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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1928, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1928, AND OCTOBER, 1927, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920-1928.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 63 cities during October was \$21,508,672; this was an increase of \$206,387 or nearly 1 p.c. as compared with the September total of <sup>1/</sup>\$21,302,285, and of \$2,660,653, or 14.1 p.c., over the aggregate of \$18,848,019 for <sup>other</sup> October, 1927. The value in the month under review was greater than in October of any <sup>other</sup> year for which statistics of these centres are available, while the cumulative total for the elapsed <sup>10</sup> months of 1928 exceeds by nearly \$28,000,000 that for the same months in 1927, the previous high level of this record, which was commenced in 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 1,300 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$7,800,000 and about 3,500 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$11,700,000. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,200 dwellings and 3,000 other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$6,700,000 and \$13,500,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan registered increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1928, that of \$2,279,554, or 27.0 p.c., in Ontario being most noteworthy.

In the more significant comparison with October, 1927, there were gains in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. In this comparison, Saskatchewan recorded the greatest gain, of \$1,414,750, or 324.2 p.c.

Toronto and Winnipeg showed improvement over both September, 1928, and October, 1927; in Montreal, there was a reduction in comparison with the preceding month, but an increase over the same month in 1927; while in Vancouver the total was lower than in either comparison. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Moncton, Quebec, Guelph, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, York Townships, Windsor, Ford, Sandwich, Woodstock, Brandon, St. Boniface, Regina and Edmonton registered increases as compared with September, 1928, and October, 1927.

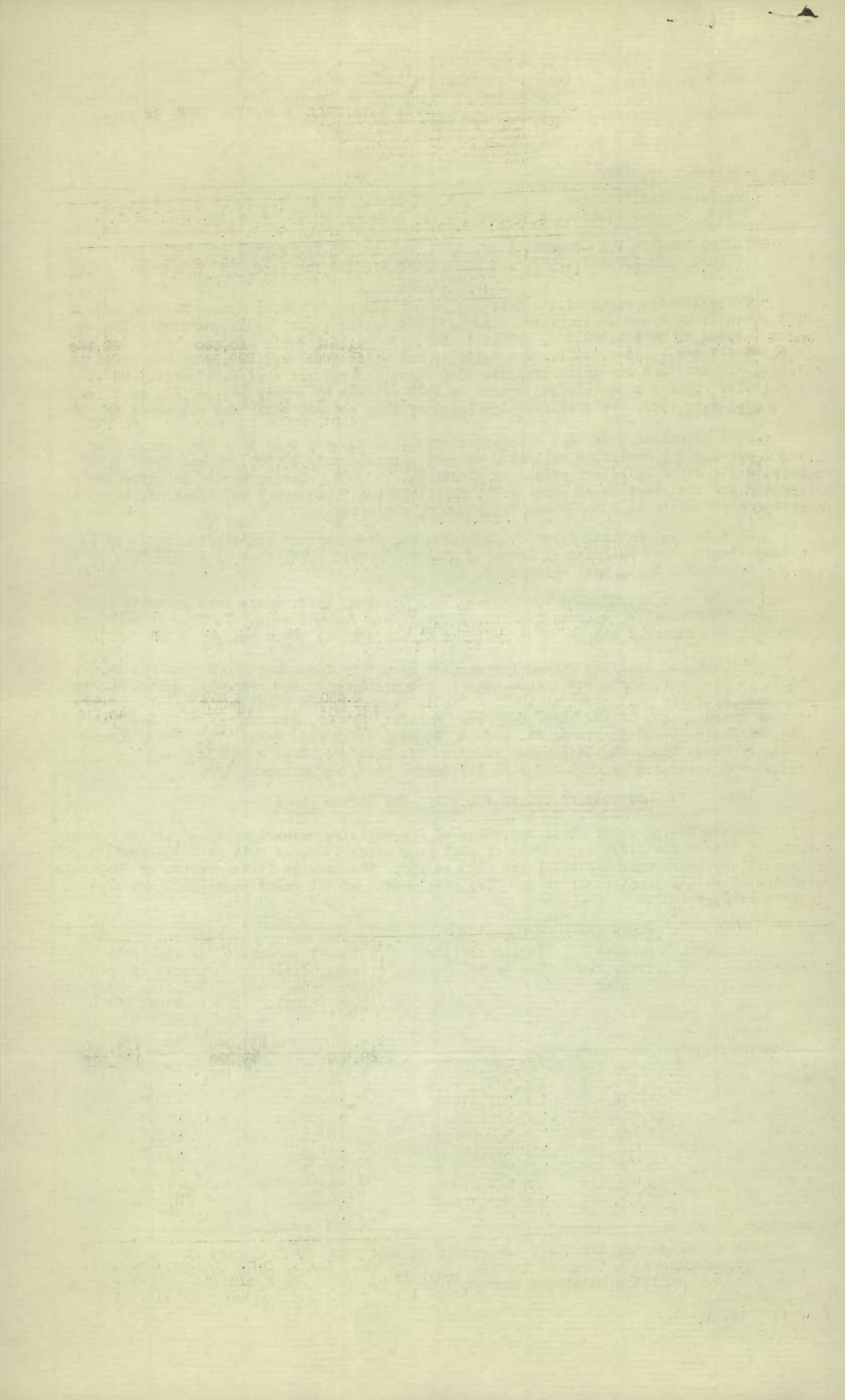
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1928.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during October and in the first ten months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first ten months of the years since 1920 are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued in October	Value of permits issued in first ten months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first ten months, (1920 = 100).	Average Indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months (1913 = 100).
1928	\$ 21,508,672	\$ 187,697,420	176.2	149.2
1927	18,848,019	160,000,554	150.2	147.6
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	126.6	149.5
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	102.9	153.9
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	103.2	160.6
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	111.0	166.8
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	119.7	162.0
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	93.7	187.0
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	100.0	215.5

The aggregate for the first ten months of this year was 17.3 p.c. greater than in 1927, 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, except 1927.

<sup>1/</sup> Revised total.  
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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	October, 1928	September, 1928	October, 1927
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	299,844	72,545	106,283
x Halifax	223,917	43,845	87,301
New Glasgow	680	20,150	900
x Sydney	75,247	8,550	18,082
New Brunswick	72,830	80,684	45,572
Fredericton	-	-	187
x Moncton	23,985	11,493	9,050
x Saint John	48,845	69,191	36,335
Quebec	5,545,895	5,225,772	5,263,243
x Montreal-xMaisonneuve	3,808,675	4,056,788	3,715,774
x Quebec	790,815	543,134	680,599
Shawinigan Falls	11,680	60,000	22,120
x Sherbrooke	186,800	229,900	26,300
x Three Rivers	39,475	120,800	72,725
x Westmount	708,450	215,150	745,725
Ontario	10,720,484	8,440,930	10,135,736
Belleville	18,000	4,450	21,550
x Brantford	148,348	175,548	54,330
Chatham	27,700	73,550	26,425
x Fort William	32,650	156,140	62,850
Galt	26,831	48,962	18,383
x Guelph	68,955	29,095	45,589
x Hamilton	442,750	708,350	435,800
x Kingston	35,228	67,680	26,283
x Kitchener	81,456	106,105	154,435
x London	149,225	214,065	321,030
Niagara Falls	1,092,430	142,725	207,160
Oshawa	364,133	168,130	520,973
x Ottawa	264,760	284,210	3,191,410
Owen Sound	5,150	8,500	12,050
x Peterborough	39,720	256,105	22,335
x Port Arthur	44,910	90,641	30,050
x Stratford	19,583	20,651	14,650
x St. Catharines	538,605	64,215	62,649
x St. Thomas	8,250	3,269	3,695
Sarnia	137,903	14,354	40,210
Sault Ste. Marie	33,261	31,163	29,152
x Toronto	4,805,329	4,085,590	3,733,986
York and East York Townships	1,020,010	854,608	698,420
Welland	15,730	12,435	19,630
x Windsor	831,295	566,660	74,933
Tord	61,200	53,300	53,125
Riverside	18,300	35,700	3,450
Sandwich	216,850	13,100	127,575
Walkerville	124,000	124,000	110,000
Woodstock	47,922	27,629	13,608
Manitoba	1,210,310	1,051,260	504,277
x Brandon	34,520	11,530	8,982
St. Boniface	68,040	51,880	49,695
x Winnipeg	1,107,750	987,850	445,600
Saskatchewan	1,851,175	1,431,788	436,425
x Moose Jaw	17,370	172,213	106,925
x Regina	1,181,105	524,720	207,800
x Saskatoon	652,700	734,855	121,700
Alberta	589,141	746,560	628,952
x Calgary	387,854	557,025	255,162
x Edmonton	175,840	133,940	174,420
Lethbridge	20,500	43,220	195,015
Medicine Hat	4,947	12,375	4,355
British Columbia	1,218,993	4,252,746	1,727,531
Kamloops	7,615	13,935	24,385
Nanaimo	2,077	3,300	12,800
x New Westminster	26,610	1,036,225	166,750
Prince Rupert	1/	2,089	101,380
x Vancouver	705,775	760,406	901,205
Point Grey	306,940	766,850	336,780
North Vancouver	6,570	8,305	15,320
South Vancouver	100,300	156,350	91,550
x Victoria	63,106	1,505,286	77,361
Total - 63 Cities	21,508,672	<sup>2/</sup> 21,302,285	18,848,019
x Total - 35 Cities	17,769,903	18,551,225	16,091,821

1/ Report not received.  
2/ Revised Total.

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