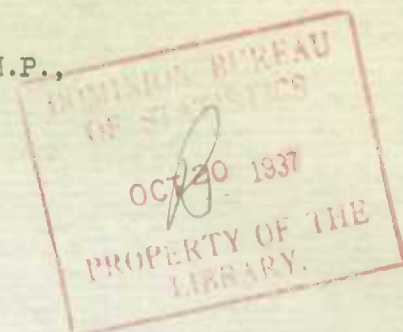


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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1937, WITH CUMULATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1937,
AND SEPTEMBER, 1936, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-1937.

The value of the building authorized in 58 cities during September stood at \$5,078,882; this was an increase of \$862,572 or 20.5 p.c. over the total of \$4,216,310 reported in August, 1937, and of \$1,421,611 or 38.9 p.c. as compared with September of last year, when the permits granted represented building valued at \$3,657,271.

The value of the building authorized in the first nine months of the present year was \$42,750,366; this greatly exceeded the aggregate of \$30,683,412 recorded in the period January -- September, 1936, and was decidedly higher than in the first nine months in any other year since 1931. The cumulative total for the same period in each of the last six years has been very much lower than in any other year for which data are available; while wholesale prices of building materials have recently advanced, the index for the first nine months of 1937 was below the average for the years since 1919.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued about 350 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,270,000 and more than 1,800 permits for other buildings valued at about \$2,560,000. In addition, one city authorized engineering projects valued at \$58,915. During August, permits were granted for the erection of about 440 dwellings and 2,300 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$1,280,000 and \$2,600,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta reported increases in the estimated value of the building authorized as compared with August, 1937, that of \$413,280 or 53.4 p.c. in Quebec being largest. Moderate declines in this comparison were indicated in Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

As compared with September, 1936, there was improvement in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia. The greatest gain of \$686,570 or 36.8 p.c. was reported in Ontario.

Of the larger cities, Montreal and Toronto showed higher totals of authorized building than in August, and the value in each case was also higher than in September, 1936; in Winnipeg and Vancouver, there was a decline in the first comparison, but an increase over September of last year. Of the other centres, Halifax, Moncton, Saint John, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Brantford, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, Oshawa, St. Thomas, York and East York Townships, Welland, Windsor, Riverside, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Regina, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, New Westminster, Prince Rupert and North Vancouver recorded increases as compared with both August, 1937, and September, 1936.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1937.

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).

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APPENDIX

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been reported to the Department of the Army during the year 1954.

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, first nine months, (average 1926=100)
1937	\$5,078,882	\$42,750,366	35.6	95.0
1936	3,657,271	30,683,412	25.5	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	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 39.3 p.c. than in 1936, and was also substantially higher than in any of the preceding four years. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in any of the years, 1930-1936, was lower than in other years since 1920.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during August and September, 1937, and September, 1936. The 35 cities for which data are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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

C i t i e s	September 1937	August 1937	September 1936
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	8,400	12,850	33,850
Nova Scotia	148,130	139,810	142,361
x Halifax	115,610	66,010	101,936
New Glasgow	7,920	10,650	2,075
x Sydney	24,600	63,150	38,350
New Brunswick	45,548	34,020	29,150
Fredericton	6,080	675	12,575
x Moncton	15,830	15,525	5,995
x Saint John	23,638	17,820	10,580
Quebec	1,187,107	773,827	887,327
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	939,345	454,707	773,917
x Quebec	36,032	140,195	20,640
Shawinigan Falls	13,200	23,125	16,270
x Sherbrooke	149,500	76,300	31,700
x Three Rivers	22,750	15,550	18,050
x Westmount	26,280	63,950	26,750
Ontario	2,554,259	2,157,776	1,867,689
Belleville	1,475	7,925	3,800
x Brantford	49,715	27,275	6,330
Chatham	7,515	8,050	25,480
x Fort William	50,400	112,725	39,550
Galt	6,820	43,511	30,492
x Guelph	14,190	5,945	20,640
x Hamilton	212,967	91,793	80,700
x Kingston	40,917	22,525	16,900
x Kitchener	255,333	52,722	88,382
x London	50,870	59,315	102,835
Niagara Falls	13,305	22,605	18,645
Oshawa	30,000	11,510	8,977
x Ottawa	47,395	75,215	158,714
Owen Sound	5,525	8,340	12,260
x Peterborough	24,035	15,465	31,240
x Port Arthur	46,704	63,950	17,370
x Stratford	9,360	9,547	7,560
x St. Catharines	19,528	135,830	16,529
x St. Thomas	10,882	2,145	8,375
Sarnia	7,585	3,475	16,266
Sault Ste. Marie	31,750	37,833	29,465
x Toronto	1,013,192	1,011,411	835,838
York & East York Townships	218,199	128,200	172,250
Welland	47,292	21,008	11,925
x Windsor	319,360	154,650	70,705
Riverside	7,200	5,760	2,275
Woodstock	12,745	19,046	34,136
Manitoba	291,465	240,340	154,925
x Brandon	5,375	4,585	29,950
St. Boniface	140,590	9,455	15,275
x Winnipeg	145,500	226,300	109,700
Saskatchewan	66,969	89,892	71,538
x Moose Jaw	17,750	5,635	4,240
x Regina	42,969	15,681	37,273
x Saskatoon	6,250	68,576	30,025
Alberta	201,762	166,854	124,557
x Calgary	53,922	57,304	44,900
x Edmonton	80,290	69,250	64,200
Lethbridge	52,940	40,300	14,542
Medicine Hat	14,610	Nil	915
British Columbia	575,242	600,941	345,874
Kamloops	5,060	697	1,035
Nanaimo	17,650	88,016	17,323
x New Westminster	85,450	43,040	16,200
Prince Rupert	4,895	300	1,300
x Vancouver	390,535	400,035	272,370
North Vancouver	4,425	600	850
x Victoria	67,227	68,253	36,796
Total - 58 Cities	5,078,882	4,216,310	3,657,271
Total - x 35 Cities	4,413,701	3,712,379	3,175,290



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