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

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The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during November was \$12,849,089. This was a seasonal decline of \$5,989,469 or 31.8 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$18,838,558, but an increase of \$2,873,638 or 28.8 p.c. over the aggregate of \$9,975,451 for November, 1926. The total for November of this year was rather greater than in the same month of any other year for which statistics for the 63 centres are available. The cumulative value for the elapsed eleven months of 1927 exceeds by nearly \$29,000,000 that for the corresponding months in 1926, the previous high level of this eight years' record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,200 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$6,000,000 and about 2,300 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$6,700,000. During October, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,600 dwellings and 3,200 other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$3,800,000 and \$9,800,000. respectively.

All provinces showed reductions in the value of the permits issued as compared with October, those of \$3,653,420 or 36.0 p.c. and \$1,122.154 or 21.3 p.c. in Ontario and Quebec, respectively, being most pronounced.

As compared with November, 1926, all provinces except Alberta reported increases, of which that of \$1,130,825 or 27.3 p.c. in Quebec was most noteworthy.

The four largest centres, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, recorded seasonal declines as compared with the preceding month, but increases over November of a year ago. Of the other cities, Sherbrooke, Galt, Hamilton, Kingston, Port Arthur, Sarnia, Windsor, Riverside, St. Boniface, Saskatoon, Medicine Hat, and South Vancouver reported higher totals of building permits issued than in either October, 1927, or November, 1926.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1927.

The following table shows 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 index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in those years are also given (1913=100).

Year	Value of permits issued		Average indexes of
		In first eleven	wholesale prices of
	In November	months	building materials in
	the state of the s		first eleven months
	\$	\$	
1927	12,849,089	173,707,177	147.7
1926	9,975,451	144,877,789	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 aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was 19.8 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 year since 1920.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities in October and November, 1927, and November, 1926. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 63 Cities
Cities November, 1927 October, 1927 November, 1926 Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown Total - 63 Cities 12,849,089 18,838,558 9,975,451 x Total - 35 Cities 10,984,933 16,082,847 8,367,689



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