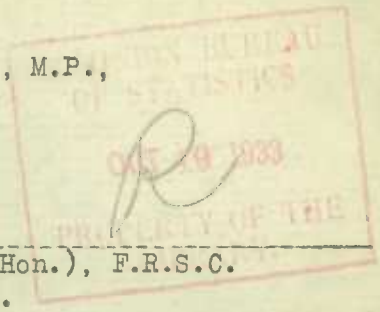


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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1933, AND SEPTEMBER, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-1933.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during September stood at \$2,032,839; this was an increase of \$94,757 or 4.9 p.c. from the total of \$1,938,082 in August, 1933, but a decrease of \$416,896 or 17.0 p.c. in comparison with the aggregate of \$2,449,735 recorded in September of last year. The increase over August, though not large, is interesting because in the experience of the last thirteen years the September total has usually been smaller than that for August, the average decline between the two months amounting to 12 p.c.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued 250 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$809,000 and over 1,750 permits for other buildings valued at more than \$1,032,000. During August, authority was granted for the erection of about 200 dwellings and 1,400 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$600,000 and \$1,150,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia reported increases in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1933, that of \$184,454, or 47.5 p.c. in Quebec being greatest. The remaining provinces recorded declines, of which that of \$200,218 or 19.9 p.c. in Ontario was most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1932, there were reductions in all provinces with the exception of Prince Edward Island and Quebec, where there were advances of \$91,200 and \$42,322, respectively. In this comparison, British Columbia showed the largest loss of \$179,562 or 40 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal registered a higher total of permits issued than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year. Winnipeg and Vancouver showed a gain in the former but a loss in the latter comparison, while Toronto showed a decrease in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, New Glasgow, Fredericton, Quebec City, Galt, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, Brandon, Prince Rupert and Victoria recorded increases as compared with both August, 1933, and September, 1932.

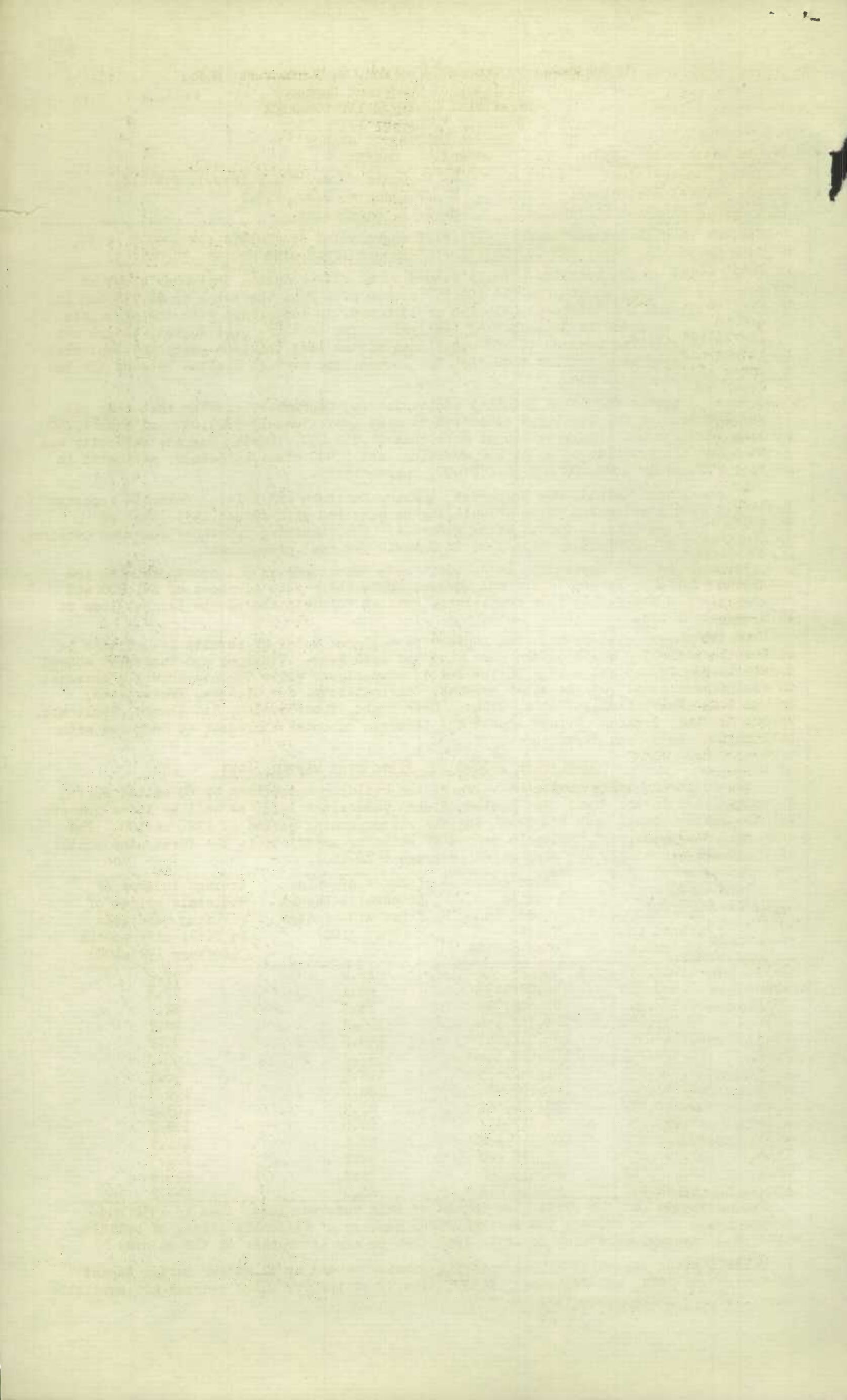
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 60 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)
1933	\$ 2,032,839	\$ 16,125,512	13.4	77.2
1932	2,449,735	35,026,199	29.1	77.6
1931	10,407,999	88,602,995	73.7	82.7
1930	11,093,020	126,361,350	105.2	92.7
1929	17,117,017	186,011,017	154.8	99.2
1928	20,574,149	165,621,634	137.8	96.7
1927	14,462,243	141,152,535	117.5	96.3
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	100.0	100.7
1925	10,140,853	98,364,181	81.9	103.1
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	80.6	108.2
1923	10,768,893	103,319,972	90.1	111.8
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	97.2	108.5
1921	10,907,828	83,573,442	73.7	126.8
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	80.0	144.2

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was lower than in 1932 and earlier years of the record; the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, however, were also lower in 1933 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, 1933, and September, 1932. 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 as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	September, 1933	August, 1933	September, 1932
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	91,200	10,200 1/	Nil
Nova Scotia	39,923	84,480	51,208
x Halifax	32,486	71,800	39,908
New Glasgow	5,507	1,080	580
x Sydney	1,930	11,600	10,720
New Brunswick	23,477	18,766	48,539
Fredericton	6,925	440	Nil
x Moncton	5,055	5,287	28,550
x Saint John	11,497	13,039	19,989
Quebec	572,637	388,183	530,315
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	454,544	269,420	337,560
x Quebec	72,594	71,328	61,245
Shawinigan Falls	5,650	1,900	76,900
x Sherbrooke	8,600	14,900	10,500
x Three Rivers	1,380	2,335	1,180
x Westmount	29,869	28,300	42,930
Ontario	804,868	1,005,086	947,700
Belleville	3,060	8,000	7,900
x Brantford	3,935	18,962	9,061
Chatham	4,000	44,825	6,100
x Fort William	34,500	20,800	76,000
Galt	17,968	11,465	3,371
x Guelph	9,488	5,990	13,665
x Hamilton	44,175	143,050	104,900
x Kingston	9,316	6,331	22,315
x Kitchener	17,929	18,318	13,292
x London	33,050	29,425	35,480
Niagara Falls	6,288	1,310	1,503
Oshawa	7,350	8,695	5,100
x Ottawa	125,185	119,800	67,795
Owen Sound	4,600	3,500	640
x Peterborough	5,930	5,873	1,395
x Port Arthur	10,516	13,005	14,394
x Stratford	4,320	4,535	3,355
x St. Catharines	13,911	19,731	8,939
x St. Thomas	14,365	10,251	13,625
Sarnia	3,203	9,693	5,330
Sault Ste. Marie	14,842	14,445	10,920
x Toronto	325,213	405,469	364,200
York & East York Townships	80,455	55,375	129,035
Welland	3,360	1,350	1,450
x Windsor	3,520	3,700	8,475
East Windsor	100	350	8,040
Riverside	-	-	300
Sandwich	Nil	75	Nil
Walkerville	1,000	Nil	1,000
Woodstock	3,289	20,763	10,120
Manitoba	112,575	79,340	131,620
x Brandon	8,800	1,815	7,450
St. Boniface	5,925	3,775	6,120
x Winnipeg	97,850	73,750	118,050
Saskatchewan	20,001	34,825	137,223
x Moose Jaw	900	225	6,221
x Regina	14,161	10,475	18,080
x Saskatoon	4,940	24,125	112,922
Alberta	98,488	138,531	153,798
x Calgary	43,779	96,777	70,873
x Edmonton	50,739	34,465	73,625
Lethbridge	3,085	2,734	8,195
Medicine Hat	885	4,555	1,105
British Columbia	269,670	178,671	449,332
Kamloops	1,574	7,635	8,900
Nanaimo	850	3,090	4,777
x New Westminster	8,400	1,415	13,890
Prince Rupert	11,500	2,267	2,425
x Vancouver	211,985	139,410	383,720
North Vancouver	3,090	1,200	4,195
x Victoria	32,271	23,654	31,425
Total - 61 Cities	2,032,839	1,938,082 1/	2,449,735
Total - x 35 Cities	1,747,133	1,719,360	2,145,729

1/ Includes Charlottetown total, not previously included.

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