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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1930, AND OCTOBER, 1929. AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920 - 1930.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October was \$12,723,789; this was an increase of \$1,162,083, or 14.8 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$11,081,706, but a decrease of \$5,349,589, or 29.6 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$18,073,378 for October, 1929. The cumulative total for the elapsed ten months of 1930 was slightly greater than the average for the same period in the ten years, 1920-1929, although it was exceeded by the aggregates for this period of the years 1929, 1928 and 1927.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,200 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$5,500,000, and about 3,000 permits for other buildings valued at over \$6,000,000. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,100 dwellings and 3,000 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$4,800,000 and \$6,000,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario registered increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1930, that of \$2,811,641 or 94.3 p.c. in Quebec being most noteworthy. The greatest decrease in this comparison was that of \$713,595 or 63.2 p.c. in Alberta.

In the comparison with October, 1929, there were gains of 28.6 p.c. and 5.3 p.c. in New Brunswick and Quebec, respectively; the other provinces recorded declines, that of \$3,381,475, or 43.8 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

Montreal showed improvement over both September, 1930, and October, 1929; in Toronto, there was an increase over the preceding month, but a reduction as compared with the same month in 1929, while in Winnipeg and Vancouver the totals were lower than in either comparison. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Moncton, Brantford, Hamilton, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Sault Ste. Marie, Moose Jaw, Lethbridge, Nanaimo and North Vancouver reported increases over September, 1930, and October, 1929.

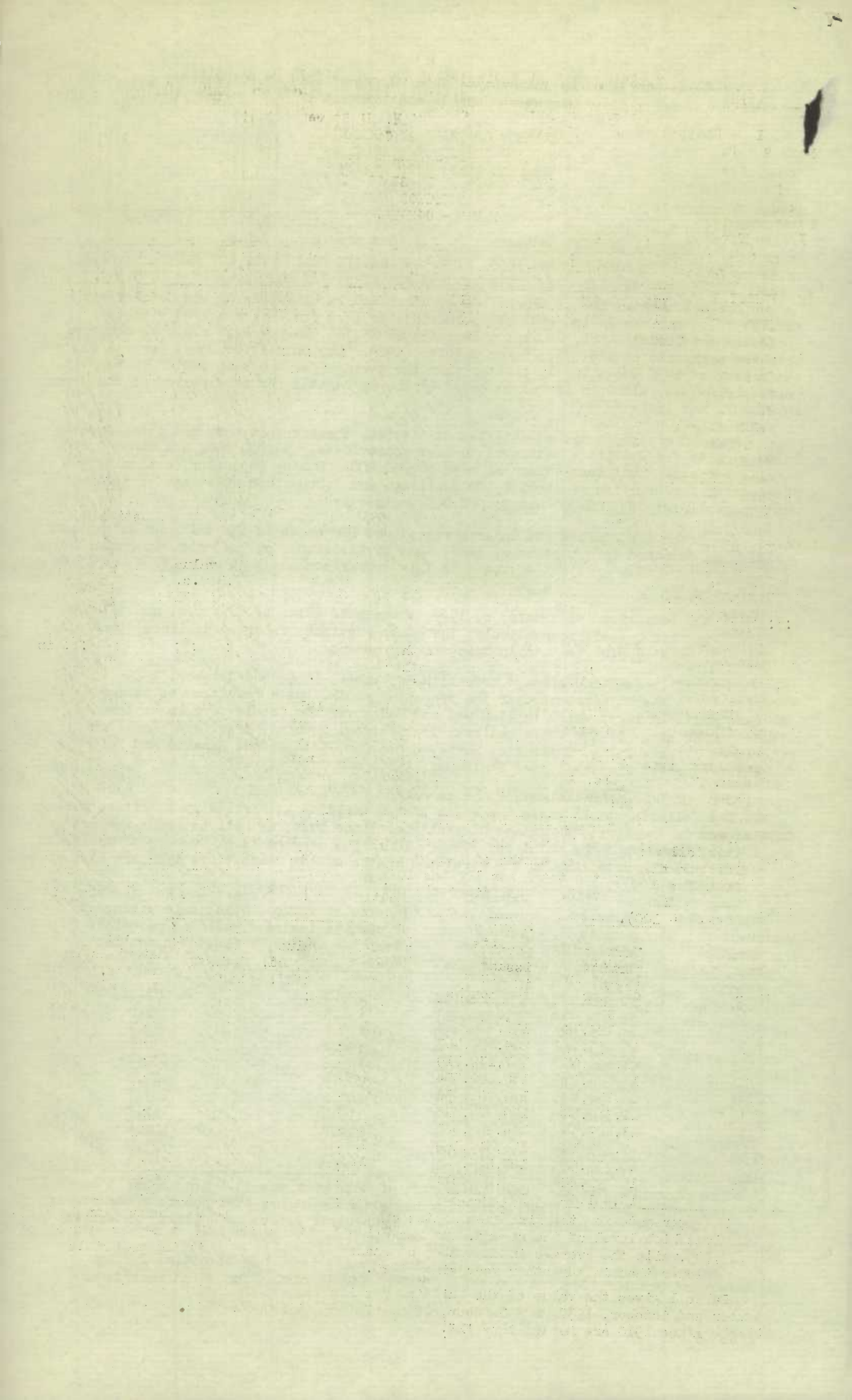
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1930.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 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 (average 1926 = 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, (average 1926 = 100) |
|------|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 1930 | \$ 12,723,789                      | \$ 136,568,228                              | 128.2   | 93.3  |
| 1929 | 18,073,378                         | 204,084,467                                 | 191.5   | 99.6  |
| 1928 | 21,558,085                         | 187,179,719                                 | 175.7   | 97.9  |
| 1927 | 18,848,019                         | 160,000,554                                 | 150.2   | 96.8  |
| 1926 | 14,738,402                         | 134,902,338                                 | 126.6   | 100.4   |
| 1925 | 11,312,644                         | 109,676,825                                 | 102.9   | 104.0   |
| 1924 | 13,089,588                         | 109,906,921                                 | 103.2   | 107.7   |
| 1923 | 9,999,187                          | 118,319,159                                 | 111.0   | 111.7   |
| 1922 | 10,737,525                         | 127,515,975                                 | 119.7   | 108.6   |
| 1921 | 10,491,228                         | 99,064,670                                  | 93.7  | 125.2   |
| 1920 | 10,401,041                         | 106,547,319                                 | 100.0   | 154.4   |

The aggregate for the first ten months of this year was 33.1 p.c. lower than in 1929, the previous high level of the record, but was slightly higher than the ten-year average of \$135,719,795, while the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in any other year since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during September and October, 1930, and October, 1929. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".





Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits issued by 61 cities.

| Cities                       | October, 1930 | September, 1930 | October, 1929. |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                              | \$            | \$              | \$             |
| N. B. I. - Charlottetown     | -             | Nil.            | Nil.           |
| Nova Scotia                  | 93,942        | 193,262         | 116,507        |
| x Halifax                    | 80,342        | 186,632         | 101,857        |
| New Glasgow                  | 5,090         | 4,130           | 1,120          |
| x Sydney                     | 8,510         | 2,500           | 13,530         |
| New Brunswick                | 168,663       | 52,330          | 131,192        |
| Fredericton                  | nil           | nil             | nil            |
| x Moncton                    | 124,975       | 15,755          | 46,390         |
| x Saint John                 | 43,688        | 36,575          | 84,802         |
| Quebec                       | 5,792,398     | 2,980,757       | 5,500,335      |
| x Montreal - x Maisonneuve   | 5,238,888     | 2,550,667       | 3,987,236      |
| x Quebec                     | 297,815       | 229,461         | 644,374        |
| Shawinigan Falls             | 10,000        | 17,720          | 200,000        |
| x Sherbrooke                 | 62,100        | 75,750          | 57,600         |
| x Three Rivers               | 19,695        | 4,885           | 260,225        |
| x Westmount                  | 163,900       | 102,274         | 350,900        |
| Ontario                      | 4,337,213     | 3,868,322       | 7,718,684      |
| Belleville                   | 26,850        | 5,175           | 129,400        |
| x Brantford                  | 56,100        | 53,771          | 26,554         |
| Chatham                      | 3,800         | 17,100          | 40,615         |
| x Fort William               | 14,300        | 66,950          | 65,900         |
| Galt                         | 9,778         | 20,398          | 180,030        |
| x Guelph                     | 35,681        | 27,880          | 81,145         |
| x Hamilton                   | 451,550       | 364,400         | 381,600        |
| x Kingston                   | 51,537        | 33,123          | 332,814        |
| x Kitchener                  | 172,242       | 116,563         | 141,716        |
| x London                     | 105,880       | 116,955         | 329,145        |
| Niagara Falls                | 66,448        | 37,680          | 62,400         |
| Oshawa                       | 11,005        | 8,125           | 429,485        |
| x Ottawa                     | 227,520       | 156,195         | 326,925        |
| Owen Sound                   | nil           | 30,500          | 10,100         |
| x Peterborough               | 26,780        | 102,605         | 43,475         |
| x Port Arthur                | 8,550         | 22,535          | 29,343         |
| x Stratford                  | 11,885        | 15,762          | 10,764         |
| x St. Catharines             | 104,147       | 30,673          | 163,757        |
| x St. Thomas                 | 7,200         | 19,135          | 3,625          |
| Sarnia                       | 51,739        | 40,647          | 67,963         |
| Sault Ste Marie              | 57,074        | 54,125          | 40,666         |
| x Toronto                    | 2,061,078     | 1,854,398       | 2,927,263      |
| York and East York Townships | 605,629       | 454,972         | 1,094,635      |
| Welland                      | 28,375        | 42,050          | 6,599          |
| x Windsor                    | 30,180        | 103,625         | 178,645        |
| East Windsor                 | 12,900        | 25,423          | 36,698         |
| Riverside                    | 11,125        | 11,120          | 11,650         |
| Sandwich                     | 34,200        | 6,200           | 347,500        |
| Walkerville                  | 33,000        | 16,000          | 175,000        |
| Woodstock                    | 20,660        | 14,237          | 43,231         |
| Manitoba                     | 463,654       | 689,127         | 668,997        |
| x Brandon                    | 8,554         | 15,427          | 5,682          |
| St. Boniface                 | 14,250        | 5,650           | 58,415         |
| x Winnipeg                   | 440,850       | 668,050         | 604,900        |
| Saskatchewan                 | 632,755       | 839,131         | 1,402,810      |
| x Moose Jaw                  | 400,275       | 48,638          | 133,022        |
| x Regina                     | 124,090       | 314,788         | 749,263        |
| x Saskatoon                  | 108,390       | 475,705         | 520,525        |
| Alberta                      | 415,517       | 1,129,112       | 1,228,442      |
| x Calgary                    | 256,933       | 918,332         | 529,612        |
| x Edmonton                   | 102,035       | 178,450         | 616,995        |
| Lethbridge                   | 54,554        | 9,530           | 48,295         |
| Medicine Hat                 | 1,995         | 22,800          | 33,540         |
| British Columbia             | 819,647       | 1,329,665       | 1,306,411      |
| Kamloops                     | 9,345         | 17,555          | 13,040         |
| Nanaimo                      | 8,790         | 5,325           | 7,275          |
| x New Westminster            | 28,850        | 26,915          | 54,300         |
| Prince Rupert                | 7,554         | 7,870           | 2,755          |
| x Vancouver                  | 690,595       | 1,142,707       | 1,087,816      |
| North Vancouver              | 9,210         | 8,730           | 5,490          |
| x Victoria                   | 65,303        | 120,563         | 135,735        |
| Total - 61 cities            | 12,723,789    | 11,081,706      | 18,073,378     |
| x Total - 35 cities          | 11,630,418    | 10,198,644      | 15,027,435     |

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