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

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 61 cities during November was \$1,609,874. This was a seasonal decline of \$152,473 or 8.7 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$1,762,347, and a reduction of \$943,499, or 37.0 p.c. in comparison with the November, 1932, figure of \$2,553,373.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 150 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$600,000, and about 970 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$875,000. In addition, authority was granted for an engineering project valued at \$30,282. During October, authority was granted for the erection of about 220 dwellings and 1,550 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$685,000 and \$1,000,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario reported increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with October; the most marked gain was that of \$247,360 or 34.7 p.c. in Ontario. Reductions were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$237,875, or 40.1 p.c. in Quebec being the largest.

As compared with November, 1932, Manitoba and Alberta reported increases, while the greatest decline in this comparison was that of \$593,507 or 38.2 p.c. in Ontario.

Of the four largest centres, Montreal and Vancouver recorded decreases in the value of the building authorized in November as compared with the preceding month, and also with November, 1932; in Toronto, the aggregate value was higher than in October, 1933, but lower than in November of last year, while in Winnipeg there was a reduction in the former but an improvement in the latter comparison. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Fredericton, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Brantford, Chatham, London, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, Sarnia, Windsor, Kamloops and Nanaimo reported greater building authorizations than in either comparison.

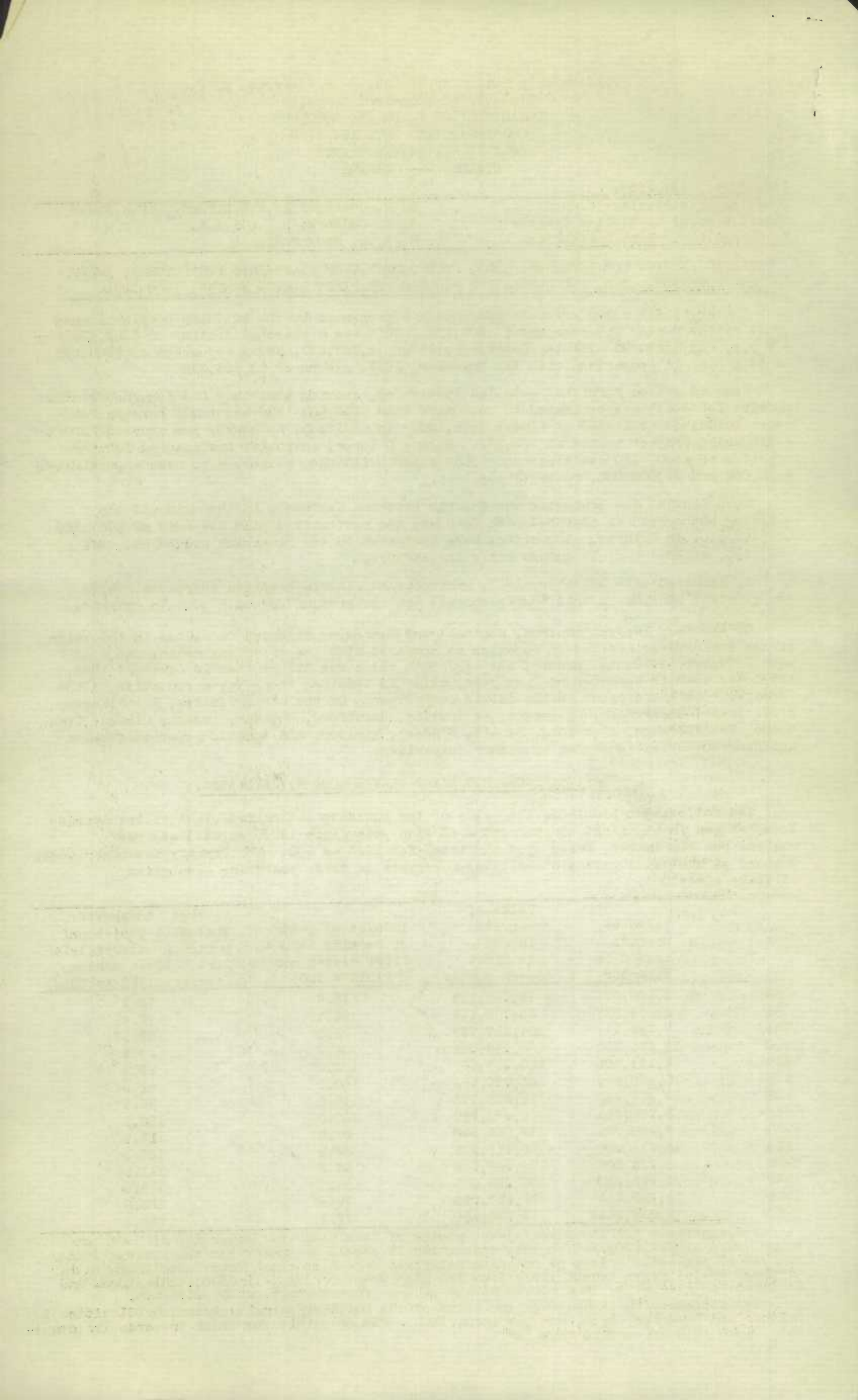
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1933.

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 first eleven months, (1926 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926 = 100).
1933	\$ 1,609,874	\$ 19,653,928	13.6	78.1
1932	2,553,373	40,750,142	28.1	77.4
1931	7,282,117	104,327,739	72.0	82.1
1930	11,821,292	150,939,044	104.2	91.4
1929	16,171,400	220,255,867	152.0	99.1
1928	15,830,836	203,010,555	140.1	96.9
1927	12,857,622	172,858,176	119.3	96.2
1926	9,975,451	144,877,789	100.0	100.1
1925	7,988,765	117,665,590	81.2	102.9
1924	10,212,908	120,119,829	82.9	107.1
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	87.3	111.8
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	144.3

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was lower than in 1932 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 except 1932; from the high point of 144.3 in 1920, this index had declined to 78.1 in the same eleven months of the present year, or by 46.9 p.c.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in October and November, 1933, and November, 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.

C i t i e s	November, 1933	October, 1933	November, 1932
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ 23,000	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	47,600	46,871	108,703
x Halifax	44,910	38,293	108,123
New Glasgow	1,690	1,333	380
x Sydney	1,000	7,245	200
New Brunswick	13,485	11,904	25,308
Fredericton	3,000	1,300	Nil
x Moncton	2,537	3,092	5,880
x Saint John	7,948	7,512	19,428
Quebec	355,692	593,567	609,054
x Montreal xMaisonneuve	237,742	507,598	248,174
x Quebec	34,765	42,579	319,895
Shawinigan Falls	1,000	125	4,135
x Sherbrooke	21,500	13,500	4,000
x Three Rivers	1,150	3,340	200
x Westmount	59,535	26,425	32,650
Ontario	960,782	713,422 ^{1/}	1,554,289
Belleville	1,200	600	125
x Brantford	31,592	16,928	1,822
Chatham	2,535	1,550	200
x Fort William	11,600	10,450	21,500
Galt	613	10,820	2,740
x Guelph	4,750	8,216	9,587
x Hamilton	26,460	22,380	44,950
x Kingston	10,198	15,440	7,310
x Kitchener	1,989	20,410	37,474
x London	49,490	41,825	37,985
Niagara Falls	1,690	5,556	2,145
Oshawa	11,100	4,400	6,665
x Ottawa	59,965	107,705	38,450
Owen Sound	2,400	1,600	1,100
x Peterborough	9,840	2,880	6,383
x Port Arthur	10,695	1,995	25,126
x Stratford	8,545	1,795	1,635
x St. Catharines	1,370	9,373	17,920
x St. Thomas	3,575	19,025	3,525
Sarnia	12,720	1,985	4,880
Sault Ste. Marie	3,310	4,995	950
x Toronto	638,756	323,672	1,229,954
York & East York Townships	45,145	63,850	46,249
Welland	670	4,515	1,070
x Windsor	5,475	4,745	1,660
East Windsor	Nil	1,100 ^{1/}	Nil
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	150	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	5,099	5,462	2,884
Manitoba	51,085	103,875	30,400
x Brandon	Nil	375	Nil
St. Boniface	10,685	13,050	300
x Winnipeg	40,400	90,450	30,100
Saskatchewan	8,575	39,277	38,779
x Moose Jaw	25	11,645	100
x Regina	5,605	19,777	12,450
x Saskatoon	2,945	7,855	26,229
Alberta	61,784	94,444	50,619
x Calgary	34,864	49,707	15,934
x Edmonton	21,470	38,260	13,485
Lethbridge	4,950	4,977	50
Medicine Hat	500	1,500	21,150
British Columbia	110,871	135,987	136,221
Kamloops	3,390	1,070	1,940
Nanaimo	4,400	3,986	2,504
x New Westminster	1,000	14,000	9,305
Prince Rupert	275	960	275
x Vancouver	78,314	85,050	111,893
North Vancouver	450	3,368	145
x Victoria	23,042	27,553	10,159
Total -- 61 cities	1,609,874	1,762,347 ^{1/}	2,553,373
Total -- x35 cities	1,493,052	1,601,095	2,453,486
1/ Corrected total.			

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