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

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during September stood at \$11,081,706; this was a decrease of \$2,735,039 or 19.8 p.c. as compared with the total of \$13,817,745 reported in August, and of \$6,035,311 or 35.3 p.c. in comparison with the aggregate of \$17,117,017 recorded in September of last year. The cumulative total for the first nine months of this year was greater by 1.7 p.c. than the average for the same period of the ten years, 1920-29, although it was exceeded by the aggregates for the years 1929, 1928 and 1927.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued more than 1,100 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$4,300,000, and nearly 3,000 permits for other buildings valued at over \$5,000,000. During August, authority was granted for the erection of about 900 dwellings and 2,500 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$4,000,000 and \$9,300,000, respectively.

Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1930, there being gains of 133.0 p.c. and 25.0 p.c. in those provinces, respectively. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$1,906,192 or 33.0 p.c. in Ontario was most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1929, there was a gain in Alberta, whose four cities showed an increase of \$179,683 or 18.9 p.c. In the remaining provinces there were reductions, of which that of \$5,294,460 or 46.0 p.c. in Ontario was the largest.

Of the larger cities, Montreal registered lower totals of permits issued than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year. In Toronto and Vancouver, there was an increase in the former, but a decrease in the latter comparison, while Winnipeg reported a gain over September, 1929, but a smaller total than in August, 1930. Of the other centres, Shawinigan Falls, Brantford, Owen Sound, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Welland, Regina, Calgary, Medicine Hat and Victoria showed increases in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1930.

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) |
|------|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1930 | \$ 11,081,706 | \$ 123,244,439 | 128.8 | 94.1 |
| 1929 | 17,117,017 | 186,011,017 | 193.5 | 99.6 |
| 1928 | 20,374,149 | 185,621,634 | 172.2 | 97.8 |
| 1927 | 14,452,243 | 141,152,535 | 146.8 | 95.8 |
| 1926 | 11,047,503 | 120,163,936 | 125.0 | 100.7 |
| 1925 | 10,140,853 | 91,354,181 | 102.3 | 104.2 |
| 1924 | 15,055,250 | 96,317,333 | 100.7 | 108.3 |
| 1923 | 10,763,898 | 108,319,972 | 112.7 | 111.7 |
| 1922 | 11,597,034 | 116,775,450 | 121.5 | 108.5 |
| 1921 | 10,907,828 | 88,573,442 | 92.1 | 125.8 |
| 1920 | 9,842,577 | 96,146,278 | 100.0 | 155.3 |

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was 33.4 p.c. lower than in 1929, the previous high level of the record, but was \$2,049,581, or 1.7 p.c., higher than the ten-year average of \$121,794,878, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in any other year of the record.

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

| Cities | September, 1930 | August, 1930 | September |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| P. E. I. - Charlottetown | - | Nil. | Nil. |
| Nova Scotia | 193,262 | 784,075 | 800, |
| x Halifax | 186,632 | 653,700 | 771, |
| New Glasgow | 4,130 | 81,450 | |
| x Sydney | 2,500 | 48,925 | 28, |
| New Brunswick | 52,350 | 53,027 | 103, |
| Fredericton | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. |
| x Moncton | 15,735 | 35,932 | 20, |
| x Saint John | 36,575 | 27,095 | 83, |
| Quebec | 2,980,757 | 3,724,665 | 4,547, |
| x Montreal - x Maisonneuve | 2,550,667 | 2,611,050 | 3,254, |
| x Quebec | 229,461 | 553,974 | 724, |
| Shawinigan Falls | 17,720 | 15,180 | 13,7 |
| x Sherbrooke | 75,750 | 115,600 | 107,7 |
| x Three Rivers | 4,385 | 21,950 | 47,8 |
| x Westmount | 102,274 | 403,911 | 399,7 |
| Ontario | 3,865,322 | 5,774,514 | 7,162,7 |
| Belleville | 5,175 | 18,750 | 13,6 |
| x Brantford | 53,771 | 43,101 | 44,0 |
| Chatham | 17,100 | 6,700 | 80,6 |
| x Fort William | 66,950 | 217,725 | 67,6 |
| Galt | 20,398 | 72,667 | 40,7 |
| x Guelph | 27,380 | 29,350 | 35,7 |
| x Hamilton | 364,400 | 490,750 | 571,5 |
| x Kingston | 33,123 | 355,084 | 20,3 |
| x Kitchener | 116,563 | 273,799 | 91,8 |
| x London | 116,955 | 385,620 | 407,7 |
| Niagara Falls | 37,680 | 30,065 | 82,3 |
| Oshawa | 8,125 | 20,435 | 30,5 |
| x Ottawa | 156,195 | 136,140 | 293,5 |
| Owen Sound | 30,500 | 15,200 | 10,0 |
| x Peterborough | 102,605 | 14,720 | 189,6 |
| x Port Arthur | 22,535 | 731,419 | 34,5 |
| x Stratford | 15,762 | 76,803 | 7,1 |
| x St. Catharines | 30,673 | 23,192 | 257,2 |
| x St. Thomas | 19,135 | 2,210 | 8,2 |
| Sarnia | 40,647 | 39,916 | 24,8 |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 54,125 | 258,350 | 28,9 |
| x Toronto | 1,854,398 | 1,494,796 | 3,150,4 |
| York and East York Townships | 454,972 | 479,080 | 628,0 |
| Welland | 42,050 | 9,585 | 32,3 |
| x Windsor | 103,625 | 414,286 | 570,3 |
| East Windsor | 25,423 | 6,800 | 57,2 |
| Riverside | 11,120 | 19,125 | 20,4 |
| Sandwich | 6,200 | 1,250 | 25,5 |
| Walkerville | 16,000 | 88,000 | 121,0 |
| Woodstock | 14,237 | 17,596 | 15,5 |
| Manitoba | 689,127 | 782,690 | 702,4 |
| x Brandon | 15,427 | 7,260 | 29,9 |
| St. Boniface | 5,650 | 5,380 | 133,1 |
| x Winnipeg | 668,050 | 770,050 | 539,3 |
| Saskatchewan | 839,131 | 1,154,332 | 1,378,3 |
| x Moose Jaw | 48,638 | 364,440 | 256,9 |
| x Regina | 314,788 | 185,052 | 304,3 |
| x Saskatoon | 475,705 | 604,840 | 817,0 |
| Alberta | 1,129,112 | 495,284 | 949,2 |
| x Calgary | 918,332 | 233,039 | 601,4 |
| x Edmonton | 178,450 | 176,275 | 314,7 |
| Lethbridge | 9,530 | 84,325 | 26,2 |
| Medicine Hat | 22,800 | 1,645 | 6,8 |
| British Columbia | 1,329,665 | 1,039,156 | 1,472,9 |
| Kamloops | 17,555 | 5,325 | 21,3 |
| Nanaimo | 5,325 | 75 | 7,8 |
| x New Westminster | 26,915 | 50,750 | 123,4 |
| Prince Rupert | 7,870 | 11,875 | 7,0 |
| x Vancouver | 1,142,707 | 834,691 | 1,241,5 |
| North Vancouver | 8,730 | 21,975 | 6,9 |
| x Victoria | 120,563 | 113,967 | 61,8 |
| Total - 61 Cities | 11,081,706 | 13,817,745 | 17,117,0 |
| x Total - 35 Cities | 10,198,644 | 12,504,496 | 15,480,8 |

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