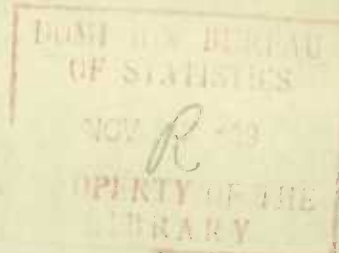


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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1939, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1939, AND OCTOBER, 1938, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920-1939.

The estimated cost of the building authorized by 58 cities during October was \$5,612,269; this was an increase of \$1,497,818, or 36.4 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$4,114,451, but a decrease of \$3,936,418, or 41.2 p.c., from the exceptionally high figure of \$9,548,687 recorded in October, 1938. Although the estimated value of the building work represented by the permits issued during the month under review was lower than in the same month of last year, it was higher than in any other October since that of 1931.

The value of the construction authorized in the first ten months of the present year was \$49,539,913; this was lower than the aggregate of \$52,732,080 reported in the period, January-October, 1938, but with this exception was the highest recorded in the first ten months of any year since 1931. The cumulative total in each of these years has been substantially lower than in preceding years of the record; the wholesale prices of building materials have recently been lower than in the same period of either 1937 or 1938, although they continue higher than in any of the years, 1931-1936.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that during October they had issued about 580 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,900,000, and some 2,200 permits for other buildings valued at more than \$3,600,000. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 450 dwellings and 2,100 other buildings, the estimated cost being approximately \$1,500,000 and \$2,290,000, respectively.

All provinces except Alberta recorded increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with September, 1939, the gains of \$1,003,106, or 48.1 p.c., in Ontario and \$205,509, or 200.8 p.c., in Nova Scotia being greatest. Alberta showed a decrease of \$73,242, or 24.7 p.c., in this comparison.

As compared with October, 1938, there was improvement in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba and British Columbia. Nova Scotia showed the most pronounced increase of \$230,403, or 297.5 p.c., while the largest declines in this comparison were those of \$1,886,337, or 66.8 p.c., in Quebec, and \$1,462,574, or 32.1 p.c., in Ontario.

Montreal reported an increase in the value of authorized building as compared with the preceding month, but a decrease as compared with the same month of last year. In Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver there was improvement from September, 1939, and also as compared with October, 1938.

Of the other centres, Charlottetown, Halifax, Fredericton, Moncton, Saint John, Fort William, Galt, Guelph, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Niagara Falls, Owen Sound, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, Brandon, Calgary, Lethbridge and Victoria reported increases over September, 1939, and also as compared with October, 1938.

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January 10, 1911

Mr. J. H. Thompson
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

The value of the collection of books and manuscripts in the library of the University of Chicago is very high, and it is our policy to acquire such collections as will be of great service to the students and faculty of the University.

I am sure that you will be satisfied with the result of the action of the authorities.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours,
J. H. Thompson

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CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1939.

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

Year	Value of permits issued in October	Value of permits issued in first ten months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first ten months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months (average 1926=100)
1939	\$5,612,269	\$49,539,913	36.7	88.1 *
1938	9,548,687	52,732,080	39.1	90.1
1937	4,401,837	47,362,820	35.1	94.9
1936	4,262,607	34,946,019	25.9	85.9
1935	4,030,318	40,711,114	30.2	81.2
1934	2,598,024	22,313,170	16.5	82.8
1933	1,775,052	18,169,066	13.5	77.8
1932	3,170,570	38,196,769	28.3	77.5
1931	8,442,627	97,045,622	71.9	82.4
1930	12,756,402	139,117,752	103.1	92.0
1929	18,073,378	204,084,467	151.3	99.2
1928	21,558,085	187,179,719	138.3	96.8
1927	18,848,019	130,000,554	118.6	96.2
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	100.0	100.4
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	81.3	103.0
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	81.5	107.6
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	87.7	111.8
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	94.5	108.5
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	73.4	125.2
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	79.0	144.4

As already stated, the aggregate for the months, January to October in 1939, though lower by 6.1 p.c. than in 1938, was higher than in the same period in any of the six years immediately preceding; however, the total for each year since 1931 has been substantially below the average figure of \$97,252,229 reported during the first ten months in the nineteen years, 1920-1938. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though rather lower than in 1937 or 1938, was higher than in preceding years since 1930.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by each of the 53 cities during September and October, 1939, and October, 1938. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

* Average for first nine months.

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

C i t i e s	October, 1939	September, 1939	October, 1938
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	30,438	18,900	22,900
Nova Scotia	307,860	102,351	77,457
x Halifax	273,945	62,046	50,767
New Glasgow	3,915	1,600	4,895
x Sydney	30,000	38,705	21,795
New Brunswick	92,076	33,061*	30,189
Fredericton	30,830	5,500	6,500
x Moncton	22,105	10,100*	12,044
x Saint John	39,141	17,461	11,645
Quebec	935,772	857,723	2,822,109
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	719,522	563,683	2,185,394
x Quebec	109,675	158,435	427,390
Shawinigan Falls	8,100	14,475	45,775
x Sherbrooke	49,000	56,200	80,350
x Three Rivers	23,275	38,425	52,100
x Westmount	26,200	26,505	31,100
Ontario	3,089,970	2,086,864	4,552,544
Belleville	13,250	26,400	29,925
x Brantford	11,041	1,292	25,693
Chatham	20,825	227,128	26,325
x Fort William	58,100	51,720	27,000
Galt	47,971	8,586	25,905
x Guelph	15,155	7,210	7,777
x Hamilton	435,098	129,012	252,859
x Kingston	54,665	18,447	43,512
x Kitchener	109,165	45,801	36,308
x London	751,410	250,610	60,320
Niagara Falls	39,025	6,245	16,570
Oshawa	10,820	17,910	6,440
x Ottawa	291,816	283,320	2,705,460
Owen Sound	13,526	5,589	4,915
x Peterborough	49,155	38,039	62,516
x Port Arthur	24,354	26,498	38,200
x Stratford	14,213	4,815	23,530
x St. Catharines	34,830	56,093	50,240
x St. Thomas	7,825	11,040	12,065
Sarnia	15,110	17,860	27,885
Sault Ste. Marie	81,285	40,800	22,965
x Toronto	660,259	507,038	584,403
York & East York Townships	178,630	192,672	216,762
Welland	22,970	17,900	19,714
x Windsor	111,265	79,747	202,111
Riverside	8,100	1,480	12,635
Woodstock	10,107	13,612	10,509
Manitoba	293,905	137,725	275,200
x Brandon	10,665	2,970	7,225
St. Boniface	20,990	28,755	62,675
x Winnipeg	262,250	106,000	205,300
Saskatchewan	42,108	37,704	346,240
x Moose Jaw	930	5,625	8,150
x Regina	22,428	12,794	81,895
x Saskatoon	18,750	19,285	256,195
Alberta	223,771	297,013	900,804
x Calgary	116,707	110,771	72,169
x Edmonton	80,940	174,045	812,110
Lethbridge	25,824	11,697	15,510
Medicine Hat	300	500	1,015
British Columbia	596,369	543,110	521,244
Kamloops	16,337	11,262	28,265
Nanaimo	3,725	15,635	4,360
x New Westminster	44,265	63,600	110,800
Prince Rupert	850	7,500	4,200
x Vancouver	470,299	402,237	313,090
North Vancouver	4,399	5,800	12,050
x Victoria	56,494	37,076	48,479
Total - 58 Cities	5,612,269	4,114,451*	9,548,687
Total - x 35 Cities	5,004,942	3,416,645*	8,919,992

* Revised to include Moncton.



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