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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1932, AND OCTOBER, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920 - 1932.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October was \$3,056,137; this was an increase of \$852,507, or 38.7 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$2,203,530, but a decline of \$5,386,490, or 63.8 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$8,442,627 for October, 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 350 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,400,000, and about 2,000 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$1,650,000. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 400 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings, the estimated cost in each category being about \$1,000,000.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario recorded increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1932, that of \$833,575, or 183.1 p.c. in Quebec being greatest. The largest decrease in this comparison was that of \$186,492, or 42.5 p.c. in British Columbia.

In comparison with October, 1931, there were declines in all provinces; Quebec reported the most pronounced losses, amounting to \$2,310,160, or 64.2 p.c.

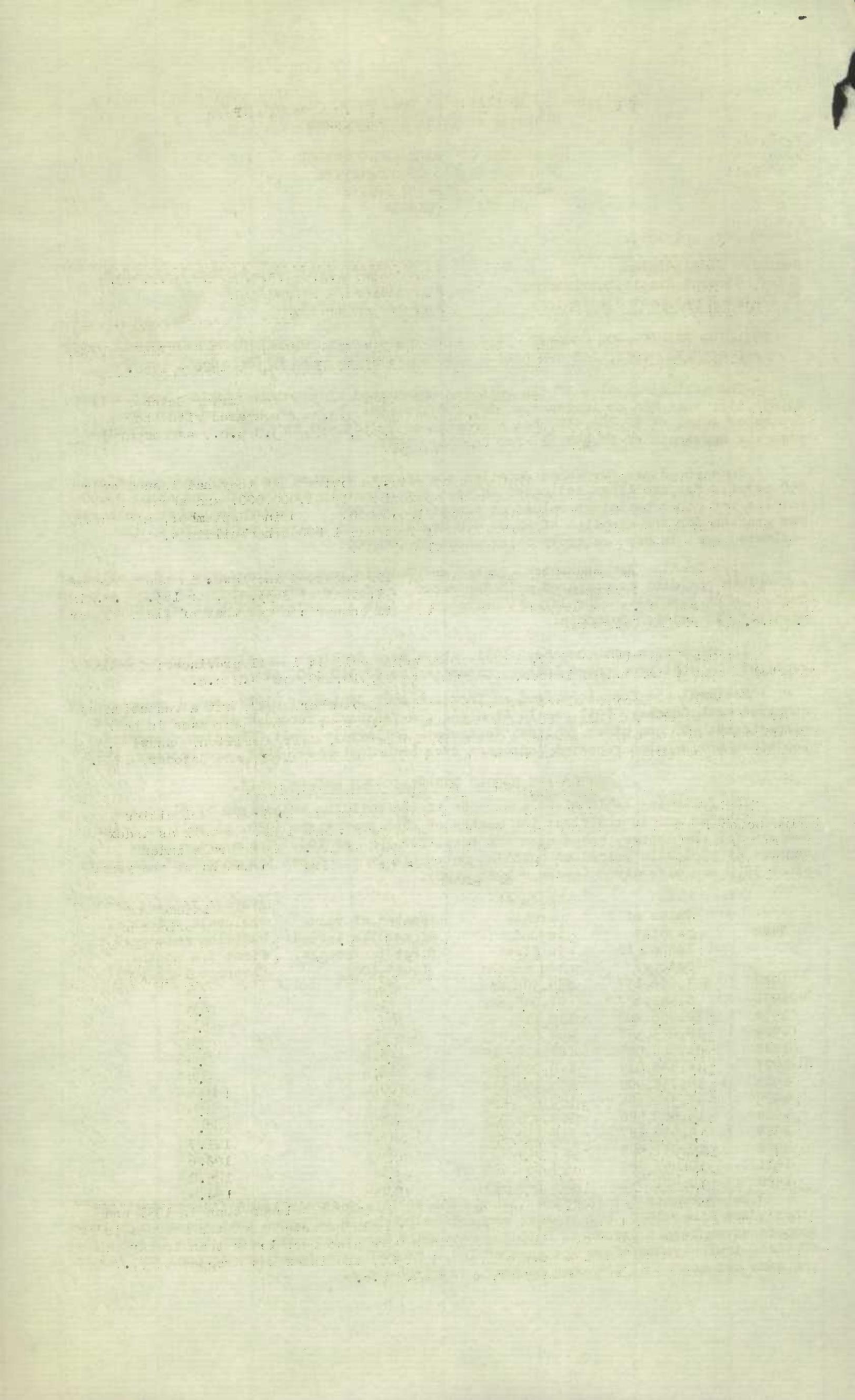
Montreal and Toronto showed an increase over September, 1932, but a reduction as compared with October, 1931, while Winnipeg and Vancouver recorded decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Westmount, Belleville, Galt, Hamilton, Sandwich, Woodstock and Nanaimo reported increases over both September, 1932, and October, 1931.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1932.

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 1926 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, (1926=100).	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months, (average 1926=100)
1932	\$ 3,056,137	\$35,396,886	26.2	77.7
1931	8,442,627	97,045,622	71.9	83.0
1930	12,756,402	139,117,752	103.1	93.3
1929	18,073,378	204,084,467	151.3	99.6
1928	21,558,085	187,179,719	138.8	97.9
1927	18,848,019	160,000,554	118.6	96.8
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	100.0	100.4
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	81.3	104.0
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	81.5	107.7
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	87.7	111.7
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	94.5	108.6
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	73.4	125.2
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	79.0	154.4

The aggregate for the first ten months of this year was lower than in 1931 and other years since 1920, but in this connection it should be noted that the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were also much lower than in any other of these twelve years; from its peak of 154.4 in 1920, the index has dropped to 77.7 in the same ten months of the present year, or by 49.7 p.c.



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

C i t i e s	October, 1932	September, 1932	October, 1931
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ Nil	\$ -	\$ -
Nova Scotia	102,399	51,008	267,010
x Halifax	91,995	39,908	257,798
New Glasgow	2,200	380	6,700
x Sydney	8,204	10,720	2,512
New Brunswick	36,160	19,989	64,853
Fredericton	1,500	-	17,000
x Moncton	5,220	-	12,920
x Saint John	29,440	19,989	34,933
Quebec	1,288,890	455,315	3,599,050
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,149,200	337,560	3,129,122
x Quebec	68,440	61,245	365,093
Shawinigan Falls	-	1,900	15,005
x Sherbrooke	11,600	10,500	67,500
x Three Rivers	650	1,180	8,550
x Westmount	59,000	42,930	13,780
Ontario	1,153,555	900,679	3,013,537
Belleville	29,300	7,900	13,935
x Brantford	4,955	9,061	48,291
Chatham	5,515	6,100	6,050
x Fort William	7,700	76,000	30,150
Galt	3,398	3,371	2,440
x Guelph	15,244	13,665	15,413
x Hamilton	347,700	104,900	205,450
x Kingston	19,315	22,315	24,739
x Kitchener	32,826	13,292	67,167
x London	30,630	35,480	84,700
Niagara Falls	2,360	1,503	29,045
Oshawa	4,090	5,100	1,030
x Ottawa	90,225	67,555	160,640
Owen Sound	2,800	640	5,000
x Peterborough	8,490	1,395	31,850
x Port Arthur	11,785	14,394	80,236
x Stratford	12,164	3,355	14,810
x St. Catharines	8,327	8,939	69,285
x St. Thomas	627	13,625	4,750
Sarnia	3,485	5,330	15,404
Sault Ste. Marie	9,256	10,920	10,517
x Toronto	382,757	317,419	1,668,826
York & East York Townships	90,775	129,035	337,187
Welland	10,510	1,450	12,349
x Windsor	5,772	8,475	22,667
East Windsor	225	8,040	590
Riverside	200	300	450
Sandwich	1,000	-	875
Walkerville	1,000	1,000	43,000
Woodstock	11,124	10,120	6,691
Manitoba	79,140	131,620	199,582
x Brandon	1,025	7,450	2,162
St. Boniface	6,115	6,120	8,020
x Winnipeg	72,000	118,050	189,400
Saskatchewan	25,085	51,800	605,171
x Moose Jaw	475	910	18,736
x Regina	9,300	18,080	519,210
x Saskatoon	15,310	32,810	67,175
Alberta	118,079	153,798	282,903
x Calgary	60,819	70,873	154,165
x Edmonton	48,200	73,625	90,710
Lethbridge	7,815	8,195	21,928
Medicine Hat	1,245	1,105	16,100
British Columbia	252,829	439,321	410,521
Kamloops	8,165	8,900	9,255
Nanaimo	18,746	4,766	200
x New Westminster	8,905	13,890	23,796
Prince Rupert	1,585	2,425	3,885
x Vancouver	176,498	383,720	323,875
North Vancouver	3,900	4,195	6,090
x Victoria	35,030	21,425	43,420
Total - 61 Cities	3,056,137	2,203,530	8,442,627
x Total - 35 Cities	2,829,828	1,974,735	7,853,881



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