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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1937, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1937,
AND NOVEMBER, 1936, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1937.

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 58 cities during November was \$4,906,689. This was an increase of \$521,737 or 11.9 p.c., as compared with the October figure of \$4,384,952, while the total was also higher by \$1,809,181, or 58.4 p.c., than in November, 1936, when the estimated value of the building authorized by these cities was \$3,097,508. The aggregate for the month under review was larger than in any other November since that of 1931.

The value of the building permits taken out in the first eleven months of the present year was \$52,042,087; this was higher than the aggregate of \$38,043,527 reported in the period, January-November, 1936, and also substantially exceeded the total for the same months in any other year since 1931. However, the cumulative total in each of the last six years has been very much lower than in preceding years since 1919; while the wholesale prices of building materials have recently advanced, the index for the elapsed months of 1937 was below the average for the years since 1919.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for November 1, 1937, showing that they had issued over 300 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$1,158,000, and about 1,800 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$3,495,000. There were also two engineering projects, valued at \$18,271. During October, permits were issued for the erection of about 400 dwellings and 2,500 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$1,360,000 and \$2,828,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with October, 1937, that of \$411,208 or 18.7 p.c. in Ontario being largest. Reductions in this comparison were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$333,183 or 72.6 p.c. in Manitoba being most pronounced.

As compared with November, 1936, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia showed increases, of which the greatest were those of \$948,944 or 56.9 p.c. in Ontario, and \$365,224 or 111.9 p.c. in British Columbia.

Of the four most populous centres, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver recorded large increases in the value of the building authorized in November as compared with the preceding month, and also as compared with November of last year. In Winnipeg, the aggregate value was higher than in November, 1936, but lower than in October of this year. Of the other centres, Halifax, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Galt, Guelph, Port Arthur, Sarnia, Welland, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria reported higher building authorizations than in either comparison.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1937.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The January-November index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in these years are also given (average 1926=100).

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Year	Value of permits issued in November	Value of permits issued in first eleven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first eleven months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926=100)
1937	\$ 4,906,689	\$ 52,042,087	35.9	94.5
1936	3,097,508	38,043,527	26.3	85.1
1935	3,447,653	44,158,767	30.5	81.2
1934	2,622,534	24,935,704	17.2	82.7
1933	1,624,138	19,793,204	13.7	78.1
1932	2,553,373	40,750,142	28.1	77.4
1931	7,282,117	104,327,739	72.0	82.1
1930	11,821,292	150,939,044	104.2	91.4
1929	16,171,400	220,255,867	152.0	99.1
1928	15,830,836	203,010,555	140.1	96.9
1927	12,857,622	172,858,176	119.3	96.2
1926	9,975,451	144,877,789	100.0	100.1
1925	7,988,765	117,665,590	81.2	102.9
1924	10,212,908	120,119,829	82.9	107.1
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	87.3	111.8
1922	11,182,030	138,698,005	95.7	108.6
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084	76.8	123.9
1920	5,627,949	112,175,268	77.4	144.3

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was higher by 36.8 p.c. than in 1936, being also greater than in the same period of any other year since 1931. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in any of the years, 1930-1936, was lower than in the months January to November of other years since 1920.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in October and November, 1937, and November, 1936. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Year	Value	Value	Value	Value
1900	100	100	100	100
1901	105	105	105	105
1902	110	110	110	110
1903	115	115	115	115
1904	120	120	120	120
1905	125	125	125	125
1906	130	130	130	130
1907	135	135	135	135
1908	140	140	140	140
1909	145	145	145	145
1910	150	150	150	150
1911	155	155	155	155
1912	160	160	160	160
1913	165	165	165	165
1914	170	170	170	170
1915	175	175	175	175
1916	180	180	180	180
1917	185	185	185	185
1918	190	190	190	190
1919	195	195	195	195
1920	200	200	200	200

The following table shows the value of the stock of the company at the end of each year from 1900 to 1920. The value is given in dollars and cents. The value of the stock at the end of 1900 was \$100.00. At the end of 1901 it was \$105.00. At the end of 1902 it was \$110.00. At the end of 1903 it was \$115.00. At the end of 1904 it was \$120.00. At the end of 1905 it was \$125.00. At the end of 1906 it was \$130.00. At the end of 1907 it was \$135.00. At the end of 1908 it was \$140.00. At the end of 1909 it was \$145.00. At the end of 1910 it was \$150.00. At the end of 1911 it was \$155.00. At the end of 1912 it was \$160.00. At the end of 1913 it was \$165.00. At the end of 1914 it was \$170.00. At the end of 1915 it was \$175.00. At the end of 1916 it was \$180.00. At the end of 1917 it was \$185.00. At the end of 1918 it was \$190.00. At the end of 1919 it was \$195.00. At the end of 1920 it was \$200.00.

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

Cities	November, 1937	October, 1937	November, 1936
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	2,000	11,200	2,250
Nova Scotia	144,035	58,242	98,627
x Halifax	141,255	35,627	80,727
New Glasgow	2,780	4,200	6,000
x Sydney	1/ -	18,415	11,900
New Brunswick	54,881	22,809	66,552
Fredericton	850	Nil	36,600
x Moncton	33,896	14,089	2,975
x Saint John	20,135	8,720	26,977
Quebec	1,086,751	853,453	748,325
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	812,401	596,494	503,773
x Quebec	83,715	192,111	43,690
Shawinigan Falls	37,050	9,700	3,002
x Sherbrooke	63,300	19,000	44,850
x Three Rivers	85,185	27,835	123,010
x Westmount	5,100	8,313	30,000
Ontario	2,615,991	2,204,783	1,667,047
Belleville	7,950	41,200	1,200
x Brantford	11,136	30,320	22,138
Chatham	9,300	14,975	1,000
x Fort William	18,550	21,700	6,800
Galt	93,216	29,712	10,305
x Guelph	8,990	5,830	2,420
x Hamilton	89,477	119,485	179,805
x Kingston	11,987	15,572	7,915
x Kitchener	47,789	64,510	31,560
x London	41,525	70,940	38,310
Niagara Falls	1,550	27,820	5,010
Oshawa	2,450	113,275	3,100
x Ottawa	73,290	207,120	76,455
Owen Sound	690	16,598	5,600
x Peterborough	4,133	25,076	31,779
x Port Arthur	22,755	18,915	6,526
x Stratford	5,430	54,230	4,355
x St. Catharines	41,960	29,240	185,385
x St. Thomas	1,300	17,627	825
Sarnia	40,650	35,529	4,150
Sault Ste. Marie	11,090	45,086	11,655
x Toronto	1,824,737	1,031,029	821,353
York & East York Townships	115,310	58,495	136,870
Welland	45,310	8,920	3,712
x Windsor	55,655	72,543	60,872
Riverside	10,000	10,600	250
Woodstock	19,761	18,436	7,697
Manitoba	126,027	459,210	68,200
x Brandon	Nil	2,750	700
St. Boniface	1,877	26,760	8,800
x Winnipeg	124,150	429,700	58,700
Saskatchewan	97,275	48,417	25,845
x Moose Jaw	84,130	2,655	4,520
x Regina	10,845	43,327	12,850
x Saskatoon	2,300	2,435	8,475
Alberta	87,999	209,133	94,156
x Calgary	18,601	49,248	66,081
x Edmonton	21,910	140,940	13,005
Lethbridge	10,488	15,070	14,740
Medicine Hat	37,000	3,875	330
British Columbia	691,730	517,705	326,506
Kamloops	3,625	10,645	7,120
Nanaimo	25,895	8,259	3,685
x New Westminster	51,875	42,450	17,000
Prince Rupert	18,420	780	275
x Vancouver	487,900	354,970	254,015
North Vancouver	8,615	28,523	1,055
x Victoria	95,400	72,078	43,356
Total - 58 Cities	4,906,689	4,384,952	3,097,508
Total - x 35 Cities	4,400,812	3,845,294	2,823,102

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