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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1927, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1927, AND OCTOBER, 1926, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920-1927.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during October was \$18,838,558; this was an increase of \$4,428,346 or 30.7 p.c. as compared with the September total of \$14,410,212, and of \$4,100,156 or 27.8 p.c. over the aggregate of \$14,738,402 for October, 1926. The value in the month under review was greater than in October of any other year for which statistics of these centres are available, while the cumulative total for the months of 1927 exceeds by almost \$26,000,000 that for the same months in 1926, the previous high level of this record, which was commenced in 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,600 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$8,800,000 and over 3,200 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$9,800,000. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,500 dwellings and 3,000 other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$7,000,000 in each case.

Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia registered increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1927, those of \$1,384,283 or 35.7 p.c. in Quebec, and \$2,981,952 or 41.7 p.c. in Ontario being most noteworthy.

As compared with October, 1926, there were gains in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. In this comparison also, Ontario recorded the greatest gain of \$3,172,902, or 45.6 p.c.

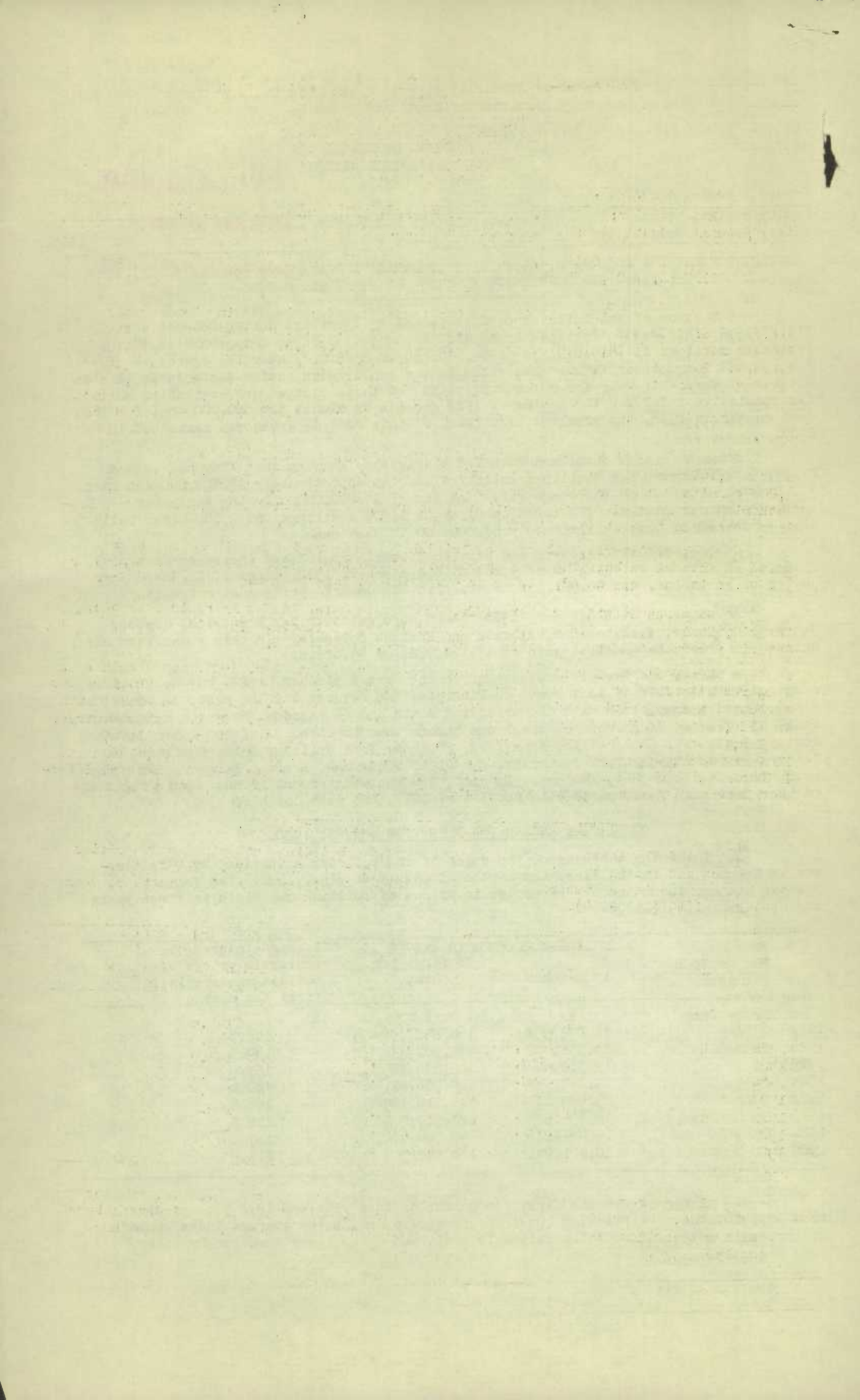
Montreal and Toronto showed improvement over September, 1927, but declines as compared with October of last year; in Winnipeg, the reverse was the case, as there was a reduction in comparison with the preceding month and an increase over the same month in 1926, while in Vancouver the total was higher than in either. Of the other centres, Quebec, Westmount, Belleville, Brantford, Chatham, Fort William, Galt, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, York Townships, Sandwich, Moose Jaw, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster and Prince Rupert registered increases both as compared with September, 1927, and with October, 1926.

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	
	\$	\$	
1927	18,838,558	160,858,088	147.6
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	149.5
1925	11,312,644	109,576,825	153.9
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	150.6
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 aggregate for the first ten months of this year was 19.2 p.c. greater than in 1926, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued to be lower than in any other year since 1920.



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

Cities	October, 1927	September, 1927	October, 1926
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	105,983	110,707	123,471
x Halifax	87,301	101,172	103,786
New Glasgow	600	2,235	435
x Sydney	18,082	7,300	19,250
New Brunswick	45,385	115,004	11,050
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	9,050	12,960	11,050
x Saint John	36,335	102,044	Nil
Quebec	5,263,247	3,878,960	5,106,141
x Montreal-Maisonneuve	3,715,774	2,635,295	4,764,120
x Quebec	680,599	508,420	317,071
Shawinigan Falls	22,120	29,125	63,600
x Sherbrooke	26,300	35,100	82,500
x Three Rivers	70,725	87,650	137,550
x Westmount	745,725	583,370	141,300
Ontario	10,135,736	7,153,784	6,962,874
Belleville	21,550	14,725	11,575
x Brantford	54,330	43,265	29,046
Chatham	26,425	15,250	9,025
x Fort William	62,850	56,150	31,800
Galt	18,383	14,500	8,818
x Guelph	45,589	65,388	16,180
x Hamilton	435,800	244,750	268,500
x Kingston	26,283	10,870	36,251
x Kitchener	154,435	181,875	85,248
x London	321,030	408,825	123,500
Niagara Falls	207,160	38,627	108,660
Oshawa	520,973	775,490	112,300
x Ottawa	3,191,410	609,465	359,405
Owen Sound	12,050	2,525	13,100
x Peterborough	22,335	16,630	74,394
x Port Arthur	30,050	126,300	79,652
x Stratford	14,650	17,495	6,795
x St. Catharines	62,649	130,390	95,428
x St. Thomas	3,095	12,215	3,865
Sarnia	40,210	130,983	64,680
Sault Ste Marie	29,152	24,640	29,333
x Toronto	3,733,986	2,761,272	3,932,558
York and East York Townships	698,420	619,100	600,790
Welland	19,630	83,455	29,190
x Windsor	74,933	464,170	439,450
Ford	53,125	114,700	92,100
Riverside	3,450	62,575	18,050
Sandwich	127,575	22,695	119,500
Walkerville	110,000	78,000	120,000
Woodstock	13,602	7,459	38,241
Manitoba	503,636	855,191	450,712
x Brandon	8,741	7,181	8,402
St. Boniface	49,695	87,960	35,810
x Winnipeg	445,600	760,050	406,500
Saskatchewan	436,425	447,157	379,468
x Moose Jaw	106,925	86,617	5,886
x Regina	207,800	176,925	184,127
x Saskatoon	121,700	183,615	189,455
Alberta	628,952	350,042	332,620
x Calgary	255,162	168,627	174,910
x Edmonton	174,420	167,180	130,260
Lethbridge	195,015	12,380	27,450
Medicine Hat	4,355	1,855	Nil
British Columbia	1,719,198	1,409,367	1,372,106
Kamloops	24,385	Nil	Nil
Nanaimo	12,800	3,597	4,550
x New Westminster	166,750	65,060	63,790
Prince Rupert	101,780	37,350	30,840
x Vancouver	901,205	850,480	641,035
East Vancouver	336,780	332,150	463,350
North Vancouver	15,320	18,700	25,838
South Vancouver	91,550	120,740	84,250
x Victoria	69,028	71,290	47,457
Total - 63 Cities	18,838,568	14,410,212	14,738,402
x Total - 35 Cities	16,082,847	11,759,396	12,615,517

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