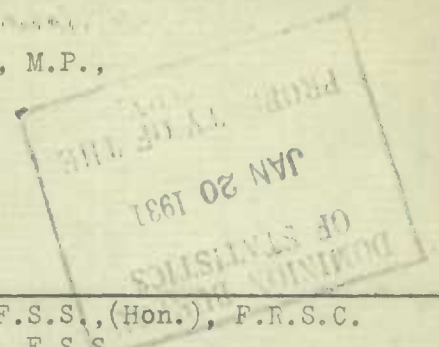


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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1930, and DECEMBER, 1929, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR THE YEARS, 1920-1930.

The building permits issued by 61 cities in December, 1930, represented construction work valued at \$15,439,964, as compared with \$11,791,478 in November, 1930, and \$14,688,682 in December, 1929. There was, therefore, an increase of \$3,648,486, or 30.9 p.c. in December as compared with the preceding month, and of \$751,282 or 5.1 p.c. in comparison with the figures for the same month in 1929. In the record going back to 1920, the December, 1930, figure was only once exceeded, the total for December, 1928, having been larger.

Detailed statements were received from some 50 cities, showing that they had issued over 500 permits for dwellings valued at some \$2,600,000 and about 1,200 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of about \$12,000,000. During November, the construction of some 900 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings was authorized: these were estimated to cost approximately \$4,600,000 and \$7,000,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia registered increases in the value of the authorized building, the gain of \$1,969,586, or 37.3 p.c., in Quebec being most pronounced. Declines of 98.6 p.c. and 70.5 p.c. were indicated in New Brunswick and Alberta, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia recorded increases over December, 1929, in value of the building authorized. In this comparison also, Quebec reported the most marked gain of \$4,756,671, or 191.2 p.c., while the greatest decrease was that of \$2,832,490, or 40.3 p.c., in Ontario.

Montreal and Vancouver showed increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with November, and also in comparison with December, 1929. In Toronto, there was a gain in the former and a loss in the latter comparison, while Winnipeg reported decreases as compared with both November, 1930, and December, 1929. Halifax, Quebec, Brantford, Belleville, Chatham, Galt, Niagara Falls, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, East Windsor, Walkerville, St. Boniface, Medicine Hat, Nanaimo and North Vancouver recorded advances in both comparisons.

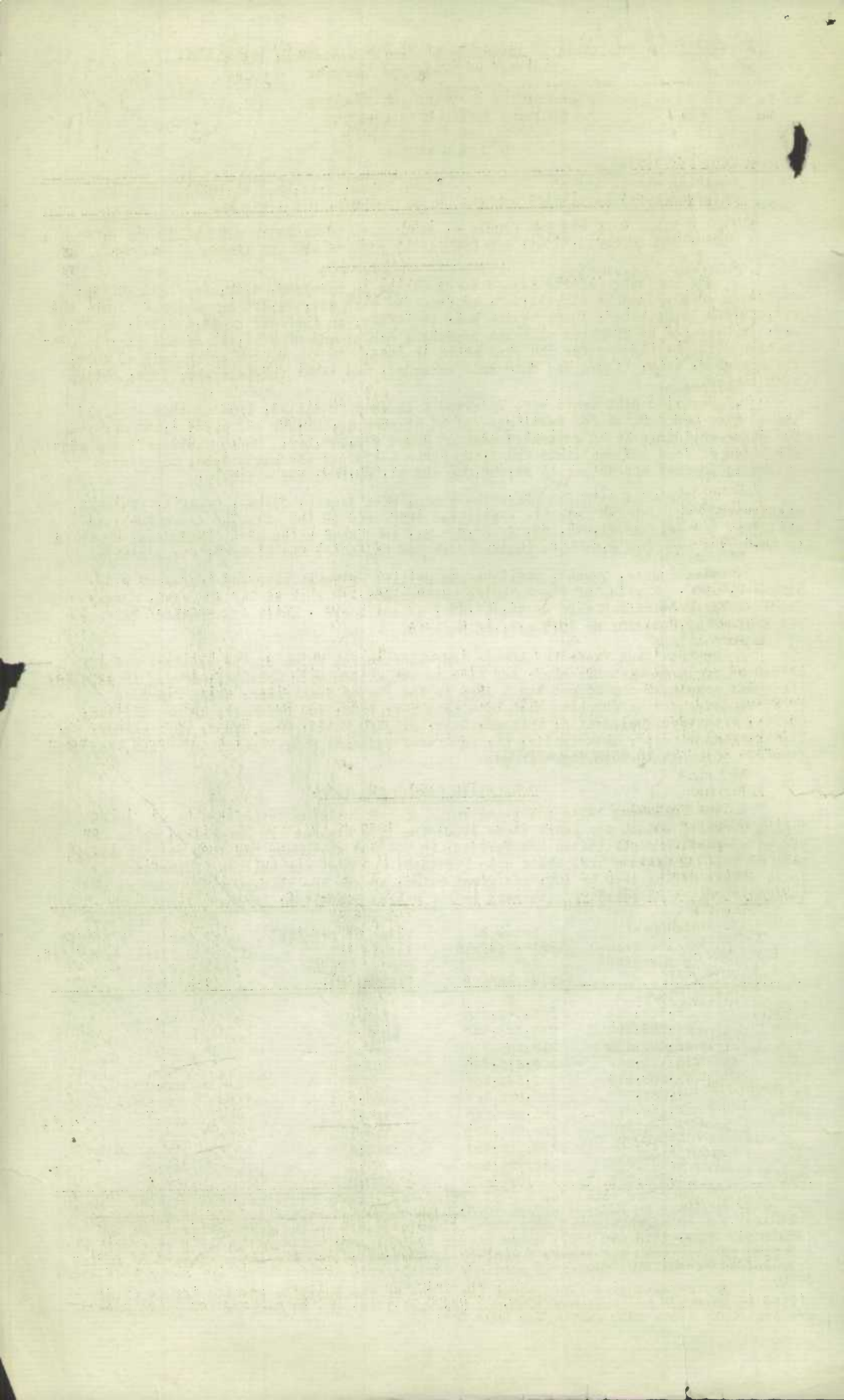
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1930.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during December and in the years since 1920; the 1930 figures are unrevised, while for preceding years the statistics are revised. (A revised statement for 1930 will be issued next month). Index numbers, based upon the total value of the building authorized by these cities during 1920 as 100, are given below, as are the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the years, 1920-1930. (Average 1926=100).

	Value of Permits issued in December	Value of permits issued in twelve months	Indexes of value of permits issued in twelve months (1920=100).	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, twelve months, (1926=100).
	\$	\$		
1930	15,439,964	163,799,670	140.0	90.9
1929	14,688,682	234,944,549	200.8	99.0
1928	16,095,160	219,105,715	187.2	98.1
1927	11,755,566	184,613,742	157.8	96.7
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	133.6	100.0
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	106.8	103.8
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	108.2	106.7
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	114.1	111.7
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	126.7	108.6
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	99.8	122.7
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	100.0	152.4

The December total for the 61 cities, as already mentioned, was greater than in any other December on record, except 1928. The unrevised statistics for 1930 indicate that last year's aggregate was only three times exceeded in the years since 1920, the totals for 1929, 1928 and 1927, alone having been higher, while last year's aggregate was 4.9 p.c. greater than the ten-year average of \$156,221,419. The index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continue considerably lower than in any other year since 1920.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in November and December, 1930, and December, 1929. The 35 centres 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	December, 1930	November, 1930	December, 1929
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ 1/	\$ Nil.	\$ Nil.
Nova Scotia	227,202	88,340	68,930
X Halifax	217,762	77,060	63,930
New Glasgow	140	605	Nil.
X Sydney	9,300	10,675	5,000
New Brunswick	5,435	375,780	175,268
Fredericton	1/	Nil.	Nil.
X Moncton	200	7,950	31,760
X Saint John	5,235	367,830	143,508
Quebec	7,245,010	5,275,424	2,488,339
X Montreal - XMaisonneuve	6,675,354	4,853,575	1,556,954
X Quebec	501,836	153,935	180,575
Shawinigan Falls	1/	Nil.	Nil.
X Sherbrooke	54,000	58,400	16,000
X Three Rivers	8,820	135,258	279,300
X Westmount	5,000	74,229	455,510
Ontario	4,195,087	3,959,298	7,027,577
Belleville	133,920	17,800	400
X Brantford	427,115	167,409	13,124
Chatham	150,478	9,375	134,650
X Fort William	11,200	415,150	2,850
Galt	9,075	6,345	740
X Guelph	7,162	20,472	16,765
X Hamilton	190,300	385,700	151,600
X Kingston	9,900	18,754	1,590
X Kitchener	14,723	87,226	23,356
X London	30,060	75,820	38,715
Niagara Falls	39,330	4,925	26,350
Oshawa	20,475	2,230	60,300
X Ottawa	128,570	231,245	21,300
Owen Sound	20,200	9,400	150
X Peterborough	10,370	19,050	56,475
X Port Arthur	12,622	7,505	6,400
X Stratford	5,663	6,925	7,825
X St. Catharines	24,125	56,420	18,575
X St. Thomas	8,565	3,307	730
Sarnia	17,200	27,642	14,180
Sault Ste. Marie	2,075	10,775	17,927
X Toronto	2,538,096	1,466,295	6,199,952
York and East York Townships	300,582	739,532	143,173
Welland	5,300	13,575	75
X Windsor	49,250	133,825	45,850
East Windsor	4,250	630	675
Riverside	600	6,400	300
Sandwich	1,200	4,000	6,550
Walkerville	21,000	4,000	17,000
Woodstock	1,681	7,566	Nil.
Manitoba	674,450	192,825	440,071
X Brandon	1,800	100	6,268
St. Boniface	621,500	3,475	45,703
X Winnipeg	51,150	139,250	388,100
Saskatchewan	225,994	132,250	488,024
X Moose Jaw	300	26,640	4,775
X Regina	192,219	48,535	426,024
X Saskatoon	33,475	57,075	57,225
Alberta	155,781	528,075	1,866,358
X Calgary	62,904	197,971	1,836,508
X Edmonton	27,765	58,210	19,005
Lethbridge	14,712	267,170	8,720
Medicine Hat	50,400	4,725	2,125
British Columbia	2,711,005	1,239,485	2,134,115
Kamloops	11,800	25,140	16,206
Nanaimo	15,960	2,965	1,125
X New Westminster	15,525	28,910	143,750
Prince Rupert	2,700	3,400	2,500
X Vancouver	2,593,150	1,105,575	1,917,790
North Vancouver	16,933	6,440	2,500
X Victoria	53,937	67,055	50,244
Total - 61 Cities	15,439,964	11,791,478	14,688,682
X Total - 35 Cities	13,978,453	10,613,363	14,187,333

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