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Chief, General Statistics: S. A. Cudmore, M.A., F.S.S.BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1926, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER,
1926, AND DECEMBER, 1925, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR YEARS 1920-26.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities in December, 1926, was the highest for that month since this record was begun in 1920, there being authorizations valued at \$11,472,131. This was an increase of 15.1 p.c. over the November total of \$9,968,937 and of 55.8 p.c. as compared with the aggregate of \$7,363,777 in December, 1925.

Detailed statements were received from some fifty cities, showing that they had issued over 500 permits for dwellings valued at almost \$3,300,000 and nearly 900 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of approximately \$7,000,000. During November, the construction was authorized of over 1,000 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, estimated to cost nearly \$5,300,000 and \$4,200,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, Quebec registered an increase of \$4,054,818 or 134.7 p.c. in the value of the building permits issued. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, those of \$2,096,930 or 39.1 p.c. in Ontario and \$172,990 or 84.3 p.c. in Manitoba were the largest.

As compared with December, 1925, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of building authorized, Quebec again showing the most marked gain of \$4,882,070 or 223.6 p.c. The other provinces reported reductions in the value of building authorized, that in Ontario of \$910,650, or 21.8 p.c., being the largest.

Montreal registered an important increase in the building permits issued; the December total was the greatest registered in any month of 1926 and was also larger than in December of any other year since 1910. Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver reported declines as compared with the preceding month and also as compared with the same month in 1925. Ottawa, Windsor, Kamloops, New Westminster and Prince Rupert recorded increases in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1926.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during the month of December, 1926, and also in the twelve months of each year since 1920; the 1926 figures are unrevised, while for the preceding years the statistics are revised. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials for those years are also given (1913 = 100).

| Year | Value of Permits Issued | | Average Indexes of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials |
|------|-------------------------|------------------|---|
| | In December | In Twelve Months | |
| 1926 | \$ 11,472,131 | 156,303,912 | 149.2 |
| 1925 | 7,363,777 | 125,029,367 | 153.7 |
| 1924 | 6,463,319 | 126,583,148 | 159.1 |
| 1923 | 6,974,256 | 133,521,621 | 166.8 |
| 1922 | 9,517,402 | 148,215,407 | 162.2 |
| 1921 | 5,537,330 | 116,794,414 | 183.2 |
| 1920 | 4,844,354 | 117,019,622 | 214.9 |

The December total for the 63 cities was the highest in the record, as shown above, while for the 35 cities it was higher than in any other year of the record, except 1912, when the total was \$12,450,215.

Unrevised statistics for 1926 show that the last year's aggregate was greater than in any other of the six preceding years, exceeding the previous high level in 1922 by 5.5 p.c. The twelve months' total for the 35 cities was exceeded only three times, in 1911, 1912 and 1913, since the record was begun in 1910.

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

| Cities | December 1926 | November, 1926 | December, 1925 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Nova Scotia | 18,917 | 28,295 | 35,685 |
| x Halifax | 8,365 | 14,595 | 24,995 |
| New Glasgow | 500 | 100 | 100 |
| x Sydney | 10,052 | 13,600 | 10,590 |
| New Brunswick | 10,800 | 11,705 | 10,500 |
| Fredericton | - | Nil | Nil |
| x Moncton | 3,800 | 1,850 | 6,000 |
| x Saint John | 7,000 | 9,855 | 4,500 |
| Quebec | 7,065,082 | 3,010,264 | 2,183,012 |
| x Montreal - x Maisonneuve | 6,890,170 | 2,332,789 | 2,021,000 |
| x Quebec | 47,522 | 205,175 | 26,890 |
| Shawinigan Falls | 1,300 | 8,300 | 925 |
| x Sherbrooke | 2,350 | 33,900 | 69,300 |
| x Three Rivers | 82,765 | 106,025 | 16,585 |
| x Westmount | 40,975 | 324,075 | 48,312 |
| Ontario | 3,261,262 | 5,358,192 | 4,171,912 |
| Belleville | 4,700 | 7,950 | 31,200 |
| x Brantford | 11,700 | 47,305 | 10,360 |
| Chatham | 4,450 | 31,200 | 38,700 |
| x Fort William | 26,205 | 74,400 | 28,350 |
| Galt | 565 | 925 | 4,818 |
| x Guelph | 2,260 | 19,490 | 8,505 |
| x Hamilton | 186,100 | 217,150 | 110,150 |
| x Kingston | 810 | 9,610 | 116,250 |
| x Kitchener | 60,263 | 47,032 | 106,000 |
| x London | 114,415 | 837,585 | 320,260 |
| Niagara Falls | 21,608 | 97,185 | 42,375 |
| Oshawa | 29,180 | 80,900 | 4,735 |
| x Ottawa | 604,080 | 153,990 | 61,100 |
| Owen Sound | 5,200 | 3,625 | Nil |
| x Peterborough | 18,315 | 25,140 | 6,725 |
| x Port Arthur | 1,740 | 13,558 | 2,611 |
| x Stratford | 765 | 6,115 | 560 |
| x St. Catharines | 21,970 | 345,265 | 17,205 |
| x St. Thomas | 2,200 | 1,300 | 1,075 |
| Sarnia | 17,825 | 51,955 | 74,445 |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 1,435 | 2,793 | 1,275 |
| x Toronto | 1,240,785 | 2,258,645 | 2,495,628 |
| York and East York Townships | 143,225 | 395,000 | 385,625 |
| Welland | 1,365 | 11,515 | 7,635 |
| x Windsor | 611,255 | 338,775 | 164,775 |
| Ford | 59,000 | 87,810 | 37,050 |
| Riverside | 27,400 | 20,700 | 38,500 |
| Sandwich | 26,700 | 102,300 | 36,000 |
| Walkerville | 15,000 | 63,000 | 20,000 |
| Woodstock | 745 | 5,974 | Nil |
| Manitoba | 32,150 | 205,140 | 73,000 |
| x Brandon | 8,425 | 210 | 500 |
| St. Boniface | 6,175 | 29,930 | 7,700 |
| x Winnipeg | 17,550 | 175,000 | 64,800 |
| Saskatchewan | 10,400 | 109,130 | 119,655 |
| x Moose Jaw | 600 | 1,495 | 2,060 |
| x Regina | 2,800 | 57,835 | 67,000 |
| x Saskatoon | 7,000 | 49,800 | 50,595 |
| Alberta | 87,850 | 217,701 | 43,450 |
| x Calgary | 39,900 | 110,230 | 32,070 |
| x Edmonton | 38,950 | 60,435 | 5,235 |
| Lethbridge | Nil | 47,036 | 5,945 |
| Medicine Hat | 9,000 | Nil | 200 |
| British Columbia | 985,670 | 1,028,510 | 726,563 |
| Kamloops | 42,594 | 18,472 | 1,575 |
| Nanaimo | 2,960 | Nil | 3,286 |
| x New Westminster | 38,425 | 24,610 | 30,925 |
| Prince Rupert | 22,340 | 10,080 | 14,650 |
| x Vancouver | 408,175 | 408,840 | 429,452 |
| Point Grey | 371,700 | 419,300 | 148,900 |
| North Vancouver | 16,001 | 24,612 | 20,450 |
| South Vancouver | 70,320 | 84,700 | 43,740 |
| x Victoria | 13,155 | 37,896 | 33,585 |
| Total - 63 Cities | 11,472,131 | 9,968,937 | 7,363,777 |
| Total - 35 Cities | 10,570,842 | 8,363,575 | 6,393,948 |