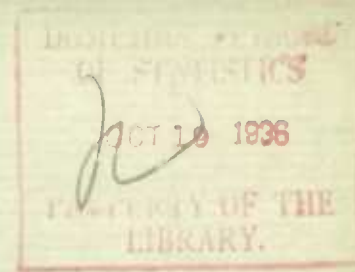


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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1936,
AND SEPTEMBER, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The value of the building authorized in 58 cities during September stood at \$3,644,560; this was a seasonal decrease of \$28,285 or 0.8 p.c. from the total of \$3,672,845 in August, 1936, but an increase of \$312,645 or 9.4 p.c. in the more significant comparison with September of last year, when the permits granted represented building valued at \$3,331,915.

The value of the building authorized in the first nine months of the present year was \$29,433,327; this was lower than the aggregate of \$36,680,796 reported in the period January-September, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first nine months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the same period in each of the last five years has been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials since 1931 have also been decidedly lower than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued about 360 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,135,000 and more than 1,800 permits for other buildings valued at about \$2,170,000. In addition, two cities authorized engineering projects valued at \$16,270. During August, permits were granted for the erection of about 350 dwellings and 1,500 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$1,500,000 and \$1,850,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario reported moderate increases in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1936, that of \$54,348 in Quebec being largest. In Manitoba, practically no change was indicated, while of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$72,794 or 50.4 p.c. in Saskatchewan was most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1935, there was improvement in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia. The greatest gain of \$310,310 or 53.2 p.c. was reported in Quebec.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver showed larger totals of authorized building than in August, and the value in each case was also higher than in September, 1935; in Winnipeg, there was a decline in the first comparison, but an increase over September of last year. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, Fredericton, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Fort William, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, Sault Ste. Marie, Riverside, Woodstock, Brandon, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Nanaimo and Prince Rupert recorded increases as compared with both August, 1936, and September, 1935.

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CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 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 period January - September 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 index of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months, (Average 1926=100)
1936	\$ 3,644,560	\$ 29,433,327	24.5	84.8
1935	3,672,845	36,680,796	30.5	81.2
1934	2,281,874	19,715,146	16.5	82.8
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	136,011,017	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	38,573,442	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 by 19.8 p.c. than in 1935, but was substantially higher than in 1934 and 1933. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in any of the years, 1931-1935, was considerably lower than in any other year since 1920.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during August and September, 1936, and September, 1935. The 35 cities for which data are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

C i t i e s	September 1 9 3 6	August 1 9 3 6	September 1 9 3 5
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$ 33,850	\$ 8,280	\$ 23,150
Nova Scotia	142,361	178,411	62,280
x Halifax	101,936	128,000	52,147
New Glasgow	2,075	440	4,800
x Sydney	38,350	49,971	5,333
New Brunswick	28,775	24,936	28,909
Fredericton	12,400	9,100	5,475
x Moncton	5,795	2,375	7,589
x Saint John	10,580	13,461	15,845
Quebec	893,827	839,479	583,517
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	780,417	695,822	359,618
x Quebec	20,640	66,307	168,454
Shawinigan Falls	16,270	6,325	520
x Sherbrooke	31,700	17,300	16,300
x Three Rivers	18,050	9,100	2,225
x Westmount	26,750	44,625	36,400
Ontario	1,858,010	1,815,415	1,617,653
Belleville	3,800	8,200	900
x Brantford	6,330	16,195	17,948
Chatham	12,150	14,000	4,400
x Fort William	39,550	15,350	15,700
Galt	30,492	34,775	44,225
x Guelph	20,640	12,045	11,136
x Hamilton	80,700	119,810	142,974
x Kingston	16,900	29,020	18,648
x Kitchener	88,382	44,036	16,085
x London	102,885	88,315	51,965
Niagara Falls	18,645	17,555	43,375
Oshawa	8,977	27,745	16,780
x Ottawa	162,365	222,032	63,300
Owen Sound	12,260	3,625	7,000
x Peterborough	31,240	23,523	13,374
x Port Arthur	17,370	32,260	25,335
x Stratford	7,560	1,330	5,295
x St. Catharines	16,529	185,954	31,278
x St. Thomas	8,375	475	14,300
Sarnia	16,266	32,845	8,460
Sault Ste. Marie	29,465	27,050	10,490
x Toronto	835,838	555,014	630,271
York and East York Townships	172,250	203,745	126,366
Welland	11,925	20,317	3,862
x Windsor	70,705	62,565	287,175
Riverside	2,275	1,750	1,100
Woodstock	34,136	15,884	5,911
Manitoba	154,925	154,985	116,930
x Brandon	29,950	4,595	2,100
St. Boniface	15,275	20,140	30,180
x Winnipeg	109,700	130,250	84,650
Saskatchewan	71,538	144,332	493,870
x Moose Jaw	4,240	1,835	8,036
x Regina	37,273	121,122	479,094
x Saskatoon	30,025	21,375	6,740
Alberta	124,692	130,352	105,402
x Calgary	45,035	30,100	53,887
x Edmonton	64,200	54,880	42,210
Lethbridge	14,542	44,412	9,015
Medicine Hat	915	960	290
British Columbia	336,582	376,655	300,204
Kamloops	1,035	10,060	5,175
Nanaimo	17,323	7,610	3,479
x New Westminster	16,200	43,600	9,300
Prince Rupert	1,300	225	1,005
x Vancouver	272,370	261,690	246,495
North Vancouver	850	2,890	1,385
x Victoria	27,504	50,580	33,365
Total - 58 Cities	3,644,560	3,672,845	3,331,915
Total - x 35 Cities	3,176,084	3,154,912	2,974,572

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