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

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 61 cities during November was \$11,791,478. This was a seasonal decline of \$932,311 or 7.3 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$12,723,789, and a reduction of \$4,379,922 or 27.1 p.c. in comparison with the November, 1929, figure of \$16,171,400. The total for November, 1930, was slightly greater than the average for November of the last ten years. The cumulative value for the elapsed eleven months of 1930 was also rather higher than the average for the same period in the ten years, 1920-29.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 900 permits for dwellings estimated to cost nearly \$4,600,000 and about 1,900 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$7,000,000. During October, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,200 dwellings and 3,000 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$5,500,000 and \$6,000,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases of 122.8 p.c., 27.1 p.c. and 51.2 p.c., respectively, in the value of the building permits issued as compared with October, 1930, while reductions were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$500,505 or 79.1 p.c. in Saskatchewan being the largest proportionately.

As compared with November, 1929, New Brunswick, Quebec and Alberta reported increases, that of \$1,894,600 or 56.0 p.c. in Quebec being the most noteworthy. The greatest decline in this comparison was that of \$4,724,005 or 54.4 p.c. in Ontario.

Of the four largest centres, Montreal recorded a decrease in the value of the building authorized in November as compared with the preceding month, but an increase over November of a year ago. In Toronto and Winnipeg, there were reductions in both comparisons, while in Vancouver the aggregate value was higher than in the preceding month, but lower than in November of last year. Of the other centres, Saint John, Three Rivers, Brantford, Fort William, Ottawa, Owen Sound, York and East York Townships, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Kamloops reported greater building authorizations than in either comparison.

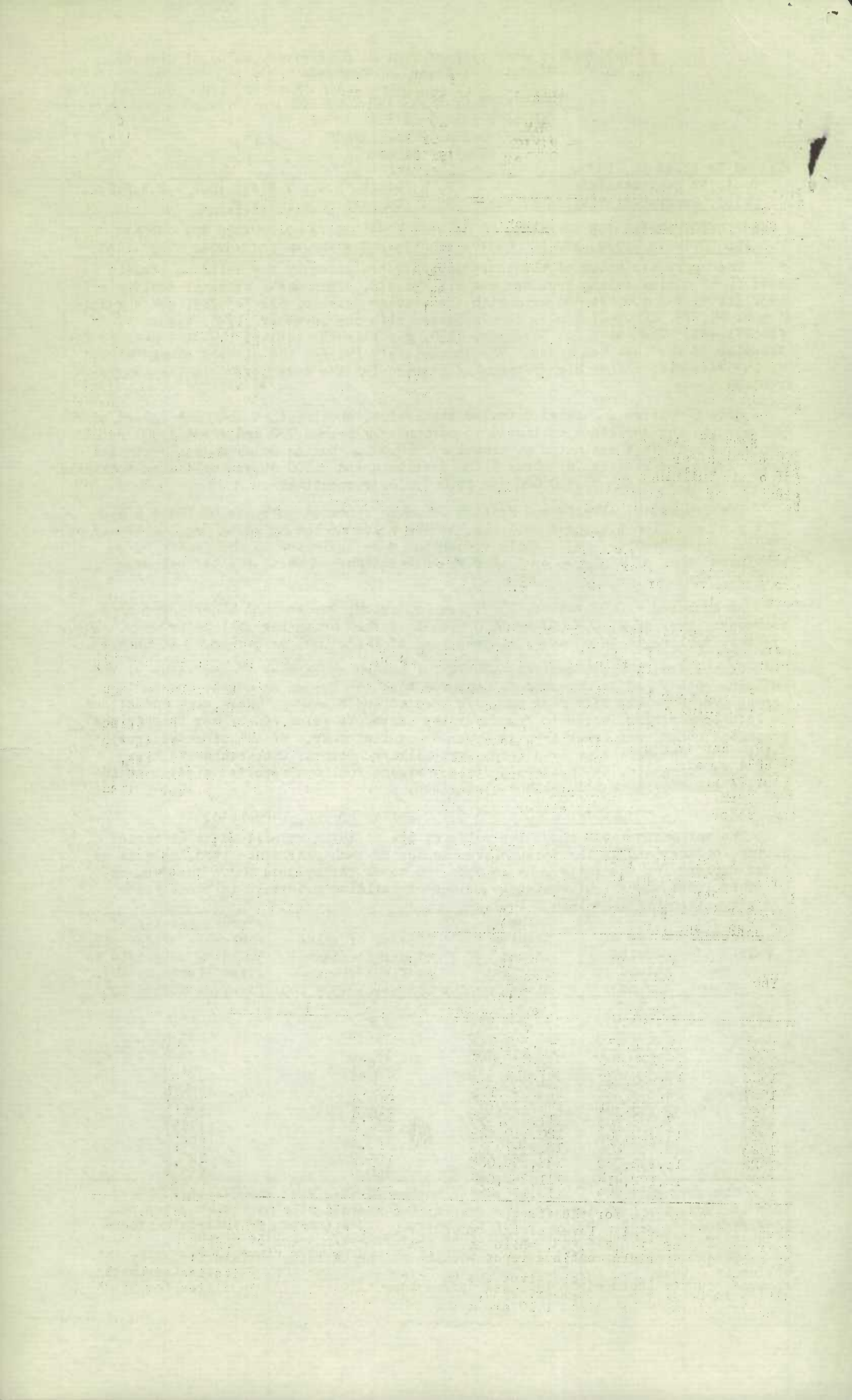
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1930.

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 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 in first eleven months, (1920 = 100) | Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926 = 100) |
|------|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1930 | \$ 11,791,478 | \$ 148,349,706 | 132.2 | 91.4 |
| 1929 | 16,171,400 | 220,255,867 | 196.3 | 99.5 |
| 1928 | 15,830,836 | 203,010,555 | 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 | 138,598,005 | 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 32.6 p.c. lower than in 1929, the high level of the record, but was slightly higher than the ten-year average of \$146,746,553, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continue lower than in any other year since 1920.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in October and November, 1930, and November, 1929. 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 Permits issued by 61 Cities.

| Cities | November, 1930 | October, 1930 | November, 1929 |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| P. E. I. - Charlottetown | - | Nil | Nil |
| Nova Scotia | 88,340 | 93,942 | 487,877 |
| xHalifax | 77,060 | 80,342 | 460,380 |
| New Glasgow | 605 | 5,090 | 5,050 |
| xSydney | 10,675 | 8,510 | 22,447 |
| New Brunswick | 375,780 | 168,663 | 246,622 |
| Fredericton | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| xMoncton | 7,950 | 124,975 | 34,923 |
| xSaint John | 367,830 | 43,688 | 211,699 |
| Quebec | 5,275,424 | 5,792,398 | 3,380,824 |
| xMontreal - xMaisonneuve | 4,853,575 | 5,238,888 | 2,966,152 |
| xQuebec | 153,935 | 297,815 | 249,412 |
| Shawinigan Falls | Nil | 10,000 | 21,100 |
| xSherbrooke | 58,400 | 62,100 | 30,850 |
| xThree Rivers | 135,285 | 19,695 | 36,250 |
| xWestmount | 14,229 | 163,900 | 77,050 |
| Ontario | 3,959,298 | 4,337,213 | 8,683,303 |
| Belleville | 17,800 | 26,850 | 48,075 |
| xBrantford | 167,409 | 56,100 | 4,342 |
| Chatham | 9,375 | 3,800 | 55,550 |
| xFort William | 415,150 | 14,300 | 10,460 |
| Galt | 6,345 | 9,778 | 28,820 |
| xGuelph | 20,472 | 35,681 | 34,505 |
| xHamilton | 385,700 | 451,550 | 486,470 |
| xKingston | 18,754 | 51,537 | 41,390 |
| xKitchener | 87,226 | 172,242 | 54,552 |
| xLondon | 75,820 | 105,880 | 144,550 |
| Niagara Falls | 4,925 | 66,448 | 78,990 |
| Oshawa | 2,230 | 11,005 | 34,425 |
| xOttawa | 231,245 | 227,520 | 114,665 |
| Owen Sound | 9,400 | Nil | 3,000 |
| xPeterborough | 19,050 | 26,780 | 14,000 |
| xPort Arthur | 7,505 | 8,550 | 10,455 |
| xStratford | 6,925 | 11,885 | 5,875 |
| xSt. Catharines | 56,420 | 104,147 | 79,825 |
| xSt. Thomas | 3,307 | 7,200 | 1,435 |
| Sarnia | 27,642 | 51,739 | 40,620 |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 10,775 | 57,074 | 13,980 |
| xToronto | 1,466,295 | 2,061,078 | 6,512,638 |
| York and East York Townships | 739,532 | 605,629 | 576,129 |
| Welland | 13,575 | 28,375 | 1,605 |
| xWindsor | 133,825 | 30,180 | 172,530 |
| East Windsor | 630 | 12,900 | 13,215 |
| Riverside | 6,400 | 11,125 | 2,600 |
| Sandwich | 4,000 | 34,200 | 53,850 |
| Walkerville | 4,000 | 33,000 | 28,000 |
| Woodstock | 7,566 | 20,660 | 16,752 |
| Manitola | 192,825 | 463,654 | 622,984 |
| xBrandon | 100 | 8,554 | 34,304 |
| St. Boniface | 3,475 | 14,250 | 28,480 |
| Winnipeg | 189,250 | 440,850 | 560,200 |
| Saskatchewan | 132,250 | 632,755 | 417,308 |
| xMoose Jaw | 26,640 | 400,275 | 192,055 |
| xRegina | 48,535 | 124,090 | 150,878 |
| xSaskatoon | 57,075 | 108,390 | 74,675 |
| Alberta | 528,076 | 415,517 | 400,378 |
| xCalgary | 197,971 | 256,933 | 215,803 |
| xEdmonton | 58,210 | 102,035 | 176,420 |
| Lethbridge | 267,170 | 54,554 | 6,665 |
| Medicine Hat | 4,725 | 1,995 | 1,490 |
| British Columbia | 1,239,485 | 819,647 | 1,931,804 |
| Kamloops | 25,140 | 9,345 | 13,650 |
| Nanaimo | 2,965 | 8,790 | 3,910 |
| xNew Westminster | 28,910 | 28,850 | 107,650 |
| Prince Rupert | 3,400 | 7,554 | 7,443 |
| xVancouver | 1,105,575 | 690,595 | 1,679,041 |
| North Vancouver | 6,440 | 9,210 | 24,705 |
| xVictoria | 67,055 | 65,303 | 95,405 |
| Total - 61 cities | 11,791,478 | 12,723,780 | 16,171,400 |
| x Total - 35 cities | 10,613,363 | 11,630,418 | 15,063,296 |

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