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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1933,
AND OCTOBER, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920 - 1933.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October was \$1,762,947; this was a decrease of \$269,892 or 13.3 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$2,032,839, and of \$1,407,623 or 44.4 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$3,170,570 for October, 1932.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 220 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$685,000, and about 1,550 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$1,000,000. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 250 dwellings and 1,750 other buildings, the estimated cost being approximately \$800,000, and \$1,000,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec and Saskatchewan recorded increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1933, while the remaining provinces reported declines. The largest decrease was that of \$133,683 or 49.6 p.c. in British Columbia.

In comparison with October, 1932, there were declines in all provinces except Prince Edward Island and Manitoba; cities in Quebec reported the most pronounced losses, amounting to \$696,323 or 54.0 p.c.

Montreal showed an increase over September, 1933, but a reduction as compared with October, 1932; in Winnipeg there was a decline as compared with September, 1933, but an improvement over October, 1932, while Toronto and Vancouver recorded decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Brantford, London, St. Thomas, East Windsor, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat and New Westminster reported increases over both September, 1933, and October, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1933.

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)
1933	\$ 1,762,947	\$18,043,654	13.4	77.8
1932	3,170,570	38,196,769	28.3	77.5
1931	8,442,627	97,045,622	71.9	82.4
1930	12,756,402	139,117,752	103.1	92.0
1929	18,073,378	204,084,467	151.3	99.2
1928	21,558,085	187,179,719	138.8	96.8
1927	18,848,019	160,000,554	118.6	96.2
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	100.0	100.4
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	81.3	103.0
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	81.5	107.6
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	87.7	111.8
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	94.5	108.5
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	73.4	125.2
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	79.0	144.4

The aggregate for the first ten months of this year was lower than in 1932 and other years since 1920; in this connection it should be noted that the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were also lower than in any other of the fourteen years of the record, except 1932.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during September and October, 1933, and October, 1932. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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

Cities	October, 1933	September, 1933	October, 1932
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	23,000	91,200	Nil
Nova Scotia	46,871	39,923	102,419
x Halifax	38,293	32,486	91,995
New Glasgow	1,333	5,507	2,220
x Sydney	7,245	1,930	8,204
New Brunswick	11,904	23,477	36,160
Fredericton	1,300	6,925	1,500
x Moncton	3,092	5,055	5,220
x Saint John	7,512	11,497	29,440
Quebec	593,567	572,637	1,289,890
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	507,598	454,544	1,149,200
x Quebec	42,579	72,594	68,440
Shawinigan Falls	125	5,650	1,000
x Sherbrooke	13,500	8,600	11,600
x Three Rivers	3,340	1,380	650
x Westmount	26,425	29,869	59,000
Ontario	714,022	804,868	1,201,672
Belleville	600	3,060	29,300
x Brantford	16,928	3,935	4,955
Chatham	1,550	4,000	5,515
x Fort William	10,450	34,500	7,700
Galt	10,820	17,968	3,398
x Guelph	8,216	9,488	15,244
x Hamilton	22,380	44,175	347,700
x Kingston	15,440	9,316	19,315
x Kitchener	20,410	17,929	32,826
x London	41,825	33,050	30,630
Niagara Falls	5,556	6,288	2,360
Oshawa	4,400	7,350	4,090
x Ottawa	107,705	125,185	91,325
Owen Sound	1,600	4,600	2,800
x Peterborough	2,880	5,930	8,490
x Port Arthur	1,995	10,516	11,935
x Stratford	1,795	4,320	12,164
x St. Catharines	9,373	13,911	8,327
x St. Thomas	19,025	14,365	627
Sarnia	1,985	3,203	3,485
Sault Ste. Marie	4,995	14,842	9,255
x Toronto	323,672	325,213	409,675
York & East York Townships	63,850	80,455	110,775
Welland	4,515	3,360	10,510
x Windsor	4,745	3,520	5,772
East Windsor	1,700	100	225
Riverside	Nil	Nil	200
Sandwich	150	Nil	1,000
Walkerville	Nil	1,000	1,000
Woodstock	5,462	3,289	11,124
Manitoba	103,875	112,575	79,240
x Brandon	375	8,800	1,025
St. Boniface	13,050	5,925	6,115
x Winnipeg	90,450	97,850	72,100
Saskatoon	39,277	20,001	90,281
x Moose Jaw	11,645	900	4,776
x Regina	19,777	14,161	9,300
x Saskatoon	7,855	4,940	76,205
Alberta	94,444	98,488	118,079
x Calgary	49,707	43,779	60,819
x Edmonton	38,260	50,739	48,200
Lethbridge	4,977	3,085	7,815
Medicine Hat	1,500	885	1,245
British Columbia	135,987	269,670	252,829
Kamloops	1,070	1,574	8,165
Nanaimo	3,986	850	18,746
x New Westminster	14,000	8,400	8,905
Prince Rupert	960	11,500	1,585
x Vancouver	85,050	211,985	176,498
North Vancouver	3,368	3,090	3,900
x Victoria	27,553	32,271	35,030
Total - 61 Cities	1,762,947	2,032,839	3,170,570
Total - x35 Cities	1,601,095	1,747,133	2,923,242

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