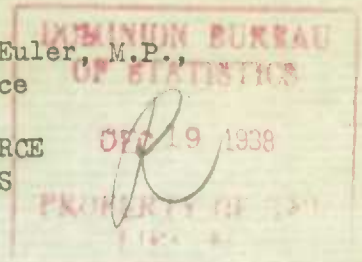


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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1938, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1938,
AND NOVEMBER, 1937, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1938.

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 58 cities during November was \$4,687,296. This was a decrease of \$4,900,166 or 51.1 p.c., as compared with the October figure of \$9,587,462, while the total was also lower by \$237,906, or 4.8 p.c., than in November, 1937, when the estimated value of the building authorized by these cities was \$4,925,202. With this exception, the November, 1938, aggregate was the largest for that month in any year since 1931.

The value of the building permits taken out in the first eleven months of the present year was \$57,384,055; this was higher than the aggregate of \$52,288,022 reported in the period, January-November, 1937, 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 seven years has been very much lower than in preceding years since 1919; the wholesale prices of building materials have recently been lower than in the same period of 1937, although they continue higher than in any of the years, 1931-1936.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for November 1, 1938, showing that they had issued nearly 400 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$1,570,000, and about 1,800 permits for other buildings estimated at over \$3,000,000. There were also two engineering projects, valued at \$30,000. During October, permits were issued for the erection of about 500 dwellings and 2,500 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$1,600,000 and \$7,000,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick reported increases over October in the value of the building authorized; these gains amounted to \$297,683, or 384.3 p.c. and \$8,267, or 27.3 p.c., respectively. Reductions in this comparison were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$2,538,767, or 55.8 p.c., in Ontario being most pronounced.

As compared with November, 1937, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Manitoba showed increases, of which the greatest was that of \$181,655 or 93.9 p.c. in Nova Scotia. Of the declines elsewhere reported, those of \$612,859, or 23.3 p.c., in Ontario and \$328,300 or 46.6 p.c., in British Columbia were largest.

Of the four most populous centres, Toronto recorded a substantial increase in the value of the building authorized in November as compared with the preceding month, but the total was lower than in November of last year. In Montreal and Winnipeg, the aggregate value was lower than in October, but higher than in November of last year, while Vancouver showed a reduction in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Fredericton, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Chatham, Guelph, Hamilton, Oshawa, Sault Ste. Marie and North Vancouver reported higher building authorizations than in either the preceding month or the same month of 1937.

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CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1938.

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).

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)
1938	\$4,687,296	\$57,384,055	39.6	90.0
1937	4,925,202	52,288,022	36.1	94.3
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 11 p.c. than in 1937, 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 lower than in 1937, was higher than in preceding years since 1930.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in October and November, 1938, and November, 1937. The 35 cities for which records 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	November,	October,	November,
	1938	1938	1937
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	3,000	22,900	2,000
Nova Scotia	375,140	77,457	193,485
x Halifax	328,495	50,767	141,255
New Glasgow	9,590	4,895	2,780
x Sydney	37,055	21,795	49,450
New Brunswick	38,531	30,264	54,854
Fredericton	10,030	6,500	850
x Moncton	17,060	12,119	33,869
x Saint John	11,441	11,645	20,135
Quebec	1,521,175	2,868,359	1,031,751
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,173,330	2,229,494	812,401
x Quebec	171,065	427,390	83,715
Shawinigan Falls	15,050	48,975	32,050
x Sherbrooke	86,740	80,350	13,300
x Three Rivers	26,740	51,050	85,185
x Westmount	48,250	31,100	5,100
Ontario	2,013,807	4,552,574	2,626,666
Belleville	7,950	29,925	7,950
x Brantford	10,404	25,693	11,136
Chatham	38,780	26,325	9,300
x Fort William	15,498	27,000	18,550
Galt	44,613	25,905	93,216
x Guelph	25,405	7,777	5,990
x Hamilton	303,406	252,859	89,477
x Kingston	11,562	43,512	11,987
x Kitchener	43,582	36,308	47,789
x London	34,130	60,320	41,525
Niagara Falls	720	16,570	1,550
Oshawa	14,145	6,440	2,450
x Ottawa	107,990	2,705,460	81,300
Owen Sound	2,685	4,915	690
x Peterborough	17,440	62,516	4,133
x Port Arthur	10,296	38,200	22,755
x Stratford	1,100	23,530	5,430
x St. Catharines	19,909	50,240	41,960
x St. Thomas	8,490	12,065	1,300
Sarnia	6,399	27,885	40,650
Sault Ste. Marie	48,875	22,965	13,755
x Toronto	1,034,731	584,403	1,824,737
York & East York Townships	145,874	216,792	115,310
Welland	12,339	19,714	45,310
x Windsor	27,395	202,111	55,655
Riverside	4,265	12,635	10,000
Woodstock	15,824	10,509	19,761
Manitoba	236,085	275,200	126,027
x Brandon	Nil	7,225	-
St. Boniface	51,035	62,675	1,877
x Winnipeg	185,050	205,300	124,150
Saskatchewan	49,375	346,240	97,275
x Moose Jaw	3,590	8,150	84,130
x Regina	43,685	81,895	10,845
x Saskatoon	2,100	256,195	2,300
Alberta	73,283	900,804	57,944
x Calgary	34,188	72,169	18,546
x Edmonton	33,120	812,110	21,910
Lethbridge	3,700	15,510	10,488
Medicine Hat	2,275	1,015	37,000
British Columbia	376,900	513,664	705,200
Kamloops	2,770	28,265	3,625
Nanaimo	8,200	4,360	25,895
x New Westminster	21,975	110,800	51,875
Prince Rupert	1,950	4,200	18,420
x Vancouver	272,370	313,090	487,900
North Vancouver	13,260	12,050	8,615
x Victoria	56,375	40,899	108,870
Total - 58 Cities	4,687,296	9,587,462	4,925,202
Total - x35 Cities	4,223,967	8,955,537	4,421,660



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