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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1929, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1929,
 AND SEPTEMBER, 1928, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920 - 1929.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during September stood at \$17,107,963: this was a decrease of \$4,452,398, or 20.7 p.c., as compared with the total of \$21,560,361 reported in August, and of \$3,266,136, or 16.2 p.c., in comparison with the exceptionally high total of \$20,374,149 recorded in September of last year. The September, 1929, total was, however, greater than in the same month of any other year of the record except 1928, while the cumulative total for the first nine months of this year exceeds by over \$20,000,000 that for the same months in 1928, the previous high level since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,200 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$5,200,000 and over 3,000 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$11,400,000. During August, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,400 dwellings and 2,800 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$6,000,000 and \$13,500,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec and British Columbia reported increases in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1929, Nova Scotia showing greatest advance of \$418,277, or 109.5 p.c. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$1,876,752, or 66.4 p.c. in Alberta, was most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1928, there were gains in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta, of which that of \$727,837 in Nova Scotia was greatest. In Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia reductions were indicated, the last named showing the most extensive loss of \$1,941,730, or 57.1 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg registered lower totals of permits issued than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year: in Vancouver, there was an increase in the former, but a decrease in the latter comparison. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Saint John, Quebec, Westmount, Chatham, Guelph, London, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Welland, Windsor, East Windsor, Sandwich, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Kamloops showed gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1929.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 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 the corresponding period of 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 (average 1926=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. (average 1926 = 100).
	\$	\$		
1929	17,107,963	185,714,022	193.2	99.6
1928	20,374,149	165,621,634	172.2	97.8
1927	14,462,243	141,152,535	146.8	95.8
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	125.0	100.7
1925	10,140,853	98,364,181	102.3	104.2
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	100.7	108.3
1923	10,768,898	108,319,972	112.7	111.7
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	121.5	108.5
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	92.1	126.8
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	100.0	155.3

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was 12.1 p.c. greater than in 1928, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in most years of the record.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during August and September, 1929, and September, 1928. 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 61 Cities.

Cities	September, 1929.	August, 1929.	September, 1928.
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	800,382	382,105	72,545
x Halifax	771,098	341,280	43,845
New Glasgow	540	22,875	20,150
x Sydney	28,744	17,950	8,550
New Brunswick	103,575	447,900	80,684
Fredericton	- 1/	- 1/	-
x Moncton	20,075	420,575	11,493
x Saint John	83,500	27,325	69,191
Quebec	4,547,314	4,203,303	5,225,772
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	3,254,076	3,312,625	4,056,788
x Quebec	724,263	286,135	543,134
Shawinigan Falls	13,730	251,153	60,000
x Sherbrooke	107,700	50,330	229,900
x Three Rivers	47,845	153,960	120,800
x Westmount	399,700	149,100	215,150
Ontario	7,170,758	9,006,710	8,442,930
Belleville	16,740	50,900	4,450
x Brantford	44,072	93,062	175,548
Chatham	80,670	37,930	73,550
x Fort William	67,690	80,025	156,140
Galt	40,765	63,086	48,962
x Guelph	35,740	33,840	29,095
x Hamilton	571,500	1,327,600	708,350
x Kingston	20,355	279,461	67,680
x Kitchener	91,802	126,835	106,105
x London	407,760	171,915	214,065
Niagara Falls	82,892	166,510	142,725
Oshawa	30,580	68,220	168,130
x Ottawa	293,590	121,743	284,210
Owen Sound	10,050	400,250	8,500
x Peterborough	189,685	35,938	256,105
x Port Arthur	39,555	40,700	90,641
x Stratford	7,081	21,536	20,651
x St. Catharines	257,250	123,250	64,215
x St. Thomas	8,295	31,175	3,269
Sarnia	24,865	52,496	14,354
Sault Ste. Marie	28,913	199,695	31,163
x Toronto	3,150,426	4,068,975	4,085,590
York & East York Townships	828,078	882,128	854,608
Welland	32,395	21,405	12,435
x Windsor	570,355	365,645	566,660
East Windsor	57,250	46,450	55,300
Riverside	20,400	16,500	35,700
Sandwich	25,500	17,590	13,100
Walkerville	121,000	52,000	124,000
Woodstock	15,504	9,850	27,629
Manitoba	702,470	939,639	1,051,260
x Brandon	30,020	61,374	11,530
St. Boniface	133,100	2,465	51,880
x Winnipeg	539,350	875,800	987,850
Saskatchewan	1,378,335	2,525,395	1,356,788
x Moose Jaw	256,950	28,141	97,213
x Regina	304,375	2,170,429	524,720
x Saskatoon	817,010	326,825	734,855
Alberta	949,249	2,826,001	746,560
x Calgary	601,409	1,849,651	557,025
x Edmonton	314,730	888,075	133,940
Lethbridge	26,290	75,100	43,220
Medicine Hat	6,820	13,175	12,375
British Columbia	1,455,880	1,229,308	3,397,610
Kamloops	21,380	16,645	13,935
Nanaimo	7,850	26,575	3,300
x New Westminster	123,435	124,375	1,036,225
Prince Rupert	- 1/	- 1/	11,975
x Vancouver 2/	1,241,500	908,340	1,683,606
North Vancouver	6,840	38,550	8,305
x Victoria	54,875	114,823	640,264
Total - 61 Cities	17,107,963	21,560,361	20,374,149
x Total - 35 Cities	15,475,811	18,663,168	17,611,203

1/ Report not received. 2/ Includes Point Grey and South Vancouver, formerly given separately; from January, 1929, when the amalgamation of these cities was effected, the total for the 35 cities includes the "Greater Vancouver" aggregate, instead of that for the area formerly known as Vancouver.

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