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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1934,
AND OCTOBER, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October was \$2,721,919; this was an increase of \$474,135 or 21.1 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$2,247,784, and of \$946,867 or 53.3 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$1,775,052 for October, 1933. The value of the building permits issued in the first ten months of 1934 amounted to \$21,745,919, an increase of \$3,576,853 over the total for the same period in 1933; however, the aggregate was lower than in earlier years of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 350 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$630,000, and about 2,300 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$1,565,000. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 135 dwellings and 1,750 other buildings, the estimated cost being approximately \$480,000 and \$1,375,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1934, that of \$362,436 or 31.6 p.c. in Ontario being greatest. The decreases in the remaining provinces in this comparison were slight, New Brunswick showing the largest decline of \$4,097 or 15.2 p.c.

In comparison with October, 1933, there was improvement in all provinces except Prince Edward Island, from which no statement was received for the month under review. Ontario reported the most pronounced increase, amounting to \$789,970 or 109.6 p.c.

Montreal showed a decrease as compared with September, 1934, and also with October, 1933; in Vancouver, there was a decline as compared with September, 1934, but an improvement over October, 1933, while Toronto and Winnipeg recorded increases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, Fredericton, Quebec City, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Chatham, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Ottawa, Peterborough, Port Arthur, Stratford, St. Catharines, York & East York Townships, Windsor, East Windsor, Sandwich, Walkerville, Brandon, Regina, Edmonton, Prince Rupert and North Vancouver reported increases over both September, 1934, and October, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1934.

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 in first ten months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months, (average 1926=100)
1934	\$ 2,721,919	21,745,919	16.1	83.3
1933	1,775,052	18,169,066	13.5	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 1934 was higher by 19.7 p.c. than in 1933, but was lower than in any other year since 1920; the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was also lower in 1934 than in any year from 1920 to 1930.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by each of the 61 cities during September and October, 1934, and October, 1933. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	October, 1934	September, 1934	October, 1933
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	-	-	23,000
Nova Scotia	81,145	62,528	46,871
x Halifax	79,220	46,864	38,293
New Glasgow	175	1,322	1,333
x Sydney	1,750	14,342	7,245
New Brunswick	22,937	27,034	12,108
Fredericton	1,500	Nil	1,300
x Moncton	1,082	1,082	3,296
x Saint John	20,355	25,952	7,512
Quebec	624,380	629,190	593,567
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	369,927	543,508	507,598
x Quebec	54,390	45,518	42,579
Shawinigan Falls	350	1,100	125
x Sherbrooke	6,200	9,600	13,500
x Three Rivers	138,550	13,700	3,340
x Westmount	54,963	15,764	26,425
Ontario	1,510,443	1,148,007	720,473
Belleville	8,750	5,700	600
x Brantford	15,537	20,355	16,928
Chatham	6,950	2,900	1,550
x Fort William	7,680	16,600	10,450
Galt	10,271	1,724	10,820
x Guelph	3,581	13,861	8,216
x Hamilton	79,455	80,635	22,380
x Kingston	10,948	12,085	15,440
x Kitchener	20,681	13,005	20,410
x London	34,465	48,700	41,825
Niagara Falls	62,933	1,316	5,556
Oshawa	5,395	5,200	4,400
x Ottawa	184,070	45,180	107,705
Owen Sound	560	6,475	1,600
x Peterborough	18,396	6,536	2,880
x Port Arthur	13,080	8,415	1,995
x Stratford	12,180	6,272	1,795
x St. Catharines	132,128	29,905	9,373
x St. Thomas	871	1,605	19,025
Sarnia	4,549	25,400	1,985
Sault Ste. Marie	7,885	165,375	4,995
x Toronto	721,811	523,861	330,723
York & East York Townships	79,886	52,390	63,850
Welland	4,845	32,180	4,515
x Windsor	26,000	7,165	4,745
East Windsor	10,250	4,125	1,100
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	19,200	300	150
Walkerville	4,000	1,000	Nil
Woodstock	4,086	9,742	5,462
Manitoba	146,510	66,365	104,325
x Brandon	7,150	1,600	475
St. Boniface	7,360	2,215	13,050
x Winnipeg	132,000	62,550	90,800
Saskatchewan	50,780	48,717	39,277
x Moose Jaw	4,230	5,500	11,645
x Regina	44,815	38,822	19,777
x Saskatoon	1,735	4,395	7,855
Alberta	113,834	93,475	94,444
x Calgary	43,896	29,235	49,707
x Edmonton	58,023	50,660	38,260
Lethbridge	9,030	9,790	4,977
Medicine Hat	2,885	3,790	1,500
British Columbia	171,890	172,468	140,987
Kamloops	1,195	1,700	1,070
Nanaimo	1,285	1,380	3,986
x New Westminster	8,250	7,500	14,000
Prince Rupert	5,060	1,730	960
x Vancouver	133,610	134,451	85,050
North Vancouver	4,685	620	3,368
x Victoria	17,805	25,087	32,553
Total - 61 Cities	2,721,919	2,247,784	1,775,052
Total -x35 Cities	2,458,834	1,910,310	1,613,800

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