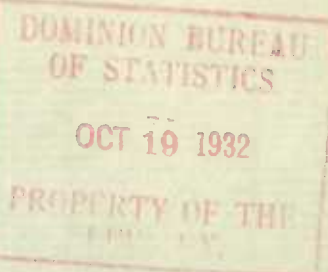


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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1932,
AND SEPTEMBER, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during September stood at \$2,203,230; this was a decrease of \$1,128,048, or 33.9 p.c., as compared with the total of \$3,331,278 in August, 1932, and of \$8,204,769, or 78.8 p.c., in comparison with the aggregate of \$10,407,999 recorded in September of last year.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued 400 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,000,000, and over 1,800 permits for other buildings valued at over \$1,000,000. During August, authority was granted for the erection of about 300 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$900,000 and \$2,200,000, respectively.

Saskatchewan reported an increase in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1932, but elsewhere there were declines, that of \$689,796, or 60.2 p.c. in Quebec being greatest.

As compared with September, 1931, there were losses in all provinces. In this comparison also Quebec showed the largest loss of \$4,039,086, or 89.9 p.c.

The larger cities - Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver - registered lower totals of permits issued than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year. Of the other centres, Sydney, Westmount, Chatham, Fort William, Niagara Falls, St. Thomas, East Windsor, Brandon, Kamloops and Nanaimo showed increases as compared with both August, 1932, and September, 1931.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1932.

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 1926 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, (1926=100) | Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months, (Average 1926=100) |
|------|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1932 | \$ 2,203,230 | \$ 32,340,749 | 26.9 | 77.3 |
| 1931 | 10,407,999 | 88,602,995 | 73.7 | 83.8 |
| 1930 | 11,093,020 | 126,361,350 | 105.2 | 94.1 |
| 1929 | 17,117,017 | 186,011,017 | 154.8 | 99.6 |
| 1928 | 20,374,149 | 165,621,634 | 137.8 | 97.8 |
| 1927 | 14,462,243 | 141,152,535 | 117.5 | 95.8 |
| 1926 | 11,047,503 | 120,163,936 | 100.0 | 100.7 |
| 1925 | 10,140,853 | 98,364,181 | 81.9 | 104.2 |
| 1924 | 15,055,250 | 96,817,333 | 80.6 | 108.3 |
| 1923 | 10,768,398 | 108,319,972 | 90.1 | 111.7 |
| 1922 | 11,597,034 | 116,778,450 | 97.2 | 108.5 |
| 1921 | 10,907,828 | 88,573,442 | 73.7 | 126.8 |
| 1920 | 9,842,677 | 96,146,278 | 80.0 | 155.3 |

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was lower than in 1931 and earlier years of the record; the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, however, were also much lower in 1932 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, 1932, and September, 1931. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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