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

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 61 cities during November was \$2,505,309. This was a seasonal decline of \$570,828 or 18.6 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$3,076,137, and a reduction of \$4,776,808, or 65.6 p.c. in comparison with the November, 1931, figure of \$7,282,117.

Some 50 out of the 61 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 200 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$630,000, and about 1,400 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$1,800,000. In addition, authority was granted for engineering projects valued at \$15,422. During October, the erection of about 350 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings was authorized at an estimated cost of approximately \$1,400,000 and \$1,650,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia and Ontario reported increases of 6.2 p.c. and 29.7 p.c., respectively, in the value of the building authorized as compared with October. Reductions were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$679,836, or 52.7 p.c. in Quebec being the largest.

As compared with November, 1931, New Brunswick reported an increase, while the greatest decline in this comparison was that of \$2,465,396, or 30.2 p.c. in Quebec.

Of the four largest centres, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver 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, while in Toronto, the aggregate value was higher than in the preceding month, but lower than in November of last year. Of the other centres, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Kitchener, Oshawa, Port Arthur, St. Thomas and Medicine Hat reported greater values of building authorizations than in either comparison.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1932.

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 1926 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, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926=100).
1932	\$ 2,505,309	\$ 37,922,575	26.2	77.7
1931	7,282,117	104,327,739	72.0	82.7
1930	11,821,292	150,939,044	104.2	91.4
1929	16,171,400	220,255,867	152.0	99.5
1928	15,830,836	203,010,555	140.1	98.0
1927	12,857,622	172,858,176	119.3	96.7
1926	9,975,451	144,877,789	100.0	100.2
1925	7,988,765	117,665,590	81.2	103.8
1924	10,212,903	120,119,329	82.9	107.2
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	87.3	111.7
1922	11,182,030	138,698,005	95.7	108.6
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084	76.8	123.9
1920	5,627,949	112,175,268	77.4	153.4

The aggregate for the first eleven 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 the high point of 153.4 in 1920, this index had declined to 77.7 in the same eleven months of the present year, or by 49.3 p.c.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in October and November, 1932, and November, 1931. 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.

Cities	November, 1932	October, 1932	November, 1931
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ Nil	-
Nova Scotia	108,703	102,399	151,860
x Halifax	108,123	91,995	149,285
New Glasgow	380	2,200	365
x Sydney	200	3,204	2,210
New Brunswick	25,308	36,160	5,015
Fredericton	Nil	1,500	625
x Moncton	5,880	5,220	Nil
x Saint John	19,428	29,440	4,390
Quebec	609,657	1,283,890	3,074,450
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	248,174	1,149,200	2,622,350
x Quebec	319,895	68,440	386,800
Shawinigan Falls	4,135	-	925
x Sherbrooke	4,000	11,600	28,000
x Three Rivers	200	650	33,775
x Westmount	32,650	59,000	2,100
Ontario	1,521,759	1,173,555	3,142,363
Belleville	125	29,500	11,250
x Brantford	1,822	4,955	36,037
Chatham	200	5,515	4,400
x Fort William	21,500	7,700	70,200
Galt	2,760	3,398	3,830
x Guelph	9,587	15,244	14,430
x Hamilton	44,950	347,700	434,900
x Kingston	7,310	19,315	22,484
x Kitchener	37,474	32,826	22,441
x London	37,985	30,630	107,190
Niagara Falls	2,145	2,360	8,455
Oshawa	6,665	4,090	5,685
x Ottawa	38,440	90,225	193,330
Owen Sound	1,100	2,800	Nil
x Peterborough	6,383	8,490	33,540
x Port Arthur	25,226	11,785	11,631
x Stratford	1,635	12,164	3,825
x St. Catharines	17,920	8,327	52,575
x St. Thomas	3,525	627	600
Sarnia	4,880	3,485	20,565
Sault Ste. Marie	950	9,256	24,589
x Toronto	1,197,314	382,757	1,397,392
York & East York Townships	46,249	110,775	550,193
Welland	1,070	10,510	2,470
x Windsor	1,660	5,772	83,129
East Windsor	Nil	225	3,000
Riverside	Nil	200	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	1,000	580
Walkerville	Nil	1,000	8,000
Woodstock	2,884	11,124	15,642
Manitoba	30,400	79,140	219,705
x Brandon	Nil	1,025	4,700
St. Boniface	300	6,115	8,905
x Winnipeg	30,100	72,000	206,100
Saskatchewan	23,245	25,085	106,022
x Moose Jaw	100	475	42,357
x Regina	12,450	9,300	24,640
x Saskatoon	10,695	15,310	39,025
Alberta	50,619	118,079	172,799
x Calgary	15,934	60,819	100,691
x Edmonton	13,485	48,200	43,525
Lethbridge	50	7,815	11,858
Medicine Hat	21,150	1,245	16,725
British Columbia	136,221	252,829	409,903
Kamloops	1,940	8,165	3,135
Nanaimo	2,504	18,746	3,100
x New Westminster	9,305	8,905	19,900
Prince Rupert	275	1,585	7,695
x Vancouver	111,893	176,498	335,740
North Vancouver	145	3,900	1,131
x Victoria	10,159	35,030	39,202
Total - 61 Cities	2,505,309	3,076,137	7,282,117
xTotal - 35 Cities	2,405,402	2,829,828	6,568,994

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