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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR
 NOVEMBER, 1933, AND DECEMBER, 1932, AND TOTALS FOR THE YEARS, 1920-33.

The building permits issued by 61 cities in December, 1933, represented construction work valued at \$1,975,855, as compared with \$1,609,874 in November, 1933, and \$1,569,255 in December, 1932. There was, therefore, an increase of \$365,981 or 22.7 p.c. in December as compared with the preceding month, and of \$406,600 or 25.9 p.c. in comparison with the same month of 1932. The December, 1933, figure was the lowest for the month in any year since 1920, except 1932; the wholesale prices of building materials, as measured by the Bureau's index number, however, were also lower than in other years of the record of fourteen years with the exception of 1932.

Detailed statements were received from some 50 cities, showing that they had issued almost 60 permits for dwellings valued at some \$305,000 and over 400 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of about \$1,500,000. There was also a permit taken out in Brantford for engineering work at a cost of \$36,000. During November, the construction of some 150 dwellings and 970 other buildings was authorized; these were estimated to cost approximately \$600,000 and \$875,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan reported increases in the value of the authorized building, Quebec showing the greatest gain of \$482,548 or 135.7 p.c. Declines were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$72,331 or 65.2 p.c. in British Columbia being most pronounced.

New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario recorded increases as compared with December, 1932, in the value of the building authorized. In this comparison also, Quebec reported the most marked gain of \$577,300 or 214.3 p.c.

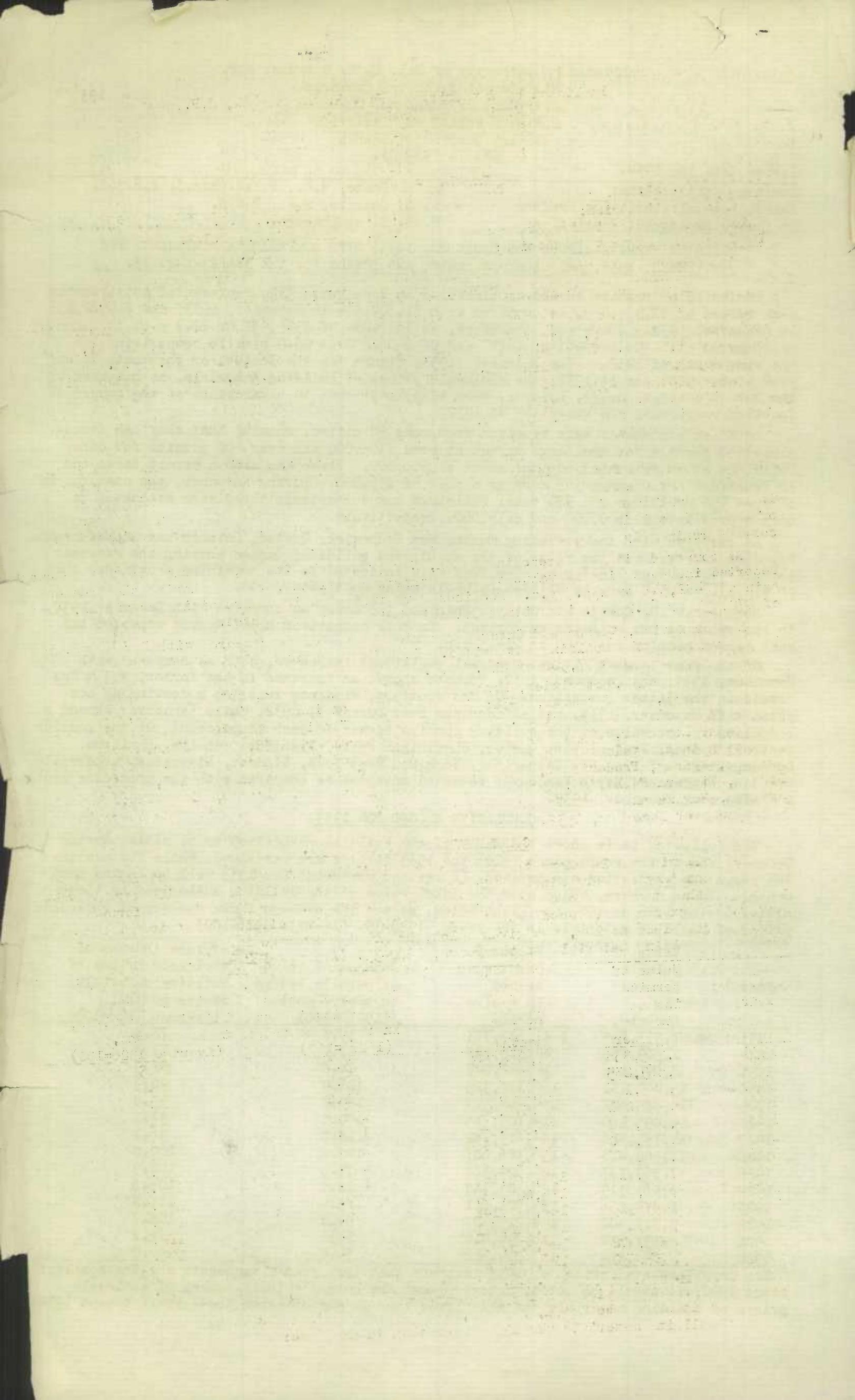
Of the four largest cities, Montreal registered increases, both as compared with November, 1933, and December, 1932; Toronto showed an increase in the former, but a decrease in the latter comparison. On the contrary, Winnipeg reported a decline as compared with November, 1933, but an increase over December, 1932, while Vancouver showed a reduction in the value of the building permits issued in each comparison. Of the smaller centres, Sydney, Fredericton, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Brantford, Guelph, Hamilton, London, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, York and East York, Windsor, Riverside, Walkerville, Brandon, Regina and North Vancouver recorded advances as compared with the preceding month, and also over December, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1933.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during December and in the years since 1920; the 1933 figures are unrevised, while for preceding years the statistics are revised. (A revised statement for 1933 will be issued next month). Index numbers, based upon the total value of the building authorized by these cities during 1926 as 100, are given below, as are the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the years, 1920-33. (Average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in December	Value of permits issued in twelve months	Indexes of value of permits issued in twelve months, (1926 =100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, twelve months, (Average 1926=100)
1933	\$ 1,975,855	\$ 21,629,783	13.8	78.3
1932	1,569,255	42,319,397	27.1	77.2
1931	7,895,106	112,222,845	71.8	81.9
1930	15,440,281	166,379,325	106.4	90.9
1929	14,688,682	234,944,549	150.2	99.0
1928	16,095,160	219,105,715	140.1	97.1
1927	11,755,566	184,613,742	118.0	96.1
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	100.0	100.0
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	79.9	102.9
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	80.9	106.6
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	85.4	111.8
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	94.8	108.7
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	74.7	122.7
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	74.8	144.0

The unrevised statistics for 1933 indicate that last year's aggregate was the smallest since 1920; it should be noted, however, that the Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of building materials was also lower than in any other of these years except 1932.



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

Cities	December, 1933	November, 1933	December, 1932
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	-	-	Nil
Nova Scotia	11,540	47,600	48,900
x Halifax	8,940	44,910	48,525
New Glasgow	600	1,690	375
x Sydney	2,000	1,000	Nil
New Brunswick	57,020	13,485	22,655
Fredericton	55,000	3,000	Nil
x Moncton	360	2,537	215
x Saint John	1,660	7,948	22,440
Quebec	838,240	355,692	260,940
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	547,215	237,742	215,805
x Quebec	256,530	34,765	12,035
Shawinigan Falls	4,620	1,000	Nil
x Sherbrooke	5,000	21,500	2,200
x Three Rivers	600	1,150	500
x Westmount	24,275	59,535	30,400
Ontario	986,176	960,782	956,611
Belleville	Nil	1,200	2,650
x Brantford	36,088	31,592	2,155
Chatham	100	2,535	2,800
x Fort William	100	11,600	150
Galt	120	613	405
x Guelph	25,650	4,750	1,785
x Hamilton	31,500	26,460	11,600
x Kingston	950	10,198	8,250
x Kitchener	224	1,989	7,560
x London	102,725	49,490	21,995
Niagara Falls	2,965	1,690	300
Oshawa	Nil	11,100	375
x Ottawa	1,450	59,965	47,645
Owen Sound	Nil	2,400	Nil
x Peterborough	500	9,840	555
x Port Arthur	540	10,695	2,935
x Stratford	1,420	8,545	1,535
x St. Catharines	4,575	1,370	2,100
x St. Thomas	350	3,575	Nil
Sarnia	2,515	12,720	886
Sault Ste. Marie	2,640	3,310	2,430
x Toronto	696,383	638,756	822,913
York & East York Townships	54,375	45,145	9,374
Welland	50	670	1,725
x Windsor	11,550	5,475	2,275
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	Nil
Riverside	5,000	-	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	Nil
Walkerville	1,000	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	3,406	5,099	2,213
Manitoba	21,000	51,085	114,754
x Brandon	2,200	Nil	1,804
St. Boniface	350	10,685	100,050
x Winnipeg	18,450	40,400	12,900
Saskatchewan	9,975	8,575	73,064
x Moose Jaw	25	25	1,000
x Regina	8,175	5,605	630
x Saskatoon	1,775	2,945	71,434
Alberta	13,364	61,784	20,425
x Calgary	8,052	34,864	13,008
x Edmonton	4,535	21,470	5,960
Lethbridge	742	4,950	1,457
Medicine Hat	35	500	Nil
British Columbia	38,540	110,871	71,906
Kamloops	417	3,390	620
Nanaimo	2,500	4,400	175
x New Westminster	800	1,000	2,650
Prince Rupert	1,060	275	1,725
x Vancouver	21,575	78,314	53,660
North Vancouver	1,075	450	850
x Victoria	11,113	23,042	12,226
Total - 61 Cities	1,975,855	1,609,874	1,569,255
Total - x35 Cities	1,837,085	1,493,052	1,440,845

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