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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1927, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR
 NOVEMBER, 1927, AND DECEMBER, 1926, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR YEARS 1920-7.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities in December, 1927, was the highest for that month since this record was begun in 1920, the authorizations being valued at \$11,744,094; This was a seasonal decrease of 8.6 p.c. as compared with the November total of \$12,849,089, but an increase of 2.0 p.c. as compared with the aggregate of \$11,508,818 in December, 1926, the previous high level for the month.

Detailed statements were received from some fifty cities, showing that they had issued over 550 permits for dwellings valued at more than \$3,400,000 and about 1,200 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of approximately \$7,000,000. During November, the construction was authorized of some 1,200 dwellings and 2,300 other buildings, estimated to cost nearly \$6,000,000 and \$6,700,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, British Columbia registered an increase of \$675,721 or 48.7 p.c. in the value of the building permits issued. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, those of \$724,207 or 17.5 p.c. in Quebec and \$493,670 or 7.6 p.c. in Ontario were the largest.

As compared with December, 1926, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of building authorized, Ontario showing the most marked gain of \$2,697,364 or 82.0 p.c. The other provinces reported reductions in the value of building authorized, that of \$3,648,200 or 51.6 p.c. in Quebec being the greatest.

Montreal registered a decrease in the building permits issued as compared with November, and also as compared with the exceptionally high total of December, 1926. In Toronto and Vancouver there were increases in both comparisons, while Winnipeg showed a loss in the former and a gain in the latter. Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Chatham, Sarnia, Brandon, Moose Jaw and Victoria recorded increases in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1927.

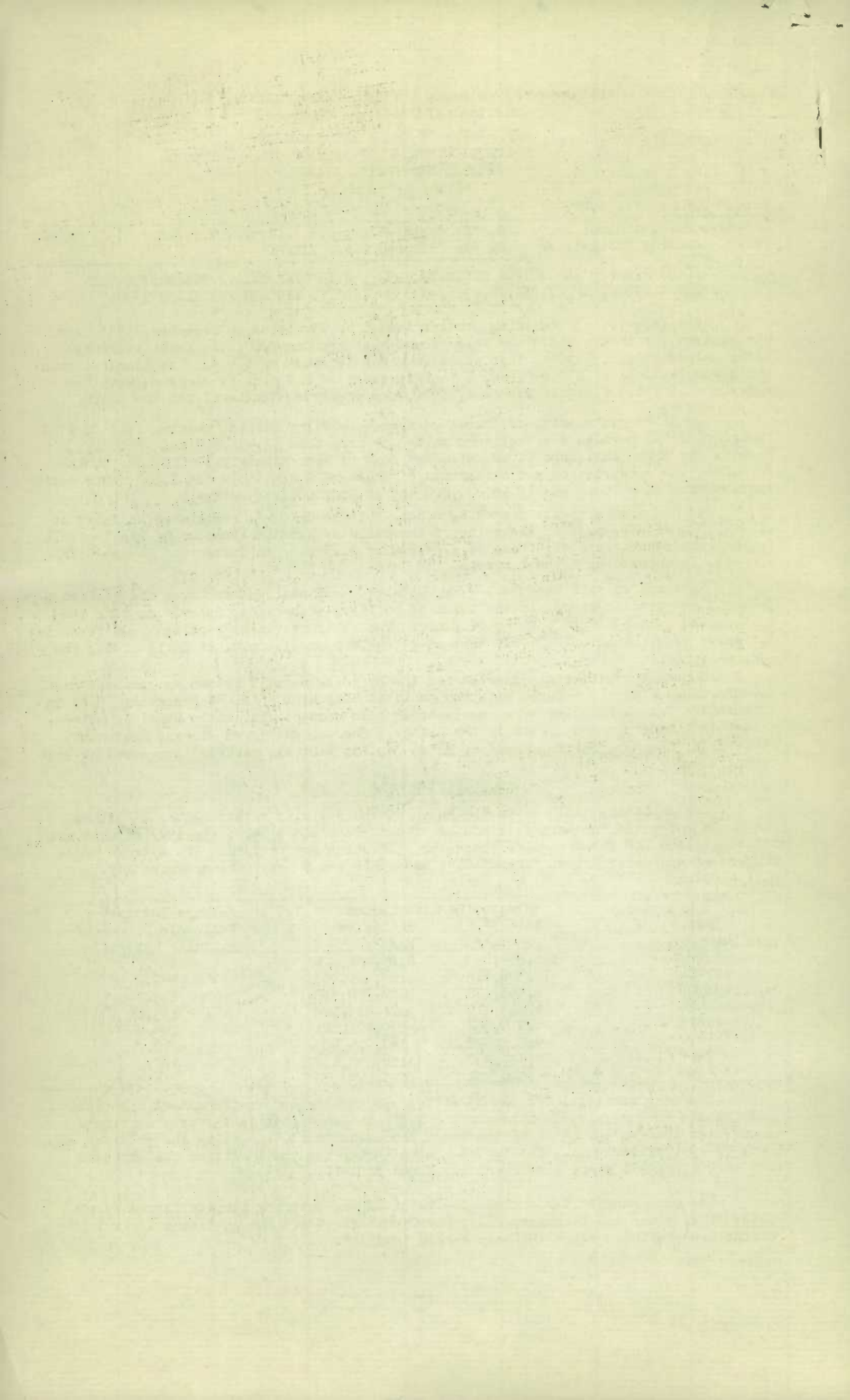
The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during December and in the twelve months of each year since 1920; the 1927 figures are unrevised, while for the preceding years the statistics are revised. The average index numbers of wholesale prices for building materials 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	
1927	\$11,744,094	\$185,451,271	147.7
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	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 the unrevised statistics for 1927 also show that last year's aggregate was greater than in any other of the seven preceding years, exceeding the previous high level of 1926 by 18.6 p.c. The twelve months' total for the 35 cities was exceeded only once (in 1913) since the record was begun in 1910.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities in November and December, 1927, and December, 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	December, 1927	November, 1927	December, 1926
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	\$ Nil	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	29,335	67,583	18,917
x Halifax	29,335	57,403	8,365
New Glasgow	Nil	730	500
x Sydney	Nil	9,450	10,052
New Brunswick	9,025	16,945	10,800
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	1,250	1,450	3,800
x Saint John	7,775	15,495	7,000
Quebec	3,416,882	4,141,089	7,065,082
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,431,225	3,537,955	6,890,170
x Quebec	27,275	348,584	47,522
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	9,500	1,300
x Sherbrooke	65,000	49,100	2,350
x Three Rivers	769,375	102,275	82,765
x Westmount	124,007	93,705	40,975
Ontario	5,988,646	6,482,316	3,291,282
Belleville	536,550	13,075	4,700
x Brantford	6,585	31,276	11,700
Chatham	51,900	12,450	34,450
x Fort William	8,200	40,850	26,205
Galt	2,500	20,800	565
x Guelph	3,295	27,235	2,260
x Hamilton	185,000	479,700	186,100
x Kingston	955	182,921	810
x Kitchener	13,162	71,188	60,263
x London	63,260	246,585	114,415
Niagara Falls	43,540	111,575	21,608
Oshawa	278,875	361,635	29,179
x Ottawa	491,720	288,830	604,080
Owen Sound	1,000	3,500	5,200
x Peterborough	9,525	24,485	18,315
x Port Arthur	12,909	37,131	1,740
x Stratford	2,300	14,095	765
x St. Catharines	84,915	87,198	21,970
x St. Thomas	550	3,475	2,220
Sarnia	75,765	57,452	17,825
Sault Ste. Marie	1,740	9,315	1,435
x Toronto	3,330,107	3,011,568	1,240,785
York & East York Townships	237,850	623,525	143,225
Welland	8,515	4,520	1,365
x Windsor	410,625	496,328	611,255
Ferd	17,800	47,650	59,000
Riverside	25,825	43,725	27,400
Sandwich	11,050	33,100	26,700
Walkerville	49,000	91,000	15,000
Woodstock	23,628	6,129	746
Manitoba	106,352	354,460	32,150
x Brandon	30,000	4,900	8,425
St. Boniface	11,602	50,610	6,175
x Winnipeg	64,750	298,950	17,550
Saskatchewan	78,900	212,120	10,400
x Moose Jaw	29,800	6,145	600
x Regina	8,450	52,400	2,800
x Saskatoon	40,650	153,575	7,000
Alberta	50,563	185,906	87,850
x Calgary	39,613	103,306	39,900
x Edmonton	3,025	51,770	38,950
Lethbridge	7,700	12,370	Nil
Medicine Hat	225	18,460	9,000
British Columbia	2,064,391	1,388,670	992,337
Kamloops	320	Nil	42,594
Nanaimo	Nil	2,950	2,960
x New Westminster	12,150	20,600	38,425
Prince Rupert	12,900	6,775	22,340
x Vancouver	968,385	625,370	408,175
Point Grey	124,300	185,880	371,700
North Vancouver	8,450	11,280	16,001
South Vancouver	30,950	126,150	70,320
x Victoria	906,936	409,665	19,822
Total- 63 Cities	11,744,094	12,849,089	11,508,818
x Total- 35 Cities	10,182,107	10,984,933	10,577,529

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