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

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued during November as compared with October, but the total was considerably higher than in the corresponding month of 1925. Sixty-three cities authorized building valued at \$9,968,937, as compared with \$14,614,543 in the preceding month and \$7,988,765 in November of last year. The decrease in the first comparison was \$4,645,606 or 31.8 p.c., while the increase in the latter, more significant comparison totalled \$1,980,162 or 24.8 p.c.

Some fifty cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued over 1,000 permits for dwellings estimated to cost nearly \$5,300,000, and more than 2,000 other buildings valued at approximately \$4,200,000. In October, the construction of about 1,300 dwellings and nearly 2,900 other buildings was authorized at the estimated cost of approximately \$6,500,000 and \$7,700,000, respectively.

There were reductions in all provinces as compared with October, 1926, those of \$2,066,077 or 40.7 p.c. in Quebec and \$1,504,542 or 21.9 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

Increases were recorded in all provinces as compared with November, 1925, Ontario reporting the greatest gain of \$1,381,927, or 34.8 p.c.

Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed losses as compared with the preceding month, but increases over November of last year. In Westmount, Brantford, Chatham, Fort William, London, St. Catharines, Lethbridge, Kamloops and South Vancouver, there were gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1926.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920. The January-November 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 Eleven Months
	In November	In First Eleven Months	
1926	\$ 9,968,937	\$ 144,831,781	149.3
1925	7,988,765	117,665,590	153.5
1924	10,212,908	120,119,829	159.8
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	166.9
1922	11,182,030	138,698,005	162.0
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084	185.0
1920	5,627,949	112,175,268	215.3

The January-November total this year was 23.1 p.c. higher than in the same months of 1925; it was also 4.4 p.c. greater than in 1922, the previous high level, and 30.2 p.c. higher than in 1921, when building was at its lowest level since the end of the war. The cost of building, as indicated by the average of index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, has been lower in 1926 than in any other of the last seven years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during October and November, 1926, and November, 1925. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "X".

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

Cities	November, 1926	October, 1926	November, 1925
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	28,295	123,471	24,715
x Halifax	14,595	103,786	23,825
Now Glasgow	100	435	Nil
x Sydney	13,600	19,250	890
New Brunswick	11,705	22,000	4,760
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	1,850	7,050	1,760
x St. John	9,855	14,950	3,000
Quebec	3,010,264	5,076,341	2,686,945
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,332,789	4,364,120	2,331,420
x Quebec	205,175	317,071	165,210
Shawinigan Falls	8,300	33,600	Nil
x Sherbrooke	33,900	82,700	29,150
x Three Rivers	106,025	137,550	97,365
x Westmount	324,075	141,300	63,800
Ontario	5,358,192	6,862,734	3,976,265
Belleville	7,950	11,575	2,200
x Brantford	47,305	29,046	4,198
Chatham	31,200	9,025	16,278
x Fort William	74,400	31,800	45,725
Galt	925	8,318	700
x Guelph	19,490	16,180	31,410
x Hamilton	217,150	268,500	185,430
x Kingston	9,610	36,251	29,663
x Kit chener	47,032	85,248	103,911
x London	837,585	128,500	159,045
Niagara Falls	97,185	108,660	88,435
Oshawa	80,900	112,300	30,075
x Ottawa	153,990	359,305	92,945
Owen Sound	3,625	13,100	6,060
x Peterborough	25,140	74,394	11,660
x Port Arthur	13,558	79,652	13,334
x Stratford	6,115	6,795	18,945
x St. Catharines	345,265	95,428	64,953
x St. Thomas	1,300	3,865	10,700
Sarnia	51,955	64,600	46,495
Sault Ste. Marie	2,793	29,333	10,993
x Toronto	2,258,645	3,832,558	1,776,468
York and East York Townships	395,000	600,790	583,300
Welland	11,515	29,190	8,820
x Windsor	338,775	439,450	423,290
Ferd	87,810	92,100	80,975
Riverside	20,700	18,050	39,000
Sandwich	102,300	119,500	9,000
Walkerville	63,000	120,000	59,000
Woodstock	5,974	38,641	3,257
Manitoba	205,140	450,510	194,075
x Brandon	210	8,200	900
St. Boniface	29,930	35,810	31,325
x Winnipeg	175,000	406,500	161,850
Saskatchewan	109,130	379,468	73,150
x Moose Jaw	1,495	5,386	745
x Regina	57,835	184,127	49,440
x Saskatoon	49,800	189,455	22,965
Alberta	217,701	332,620	183,591
x Calgary	110,230	174,910	125,825
x Edmonton	60,435	130,260	49,245
Lethbridge	47,036	27,450	4,935
Medicine Hat	Nil	Nil	3,586
British Columbia	1,028,510	1,367,399	845,264
Kamloops	18,472	Nil	Nil
Nanaimo	Nil	4,550	1,000
x New Westminster	24,610	63,790	138,113
Prince Rupert	10,080	32,800	13,105
x Vancouver	408,840	641,035	355,660
Point Grey	419,300	463,350	233,600
North Vancouver	24,612	36,838	19,300
South Vancouver	84,700	84,250	41,250
x Victoria	37,896	40,786	43,236
Total - 63 Cities	9,968,937	14,614,543	7,988,765
x Total - 35 Cities	8,363,575	12,519,698	6,636,076

