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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1926, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1926, AND OCTOBER, 1925, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920-26.

The building permits issued by 63 cities during October were valued at \$14,614,543, as compared with \$11,036,359 in the preceding month and \$11,312,644 in October, 1925. There was, therefore, an increase of \$3,578,184 or 32.4 p.c. in the first and of \$3,301,899 or 29.2 p.c. in the second comparison. The total for the month under review was higher than in October of any other year since the record was begun in 1920, while the index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in 1926 have been lower than in any other year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued more than 1,300 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$6,500,000 and nearly 2,900 permits for other buildings estimated to cost almost \$7,700,000. During September, the construction of about 1,200 dwellings and over 2,900 other buildings was authorized, at an estimated cost of nearly \$5,400,000 and \$5,600,000, respectively.

As compared with September, 1926, Quebec, Ontario and Alberta registered increases in the value of building authorized, that in the first named of \$2,527,632 or 99.2% being the largest. Nova Scotia recorded the most pronounced reduction, of \$202,659 or 62.1 p.c.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta showed advances in the building permits issued as compared with October, 1925, that in Ontario of \$2,085,647 or 43.7 p.c. being the greatest. In New Brunswick and British Columbia there were declines of 51.0 p.c. and 32.2 p.c. respectively.

Montreal and Toronto recorded increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with both September, 1926, and October, 1925. In Winnipeg and Vancouver there were losses in the former and increases in the latter comparison. Sydney, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Chatham, Hamilton, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, Woodstock, Brandon, Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Nanaimo, Point Grey and North Vancouver registered increases in both cases.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1926

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during October and in the first ten months of each year since 1920. The January - October average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in those years are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued		Average Indexes of Wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months.
	In October	In first Ten months	
1926	\$14,614,543	\$134,862,844	149.5
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	153.9
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	160.6
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	166.8
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	162.0
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	187.0
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	215.5

The total for the elapsed months of 1926 was 23.0 p.c. higher than in the January - October period in 1925; it was also 5.8 p.c. greater than in 1922, the previous high level since the war, and 36.1 p.c. above the total for the first ten months of 1921, when building was at its lowest level in the post-war period. The cost of building, as indicated by the index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, this year has averaged lower than in any other year of the same period.

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	October, 1926	September, 1926	October, 1925
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	123,471	326,130	22,183
x Halifax	103,786	323,955	16,945
New Glasgow	435	675	Nil
x Sydney	19,250	1,500	5,238
New Brunswick	22,000	40,405	44,905
Fredericton	Nil	1,200	3,600
x Moncton	7,050	13,205	805
x St. John	14,950	26,000	40,500
Quebec	5,076,341	2,548,709	3,739,782
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	4,364,120	2,002,400	2,988,941
x Quebec	317,071	236,614	176,741
Shawinigan Falls	33,600	66,705	148,100
x Sherbrooke	82,700	34,500	57,700
x Three Rivers	137,550	58,015	51,150
x Westmount	141,300	150,475	317,150
Ontario	6,862,734	5,389,584	4,777,087
Belleville	11,575	4,700	11,925
x Brantford	29,046	46,005	13,615
Chatham	9,025	4,650	4,200
x Fort William	31,800	118,330	47,915
Galt	8,818	9,660	7,281
x Guelph	16,180	51,481	18,580
x Hamilton	268,500	196,500	183,550
x Kingston	36,251	23,878	19,831
x Kitchener	85,248	100,372	123,164
x London	128,500	118,100	189,235
Niagara Falls	108,660	105,470	106,045
Oshawa	112,300	160,560	22,465
x Ottawa	359,305	305,600	305,498
Owen Sound	13,100	5,015	1,000
x Peterborough	74,394	14,360	31,300
x Port Arthur	79,652	23,308	7,365
x Stratford	6,795	56,029	33,190
x St. Catharines	95,428	80,888	57,585
x St. Thomas	3,865	6,905	8,570
Sarnia	64,680	52,800	62,345
Sault Ste. Marie	29,333	20,298	14,065
x Toronto	3,832,558	2,589,075	2,051,735
York and East York Townships	600,790	414,275	690,850
Welland	29,190	25,190	16,635
x Windsor	439,450	462,978	303,707
Ford	92,100	157,850	107,065
Riverside	18,050	45,630	21,500
Sandwich	119,500	101,500	169,675
Walkerville	120,000	78,000	136,000
Woodstock	38,641	10,177	11,196
Manitoba	450,510	456,060	297,391
x Brandon	8,200	1,960	2,521
St. Boniface	35,810	18,700	95,070
x Winnipeg	406,500	435,400	199,800
Saskatchewan	379,468	574,901	224,985
x Moose Jaw	5,886	75,250	6,820
x Regina	184,127	255,590	76,445
x Saskatoon	189,455	244,061	141,720
Alberta	332,620	191,525	188,685
x Calgary	174,910	105,485	88,885
x Edmonton	130,260	75,155	95,800
Lethbridge	27,450	10,885	335
Medicine Hat	Nil	Nil	3,665
British Columbia	1,367,399	1,509,045	2,017,626
Kamloops	Nil	50,860	22,275
Nanaimo	4,550	4,100	2,200
x New Westminster	63,790	97,301	47,525
Prince Rupert	32,800	11,150	875,125
x Vancouver	641,035	746,832	605,430
Point Gray	463,350	411,450	339,700
North Vancouver	36,838	18,052	18,125
South Vancouver	84,250	144,700	66,275
x Victoria	40,786	24,600	40,971
Total - 63 Cities	14,614,543	11,036,359	11,312,644
Total - 35 Cities	12,519,698	9,102,107	8,355,927

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