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

The value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during September stood at \$21,302,746; this was an increase of \$3,917,872 or 22.5 p.c. as compared with the total of \$17,384,874 reported in August, and of \$6,840,503 or 47.3 p.c. in comparison with the September, 1927, aggregate of \$14,462,243. The September, 1928, total was higher than in the same month of any other year of the record, while the cumulative total for the first nine months of this year exceeds by over \$25,000,000 that for the same months in 1927, the previous high level since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 1,200 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$6,700,000 and nearly 3,000 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$13,500,000. During August, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,600 dwellings and 2,800 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$8,000,000 and \$7,600,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia reported increases in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1928, British Columbia showing the greatest advance of \$2,913,913, or 217.6 p.c. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that in Nova Scotia of \$359,725, or 83.2 p.c. was most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1927, there were gains in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, of which that of \$2,648,147 or 165.0 p.c. in British Columbia was greatest. In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick reductions were indicated.

Of the larger cities, Montreal and Toronto registered higher totals of permits issued than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year; in Winnipeg, there was a decrease in the former comparison, but an increase in the latter, while in Vancouver, on the other hand, the permits had a higher valuation than in August, but were lower than in September, 1927. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Brantford, Fort William, Hamilton, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, York Townships, Windsor, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, New Westminster, Point Grey, South Vancouver and Victoria showed advances in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1928.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during September and in the first nine 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 nine months of the years since 1920 are also given (1913=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in September	Value of permits issued in first nine months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first nine months (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months. (1913=100)
1928	\$ 21,302,746	\$ 166,290,804	173.0	149.2
1927	14,462,243	141,152,535	146.8	147.5
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	125.0	149.7
1925	10,140,853	98,364,181	102.3	154.0
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	100.7	161.5
1923	10,768,898	108,319,972	112.7	166.8
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	121.5	161.9
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	92.1	189.3
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	100.0	215.1

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was 17.8 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 lower than in any other year since 1920, except 1927.

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as indicated by Permits issued by 63 Cities

Cities	September, 1928	August, 1928	September, 1927
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown			
Nova Scotia	72,545	432,270	110,957
x Halifax	43,845	407,045	101,172
New Glasgow	20,150	5,275	2,485
x Sydney	8,550	19,950	7,300
New Brunswick	80,684	66,600	112,065
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	636
x Moncton	11,493	43,045	12,960
x Saint John	69,191	23,555	98,469
Quebec	5,225,772	4,627,719	3,900,960
x Montreal - xMaisonneuve	4,056,788	3,634,211	2,635,295
x Quebec	543,134	607,408	508,420
Shawinigan Falls	60,000	12,400	29,125
x Sherbrooke	229,900	17,200	35,100
x Three Rivers	120,800	63,150	87,650
x Westmount	215,150	293,350	605,370
Ontario	8,440,930	6,884,665	7,082,059
Belleville	4,450	19,000	14,725
x Brantford	175,548	82,022	43,265
Chatham	73,550	78,875	15,250
x Fort William	156,140	44,700	56,150
Galt	48,962	50,052	14,500
x Guelph	29,095	39,105	65,388
x Hamilton	708,350	443,400	244,250
x Kingston	67,680	26,372	10,870
x Kitchener	106,105	52,682	181,875
x London	214,065	155,670	408,825
Niagara Falls	142,725	58,680	38,627
Oshawa	168,130	205,445	775,490
x Ottawa	284,210	400,220	609,465
Owen Sound	8,500	3,200	2,525
x Peterborough	256,105	14,095	16,630
x Port Arthur	90,641	35,810	126,300
x Stratford	20,651	17,209	17,495
x St. Catharines	64,215	40,119	130,390
x St. Thomas	3,269	11,980	12,215
Sarnia	14,354	48,269	130,983
Sault Ste. Marie	31,163	63,106	24,640
x Toronto	4,085,590	3,719,454	2,761,272
York & East York Townships	854,608	628,005	546,925
Welland	12,435	19,345	83,455
x Windsor	566,660	276,905	464,170
Ford	53,300	112,300	114,700
Riverside	35,700	28,300	63,525
Sandwich	13,100	21,300	22,695
Walkerville	124,000	173,000	78,000
Woodstock	27,629	16,045	7,459
Manitoba	1,051,260	1,270,115	854,404
x Brandon	11,530	137,330	6,394
St. Boniface	51,880	85,735	87,960
x Winnipeg	987,850	1,047,050	760,050
Saskatchewan	1,431,788	1,864,897	447,157
x Moose Jaw	172,213	21,650	86,617
x Regina	524,720	1,338,620	176,925
x Saskatoon	734,855	504,627	183,615
Alberta	746,560	899,775	350,042
x Calgary	557,025	692,880	168,627
x Edmonton	133,940	171,155	167,180
Lethbridge	43,220	24,520	12,380
Medicine Hat	12,375	11,220	1,855
British Columbia	4,252,746	1,338,833	1,604,599
Kamloops	13,935	4,100	95,899
Nanaimo	3,300	750	4,597
x New Westminster	1,036,225	63,175	65,060
Prince Rupert	2,089	1,595	37,350
x Vancouver	760,406	588,735	850,480
Point Grey	766,850	423,490	332,150
North Vancouver	8,305	38,590	18,700
South Vancouver	156,350	90,600	120,740
x Victoria	1,505,286	127,798	79,623
Total - 63 Cities	21,302,746	17,304,874	14,462,243
x Total - 35 Cities	18,551,225	14,572,942	11,784,867

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