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

The value of the building authorized in 61 cities during September stood at \$2,247,784; this was a seasonal decrease of \$1,026,705 or 31.4 p.c. from the total of \$3,274,489 in August, 1934, but an increase of \$260,881 or 13.1 p.c. in the more significant comparison with September of last year, when the permits granted aggregated \$1,986,903. The value of the building authorized in the first nine months of this year, viz., \$19,024,000, was higher than in 1933, though lower than in any other year of the record; in considering these data, it should be noted that the wholesale prices of building materials were lower in 1934 than in other years since 1920, with the exception of 1933, 1932 and 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued about 135 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$480,000, and nearly 1,750 permits for other buildings valued at about \$1,375,000. In addition, three cities authorized engineering projects valued at \$17,327. During August, permits were granted for the erection of about 250 dwellings and 1,600 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$900,000 and \$1,980,000, respectively.

New Brunswick reported a slight increase in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1934, while in the remaining provinces there were declines, that of \$562,037 or 32.9 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1933, there was improvement in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan. The greatest gain of \$341,345 or 42.3 p.c. was reported in Ontario. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, that of \$107,202 or 38.3 p.c. in British Columbia was most marked.

Of the larger cities, Montreal and Toronto registered smaller totals of permits issued than in August, but the value in each case was higher than in September, 1933. Winnipeg and Vancouver showed decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Sydney, Saint John, Guelph, Owen Sound, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, East Windsor, Woodstock, Regina, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat recorded increases as compared both with August, 1934, and September, 1933.

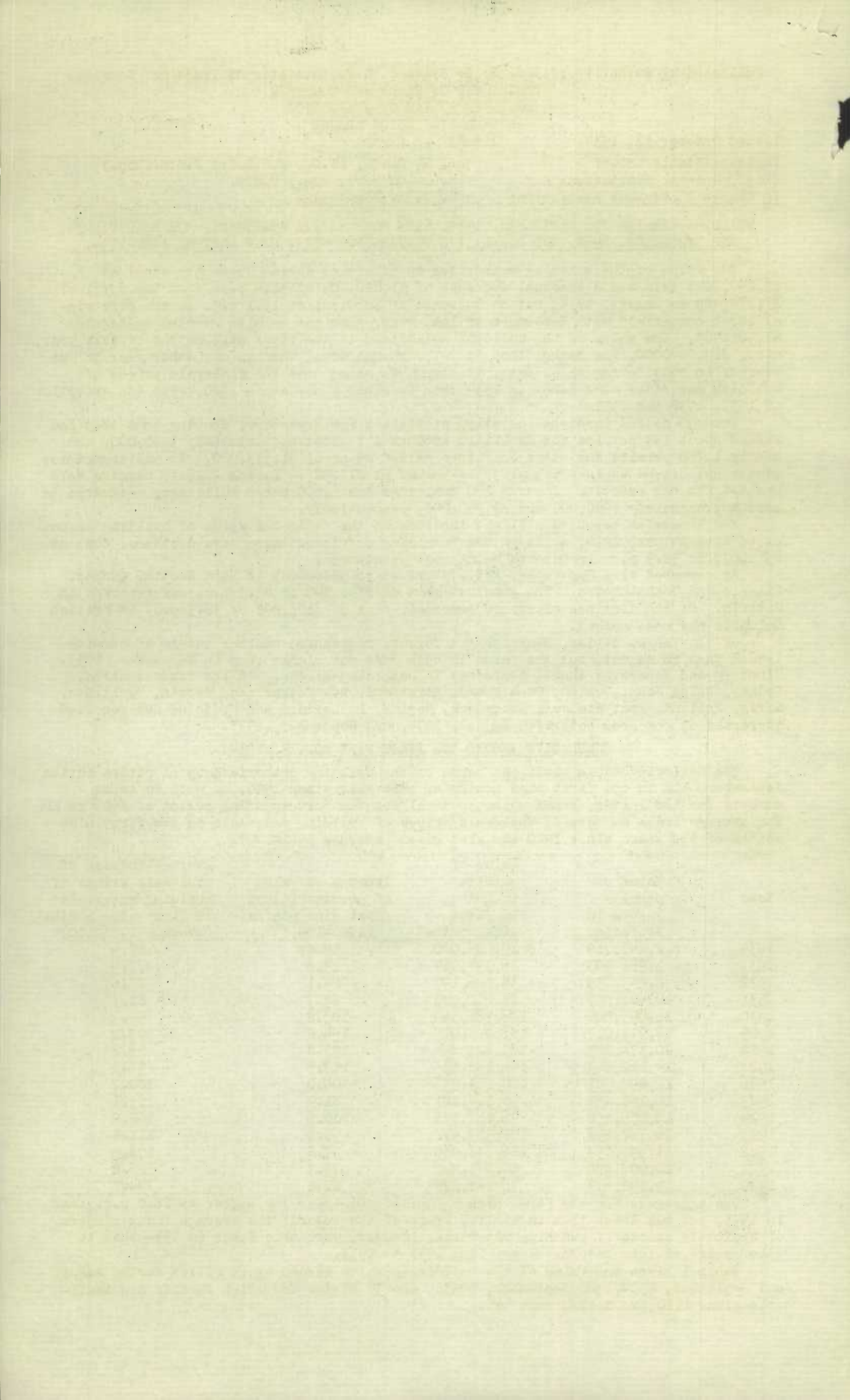
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 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)
1934	\$ 2,247,784	\$ 19,024,000	15.8	83.4
1933	1,986,903	16,394,014	13.6	77.5
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	20,374,149	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	10,768,898	108,319,972	90.1	111.8
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	97.2	108.5
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	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 higher by 16.0 p.c. than in 1933, but was lower than in earlier years of the record; the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, however, were also lower in 1934 than in other years of this record, except from 1931 to 1933.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during August and September, 1934, and September, 1933. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "x".



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

C i t i e s	September	August	September
	1934	1934	1933
	\$	\$	\$
P.M.I. - Charlottetown	-	-	17,200
Nova Scotia	62,528	95,690	40,023
x Halifax	46,864	89,645	32,486
New Glasgow	1,322	745	5,507
x Sydney	14,342	5,300	2,030
New Brunswick	27,034	26,370	39,647
Fredericton	Nil	6,420	6,925
x Moncton	1,082	-	21,225
x Saint John	25,952	19,950	11,497
Quebec	629,190	964,228	572,637
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	543,508	618,545	454,544
x Quebec	45,518	32,873	72,594
Shawinigan Falls	1,100	250	5,650
x Sherbrooke	9,600	18,885	8,600
x Three Rivers	13,700	46,675	1,380
x Westmount	15,764	247,000	29,869
Ontario	1,148,007	1,710,044	806,662
Belleville	5,700	6,525	3,060
x Brantford	20,355	43,786	3,935
Chatham	2,900	5,600	4,000
x Fort William	16,600	458,950	34,500
Galt	1,724	25,985	17,968
x Guelph	13,861	10,115	9,488
x Hamilton	80,655	95,070	44,175
x Kingston	12,085	24,079	9,316
x Kitchener	13,005	29,492	17,929
x London	48,700	73,800	33,050
Niagara Falls	1,316	28,290	6,288
Oshawa	5,200	3,150	7,350
x Ottawa	45,180	135,765	125,185
Owen Sound	6,475	2,000	4,600
x Peterboro	6,536	23,979	5,930
x Port Arthur	8,415	7,400	10,516
x Stratford	6,272	4,199	4,320
x St. Catharines	29,905	9,438	13,911
x St. Thomas	1,605	1,430	14,365
Sarnia	25,400	14,070	3,203
Sault Ste. Marie	165,375	14,735	14,842
x Toronto	523,861	567,586	327,017
York & East York Townships	52,390	104,802	80,455
Welland	32,180	3,460	3,360
x Windsor	7,165	9,930	3,510
East Windsor	4,125	125	100
Riverside	Nil	600	Nil
Sandwich	300	400	Nil
Walkerville	1,000	2,000	1,000
Woodstock	9,742	3,283	3,289
Manitoba	66,365	103,700	112,575
x Brandon	1,600	4,200	8,800
St. Boniface	2,213	10,350	5,925
x Winnipeg	62,550	92,150	97,850
Saskatchewan	48,717	51,805	20,001
x Moose Jaw	5,500	21,250	900
x Regina	38,822	25,170	14,161
x Saskatoon	4,395	5,385	4,940
Alberta	93,475	122,461	98,488
x Calgary	29,235	48,276	43,779
x Edmonton	50,660	70,470	50,739
Lethbridge	9,790	2,090	3,085
Medicine Hat	3,790	1,615	855
British Columbia	172,468	197,201	279,670
Kamloops	1,700	4,450	1,574
Nanaimo	1,380	5,730	5,850
x New Westminster	7,500	8,050	8,400
Prince Rupert	1,730	1,050	11,500
x Vancouver	134,451	148,350	211,985
North Vancouver	620	3,290	3,090
x Victoria	25,087	26,281	37,271
Total - 61 Cities	2,247,784	3,274,489	1,986,903
Total - x 35 Cities	1,910,310	3,023,474	1,770,197

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