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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1931, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1931, AND NOVEMBER, 1930, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1931.

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 61 cities during November was \$7,992,815. This was a slight seasonal decline of \$720,587, or 8.3 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$8,713,402, and a reduction of \$3,828,477, or 32.4 p.c. in comparison with the November, 1930, figure of \$11,821,292. The total for November, 1931, was lower than the average for November of the last 11 years; the cumulative value for the elapsed 11 months of 1931 was lower than in the same period in any of the years, 1920-30, but it should be noted in this connection that there has also been a very decided decline in wholesale costs of building materials. The Bureau's index has fallen from 153.4 p.c. of the 1926 base in the first 11 months of 1920 to 82.7 p.c. in the same months of 1931, a decrease of 46.1 p.c. as compared with 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 800 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$4,000,000, and about 1,800 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$3,000,000. In addition, Saskatoon reported a bridge valued at \$850,000. During October, authority was granted for the erection of about 900 dwellings and 3,000 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$4,500,000 and \$3,800,000, respectively.

Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with October. Reductions were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$511,135, or 14.3 p.c. in Quebec being the largest.

As compared with November, 1930, Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases, while the greatest decline in this comparison was that of \$2,200,973, or 41.7 p.c. in Quebec.

Of the four largest centres, Montreal and Toronto recorded decreases in the value of the building authorized in November as compared with the preceding month and also with November of a year ago. In Winnipeg, there was an increase 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, Quebec City, Hamilton, London, Oshawa, Peterborough, Sault Ste. Marie, East Windsor, Woodstock, Brandon, St. Boniface, Saskatoon and Nanaimo reported greater building authorizations than in either comparison.

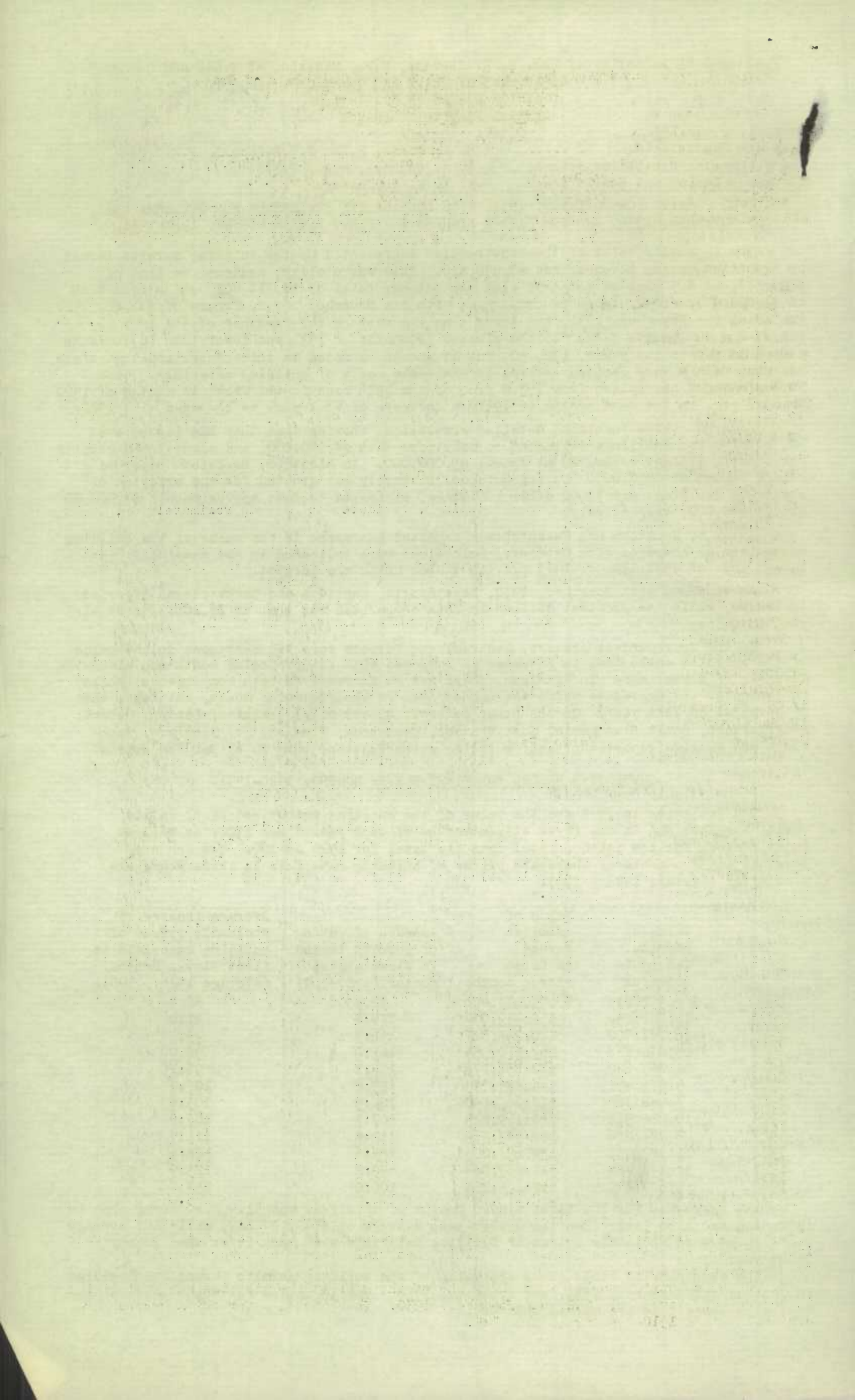
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1931.

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).
1931	\$ 7,992,815	\$ 103,573,426	92.3	82.7
1930	11,821,292	150,939,044	134.6	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	138,698,005	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 31.4 p.c. lower than in 1930, and was also lower than the eleven-year average of \$147,127,689, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were much 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, 1931, and November, 1930. 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.

C i t i e s	November, 1931	October, 1931	November, 1930
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	-	-	17,000
Nova Scotia	151,860	267,010	88,340
x Halifax	149,285	257,798	77,060
New Glasgow	365	6,700	605
x Sydney	2,210	2,512	10,675
New Brunswick	5,015	64,853	375,780
Fredericton	625	17,000	Nil
x Moncton	-	12,920	7,950
x Saint John	4,390	34,933	367,830
Quebec	3,074,450	3,585,585	5,275,423
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,622,850	3,129,122	4,853,575
x Quebec	386,800	365,093	153,935
Shawinigan Falls	925	1,540	Nil
x Sherbrooke	28,000	67,500	58,400
x Three Rivers	33,775	8,550	135,285
x Westmount	2,100	13,780	74,228
Ontario	3,058,143	2,939,938	3,962,113
Bellville	11,250	13,935	17,800
x Brantford	36,037	48,291	167,409
Chatham	4,400	6,050	12,191
x Fort William	70,200	30,150	415,150
Galt	3,830	2,440	6,345
x Guelph	14,430	15,413	20,472
x Hamilton	434,900	205,450	385,700
x Kingston	22,484	24,739	18,754
x Kitchener	22,441	67,167	87,225
x London	107,190	84,700	75,820
Niagara Falls	8,455	29,045	4,925
Oshawa	5,685	1,030	2,230
x Ottawa	193,330	160,640	231,245
Owen Sound	Nil	5,000	9,400
x Peterborough	33,540	31,850	19,050
x Port Arthur	11,631	80,236	7,505
x Stratford	3,825	14,810	6,925
x St. Catharines	52,575	69,285	56,420
x St. Thomas	600	4,750	3,307
Sarnia	20,565	15,404	27,842
Sault Ste. Marie	24,589	10,517	10,775
x Toronto	1,313,172	1,595,827	1,466,295
York & East York Townships	550,193	337,187	739,532
Welland	2,470	12,349	13,575
x Windsor	83,129	22,067	133,825
East Windsor	3,000	590	630
Riverside	Nil	450	6,400
Sandwich	580	875	4,000
Walkerville	8,000	43,000	4,000
Woodstock	15,642	6,691	7,566
Manitoba	219,705	199,582	192,825
x Brandon	4,700	2,162	100
St. Boniface	8,905	8,020	3,475
x Winnipeg	206,100	189,400	189,250
Saskatchewan	926,440	886,510	132,250
x Moose Jaw	12,775	125	26,840
x Regina	24,640	519,210	48,535
x Saskatoon	889,025	367,175	57,075
Alberta	157,299	269,403	528,076
x Calgary	100,691	154,165	197,971
x Edmonton	43,525	90,710	58,210
Lethbridge	11,858	21,928	267,170
Medicine Hat	1,225	2,600	4,725
British Columbia	399,903	500,521	1,249,485
Kamloops	3,135	9,255	25,140
Nanaimo	3,100	200	2,965
x New Westminster	19,900	23,796	28,910
Prince Rupert	7,695	103,885	3,400
x Vancouver	335,740	323,875	1,105,575
North Vancouver	1,131	6,090	6,440
x Victoria	29,202	33,420	77,055
Total - 61 Cities	7,992,815	8,713,402	11,821,292
x Total - 35 Cities	7,295,192	8,051,621	10,623,361

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