,700
Sandwich	95,700	65,550	115,975
Walkerville	57,000	104,000	101,000
Woodstock	6,879	12,482	10,153
Manitoba	547,430	438,030	307,231
x Brandon	60	9,510	20,204
St. Boniface	56,730	47,920	24,927
x Winnipeg	490,700	380,600	262,100
Saskatchewan	234,690	232,295	244,570
x Moose Jaw	7,025	35,260	19,955
x Regina	144,895	94,200	88,395
x Saskatoon	82,770	102,835	136,220
Alberta	390,260	263,810	183,220
x Calgary	118,295	73,325	104,225
x Edmonton	247,510	182,445	74,425
Lethbridge	24,405	8,030	4,275
Medicine Hat	50	10	295
British Columbia	1,469,540	1,166,300	1,301,443
Nanaimo	800	22,075	4,450
x New Westminster	33,265	102,820	25,465
Point Grey	546,900	341,900	435,300
Prince Rupert	19,450	16,750	11,750
South Vancouver	137,675	108,000	44,120
x Vancouver	674,055	529,755	747,170
x Victoria	57,395	45,000	35,188
Total 60 Cities	9,927,968	9,258,752	14,883,323
Total 35 Cities	8,105,349	7,577,600	13,202,008
Cumulative total for 60 cities - first nine months	1925 96,491,160	1924 95,533,115	1923 108,026,938

