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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1928, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR NOVEMBER, 1928, AND DECEMBER, 1927, AND CUMULATIVE
FIGURES FOR THE YEARS 1920-1928.

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities in December, 1928, was the highest for that month since this record was begun in 1920, the authorizations being valued at \$16,742,139; this was an increase of 5.3 p.c. as compared with the November total of \$15,822,401 and of 42.4 p.c. over the aggregate of \$11,755,566 in December, 1927, the previous high level for the month.

Detailed statements were received from some 45 cities, showing that they had issued nearly 600 permits for dwellings valued at some \$3,000,000 and about 1,400 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of approximately \$12,000,000. During November, the construction was authorized of some 1,100 dwellings and 2,600 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$6,000,000 and \$6,900,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan registered increases in the value of the authorized building, the gain of \$2,859,835, or 38.1 p.c. in Ontario being especially pronounced. Of the declines elsewhere indicated, that of \$755,738 or 28.5 p.c. in British Columbia was the greatest absolute reduction, but larger proportional losses were noted in New Brunswick, Manitoba and Alberta.

All provinces except New Brunswick and British Columbia recorded increases over December, 1927, in the value of the building authorized. Ontario showed the most marked absolute gain of \$4,362,044 or 72.6 p.c., but the greatest proportional advance was in Saskatchewan.

Montreal and Toronto registered increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with November, and also in comparison with December, 1927. In Winnipeg and Vancouver there were losses in the former and gains in the latter comparison. Halifax, Sydney, Brantford, Chatham, Guelph, Kingston, Kitchener, Ottawa, Stratford, Riverside, Walkerville, Woodstock, Regina, Nanaimo, Point Grey and South Vancouver recorded advances in both comparisons.

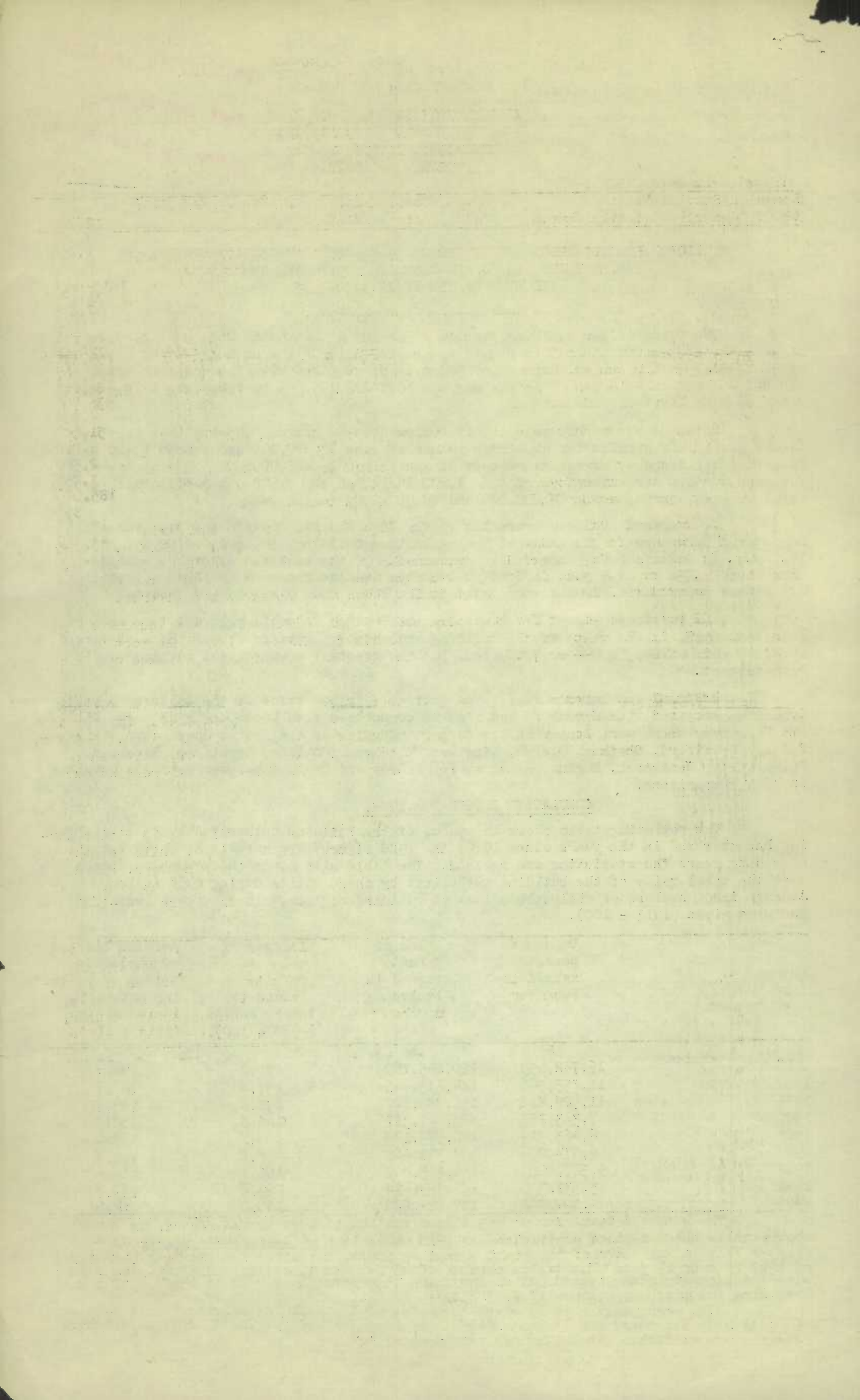
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1928.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during December and in the years since 1920; the 1928 figures are unrevised, while for the preceding years the statistics are revised. The table also gives index numbers, based upon the total value of the building authorized by these cities during 1920 as 100. Average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the years 1920-1928 are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued in December	Value of permits issued in twelve months	Indexes of value of permits issued in twelve months, (1920 = 100).	Average Indexes of wholesale prices of building materials twelve months, (1913 = 100).
	\$	\$		
1928	16,742,139	220,265,100	188.2	149.3
1927	11,755,566	184,613,742	157.8	147.7
1926	11,508,818	156,386,807	133.6	149.2
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	106.8	153.7
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	108.2	159.1
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	114.1	166.8
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	126.7	162.2
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	99.8	183.2
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	100.0	214.9

The December total for the 63 cities was the highest in the record, as shown above, while the unrevised statistics for 1928 indicate that last year's aggregate was greater than in any other of the eight preceding years, exceeding the previous high level of 1927 by over 19 p.c. The twelve months' total for the 35 cities - \$187,014,118 - is also the highest in the record (which for these 35 centres goes back to 1910) slightly exceeding the previous maximum of \$185,233,449 in 1912.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities in November, and December, 1928, and December, 1927. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus, "x".



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

Cities	December, 1928	November, 1928	December, 1927
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	-	-	nil
Nova Scotia	89,060	67,470	29,335
x Halifax	72,835	48,365	29,335
New Glasgow	700	4,970	nil
x Sydney	15,525	14,135	nil
New Brunswick	11,850	82,245	12,100
Fredericton	1/ -	-	3,075
x Moncton	1,310	66,360	1,250
x Saint John	10,540	15,885	7,775
Quebec	3,645,317	4,090,950	3,416,882
x Montreal-x Maisonneuve	3,183,850	3,006,272	2,431,225
x Quebec	235,017	270,895	27,275
Shawinigan Falls	15,000	242,075	nil
x Sherbrooke	27,300	95,683	65,000
x Three Rivers	63,775	92,625	769,375
x Westmount	120,375	383,400	124,007
Ontario	10,350,680	7,490,845	5,988,636
Belleville	6,200	23,093	536,550
x Brantford	35,288	26,413	6,585
Chatham	62,700	41,600	51,900
x Fort William	4,400	23,850	8,200
Galt	5,450	56,685	2,500
x Guelph	38,185	2,770	3,295
x Hamilton	145,400	381,550	185,000
x Kingston	678,203	132,920	955
x Kitchener	295,830	26,458	13,162
x London	76,870	331,370	63,250
Niagara Falls	36,465	43,205	43,540
Oshawa	524,732	78,225	278,875
x Ottawa	2,532,240	245,915	491,720
Owen Sound	2,500	11,600	1,000
x Peterborough	16,765	29,360	9,525
x Port Arthur	23,410	250,469	12,909
x Stratford	22,475	14,007	2,300
x St. Catharines	17,510	141,947	84,915
x St. Thomas	2,185	231,114	550
Sarnia	52,750	48,352	75,765
Sault Ste. Marie	3,738	61,095	1,740
x Toronto	4,290,021	3,766,443	3,330,107
York & East York Townships	348,395	874,373	237,850
Welland	3,500	550	8,515
x Windsor	249,025	224,295	410,625
Ford	42,985	49,750	17,800
Riverside	43,100	20,250	25,825
Sandwich	6,300	50,350	11,050
Walkerville	657,000	292,000	49,000
Woodstock	127,008	10,836	23,628
Manitoba	145,165	375,075	106,352
x Brandon	920	12,700	30,000
St. Boniface	30,995	59,725	11,602
x Winnipeg	113,250	302,650	64,750
Saskatchewan	454,425	390,746	78,900
x Moose Jaw	2,450	27,400	29,300
x Regina	283,975	189,221	8,450
x Saskatoon	168,000	174,125	40,650
Alberta	151,335	675,025	50,633
x Calgary	100,520	378,709	39,613
x Edmonton	27,060	224,221	3,025
Lethbridge	18,480	57,220	7,770
Medicine Hat	5,275	14,375	225
British Columbia	1,394,307	2,650,045	2,072,728
Kamloops	6,000	25,200	320
Nanaimo	7,115	5,500	nil
x New Westminster	23,310	182,820	12,150
Prince Rupert	1/ -	6,255	12,900
x Vancouver	1,223,717	1,980,500	968,385
Point Grey	335,190	300,840	124,300
North Vancouver	11,730	18,780	8,450
South Vancouver	164,000	93,800	30,950
x Victoria	123,245	36,350	915,273
Total - 63 Cities	16,742,139	15,822,401	11,755,566
x Total - 35 Cities	14,224,781	13,331,197	10,190,436

1/ Reports not received.

Note: From January 1, 1929, there will be only 61 cities shown in this record owing to the amalgamation of Point Grey and South Vancouver with Vancouver. The areas and population covered, however, remain the same.



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