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

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during September showed a seasonal reduction of 7.1 p.c. as compared with August, but in the more significant comparison with September of last year there was an increase of 8.8 p.c. The total for the month under review was \$11,036,359, while in the preceding month building valued at \$11,874,552 was authorized, and in the corresponding month in 1925, the aggregate was \$10,140,853.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued over 1,200 permits for dwellings estimated to cost nearly \$5,400,000 and more than 2,900 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$5,600,000. During August, permits were issued for almost 1,250 dwellings and over 2,500 other buildings, estimated to cost \$5,000,000 and \$6,500,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario recorded increases in the value of the permits issued during September as compared with August, that of \$517,953, or 25.5 p.c. in Quebec being the largest absolute gain. Of the losses elsewhere, that of \$1,478,119 or 72.0 p.c. in Saskatchewan was the most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1925, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan registered increases in the value of building authorized; Ontario reported the greatest absolute gain, of \$910,543 or 20.3 p.c., but there was a larger proportionate increase, of \$292,412 or 367.2 p.c., in Nova Scotia. The remaining provinces recorded reductions, that in Quebec of \$261,820 or 9.3 p.c. being most marked.

Montreal showed an increase in the value of the building permits issued as compared with August, but a decline as compared with September, 1925. In Toronto and Vancouver there were gains in both comparisons, while Winnipeg registered losses as compared with both the preceding month and the same month of last year. Halifax, Shawinigan Falls, Westmount, Brantford, Guelph, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sault Ste Marie, Welland, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster and South Vancouver reported gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1926.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during September and in the first nine months of each year since 1920. The January-September 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 nine months.
	In September	In First Nine Months	
1926	\$ 11,036,359	\$ 120,248,301	149.7
1925	10,140,853	98,364,181	154.0
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	161.5
1923	10,768,898	108,319,972	166.8
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	161.9
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	189.3
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	215.1

The total for the first nine months of this year was 22.2 p.c. higher than in 1925; it was also 3.0 p.c. greater than in 1922, the previous high level since the war, and 35.8 p.c. above the 1921 low mark. The index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials have averaged lower during 1926 than in any other year since 1920.

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

Cities	September 1926	August 1926	September 1925
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ Nil	12,000	\$ 4,000
Nova Scotia	326,130	36,115	33,718
x Halifax	323,955	28,270	30,170
New Glasgow	675	1,730	1,120
x Sydney	1,500	6,115	2,428
New Brunswick	40,405	84,300	121,505
Fredericton	1,200	Nil	2,000
x Moncton	10,205	17,000	104,005
x Saint John	26,000	67,300	15,500
Quebec	2,518,709	2,030,756	2,810,529
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,007,400	1,578,081	2,150,910
x Quebec	236,614	155,010	328,994
Shawinigan Falls	66,705	11,300	11,300
x Sherbrooke	24,500	20,500	102,600
x Three Rivers	158,015	139,830	113,725
x Westmount	150,475	133,075	147,000
Ontario	5,389,584	5,152,757	4,479,041
Belleville	4,700	14,600	16,700
x Brantford	46,005	14,820	8,362
Chatham	4,650	10,100	26,505
x Fort William	118,330	336,480	41,820
Galt	9,660	19,200	2,910
x Guelph	51,481	17,960	44,698
x Hamilton	196,500	194,700	191,900
x Kingston	23,878	23,589	53,171
x Kitchener	100,372	110,830	104,654
x London	118,100	151,900	152,635
Niagara Falls	105,470	88,330	66,995
Oshawa	160,560	120,320	64,700
x Ottawa	305,600	161,625	309,075
Owen Sound	10,015	3,200	3,400
x Peterborough	14,360	53,395	24,760
x Port Arthur	33,308	45,743	56,370
x Stratford	56,029	36,680	18,730
x St. Catharines	80,888	62,325	34,975
x St. Thomas	68,905	13,810	14,023
Sarnia	52,800	40,843	57,400
Sault Ste Marie	20,298	16,490	17,415
x Toronto	2,589,075	1,797,573	1,856,635
York and East York Townships	414,275	498,075	455,965
Welland	25,190	20,700	11,335
Windsor	462,978	616,825	386,267
Ford	157,350	186,850	175,500
Riverside	45,630	272,850	121,700
Sandwich	101,500	124,300	95,700
Walkerville	78,000	90,000	58,000
Woodstock	10,177	16,644	6,879
Manitoba	456,060	618,454	547,490
x Brandon	1,960	45,829	60
St. Boniface	18,700	60,825	56,730
x Winnipeg	435,400	511,800	490,700
Saskatchewan	574,901	2,053,020	234,740
x Moose Jaw	75,250	16,400	7,075
x Regina	255,590	1,811,350	144,895
x Saskatoon	244,061	225,270	82,770
Alberta	191,525	375,170	390,260
x Calgary	105,485	133,385	118,295
x Edmonton	75,155	232,495	247,510
Lethbridge	10,885	9,240	24,405
Medicine Hat	Nil	50	50
British Columbia	1,509,045	1,511,980	1,519,570
Kamloops	50,860	14,570	5,572
Nanaimo	4,100	1,925	800
x New Westminster	97,301	51,675	33,265
Prince Rupert	11,150	7,600	19,450
x Vancouver	746,832	695,530	674,055
Point Grey	411,450	503,400	546,900
North Vancouver	18,052	27,150	37,792
South Vancouver	144,700	139,900	137,675
x Victoria	24,600	70,230	64,061
Total - 63 Cities	11,036,359	11,874,552	10,140,853
x Total - 35 Cities	9,102,107	9,527,450	8,112,125

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