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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1929, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1929,  
 AND NOVEMBER, 1928, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1929.

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 61 cities during November was \$16,166,385. This was a seasonal decline of \$1,897,192 or 10.5 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$18,063,577, but an increase of \$335,549 or 2.1 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the November, 1928, figure of \$15,830,836. The total for November, 1929, was greater than in the same month of any other year for which statistics for the 61 cities are available, while the cumulative value for the elapsed eleven months of 1929 exceeds by over \$17,000,000 that for the same months in 1928, the previous high level of this ten years' record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued more than 900 permits for dwellings estimated to cost nearly \$5,000,000 and about 2,500 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$10,500,000. During October, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,200 dwellings and 3,300 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$6,000,000 and \$11,000,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with October, that of \$969,981 or 11.3 p.c. in Ontario being largest. Of the reductions in the remaining provinces, that of \$2,119,871 or 38.5 p.c. in Quebec was most pronounced.

As compared with November, 1928, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases, that of \$1,197,458 or 16 p.c. in Ontario being most noteworthy. The greatest decline in this comparison was that of \$736,676 or 27.7 p.c. in British Columbia.

Of the four largest centres, Montreal recorded a decline in the value of building authorized in November, as compared with the preceding month and also as compared with November of a year ago. In Toronto, there were important gains in both comparisons; Winnipeg reported a decrease as compared with October, 1929, but the total exceeded that for November, 1928, while in Vancouver the aggregate was greater than in the preceding month, but smaller than in November of last year. Of the other centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Sydney, Saint John, Chatham, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Brandon, Moose Jaw, Prince Rupert and North Vancouver reported higher building authorizations than in either comparison.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1929.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The January-November index numbers of the wholesale prices of building materials in these years are also given (average 1926 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued in November	Value of permits issued in first eleven months	Indexes of value of permits issued first eleven months, (1920 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926 = 100)
1929	\$ 16,166,385	\$ 220,152,532	196.3	99.5
1928	15,830,836	205,010,555	181.0	98.0
1927	12,857,622	172,858,176	154.1	96.7
1926	9,975,451	144,877,789	129.2	100.2
1925	7,988,765	117,665,590	104.9	103.8
1924	10,212,908	120,119,829	107.1	107.2
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	112.8	111.7
1922	11,182,030	138,698,005	123.6	108.6
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084	99.2	123.9
1920	5,627,949	112,175,268	100.0	153.4

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was 8.4 p.c. greater than in 1928, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continue lower than in most of the years since 1920.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in October and November, 1929, and November, 1928. 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 61 Cities.

Cities	November, 1929	October, 1929	November, 1928
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	-	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	487,877	116,507	67,470
X Halifax	460,380	101,857	48,365
New Glasgow	5,050	1,120	4,970
X Sydney	22,447	13,530	14,135
New Brunswick	246,622	131,192	82,245
Fredericton	-	-	Nil
X Moncton	34,923	46,390	66,360
X Saint John	211,699	84,802	15,885
Quebec	3,380,824	5,500,695	4,090,950
X Montreal - X Maisonneuve	2,966,152	3,937,536	3,006,272
X Quebec	249,412	644,374	270,895
Shawinigan Falls	21,100	200,060	242,075
X Sherbrooke	30,850	57,600	95,683
X Three Rivers	36,260	260,225	92,625
X Westmount	77,050	350,900	383,400
Ontario	8,688,304	7,18,323	7,490,846
Belleville	48,075	129,400	23,093
X Brantford	4,342	26,554	26,413
Chatham	55,550	40,615	41,600
X Fort William	10,460	65,900	23,850
Galt	28,820	180,030	56,685
X Guelph	40,505	81,145	2,770
X Hamilton	486,470	381,600	381,550
X Kingston	41,390	332,814	132,920
X Kitchener	54,553	141,715	26,459
X London	1,4,550	329,145	331,370
Niagara Falls	78,990	62,400	43,205
Oshawa	34,425	429,485	78,225
X Ottawa	114,665	326,925	245,915
Owen Sound	3,000	10,100	11,600
X Peterborough	14,000	43,475	29,360
X Port Arthur	10,455	29,343	250,469
X Stratford	5,875	10,764	14,007
X St. Catharines	79,825	163,757	141,947
X St. Thomas	1,435	3,265	231,114
Sarnia	39,620	67,963	48,352
Sault Ste. Marie	13,980	40,666	61,095
X Toronto	6,512,638	2,927,263	3,766,413
York & East York Townships	576,129	1,094,635	874,373
Welland	1,605	6,590	550
X Windsor	172,530	178,645	224,295
East Windsor	13,215	36,698	49,750
Riverside	2,600	11,650	20,250
Sandwich	53,850	347,500	50,350
Walkerville	28,000	175,000	292,000
Woodstock	16,752	43,281	10,836
Manitoba	622,984	668,997	375,075
X Brandon	34,304	5,682	12,700
St. Boniface	28,480	58,415	59,725
X Winnipeg	560,200	604,900	302,650
Saskatchewan	417,608	1,402,810	390,746
X Moose Jaw	192,055	133,022	27,400
X Regina	150,878	749,263	189,221
X Saskatoon	74,675	520,525	174,125
Alberta	400,363	1,228,442	675,025
X Calgary	215,803	529,612	378,709
X Edmonton	176,420	616,995	224,221
Lethbridge	6,800	48,295	57,220
Medicine Hat	1,490	33,540	14,875
British Columbia	1,921,803	1,296,611	2,658,479
Kamloops	13,650	13,040	25,200
Nanaimo	3,910	7,275	5,500
X New Westminster	107,650	54,300	182,820
Prince Rupert	7,442	2,955	6,355
X Vancouver 1/	1,679,041	1,087,816	2,375,140
North Vancouver	24,705	5,490	18,780
X Victoria	85,405	125,735	44,684
Total - 61 Cities	16,166,385	18,063,577	15,830,856
X Total - 35 Cities	15,059,297	14,891,539	13,339,532

1/ Includes Point Grey and South Vancouver, formerly given separately.

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