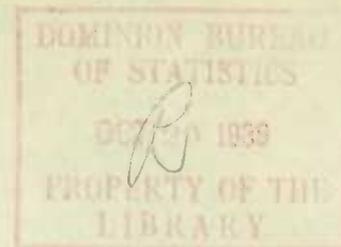


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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1939, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1939,  
AND SEPTEMBER, 1938, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-1939.

The value of the building authorized in 58 cities during September was estimated at \$4,104,401; this was a decrease of \$2,055,067 or 33.4 p.c. from the total of \$6,159,468 reported in August, 1939, and of \$1,181,596 or 22.4 p.c., in comparison with September of last year, when the permits granted represented building estimated to cost \$5,285,997.

The value of the building authorized in the first nine months of the present year was \$43,911,494; this slightly exceeded the aggregate of \$43,183,393 recorded in the period January-September, 1938, and that of \$42,960,983 in 1937, while it was decidedly higher than in the first nine months in any other year since 1931. However, the cumulative total for the same period in each of these years has been very much lower than in earlier years for which data are available. The wholesale prices of building materials have recently been lower than in the same months of either 1937 or 1938, although they continue higher than in any of the years, 1931-1936.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued more than 450 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,500,000, and about 2,100 permits for other buildings valued at about \$2,290,000. During August, permits were granted for the erection of about 700 dwellings and 2,200 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$2,250,000 and \$3,275,000, respectively.

All provinces reported decreases in the value of the building authorized as compared with August, 1939, those of \$582,833, or 40.5 p.c., in Quebec and \$609,574, or 22.6 p.c., in Ontario being the largest actual losses, while the greatest proportionate decline was that of \$300,720, or 50.3 p.c., in Alberta.

Improvement as compared with September, 1938, was reported in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Ontario, the gain of \$558,107, or 36.5 p.c., in Ontario being considerable. Of the reductions elsewhere recorded in this comparison, that of \$1,036,682, or 54.7 p.c., in Quebec was most pronounced.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed lower totals of authorized building than in either August, 1939, or September, 1938, while in Toronto, there was a decline in the first comparison, but an increase over September of last year. Of the other centres, Chatham, London, Oshawa, Ottawa, Kamloops and Prince Rupert recorded increases as compared with either August, 1939, or September, 1938.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1939.

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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Year	Value of permits issued in September	Value of permits issued in first nine months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first nine months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months, (Average 1926=100)
1939	\$4,104,401	\$43,911,494	36.5	88.1
1938	5,285,997	43,133,393	35.9	90.2
1937	5,111,780	42,960,983	35.8	95.2
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 slightly higher than in 1938 or 1937, and substantially exceeded that for the same period in any of the preceding five years. While the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was lower than in 1938 or 1937, it was rather higher than in preceding years since 1930.

The table on page 5 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during August and September, 1939, and September, 1938. 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.

CITIES	September 1939	August, 1939	September, 1938
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	18,900	19,300	2,800
Nova Scotia	102,351	153,925	213,793
x Halifax	62,046	117,075	115,568
New Glasgow	1,600	15,275	3,175
x Sydney	38,705	21,575	95,050
New Brunswick	22,961	45,014	22,590
Fredericton	5,500	19,850	4,200
x Moncton	- 1/	5,995	5,015
x Saint John	17,461	19,169	13,375
Quebec	857,773	1,440,606	1,894,455
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	563,683	873,613	1,051,838
x Quebec	158,435	341,958	220,982
Shawinigan Falls	14,475	44,475	12,785
x Sherbrooke	56,250	125,000	30,800
x Three Rivers	38,425	38,960	438,180
x Westmount	26,505	16,600	139,870
Ontario	2,086,864	2,696,438	1,528,757
Belleville	26,400	134,166	35,525
x Brantford	1,292	4,580	32,410
Chatham	227,128	20,085	20,400
x Fort William	51,720	66,498	49,055
Galt	8,586	10,441	32,514
x Guelph	7,210	11,771	7,803
x Hamilton	129,012	178,596	184,680
x Kingston	18,447	58,465	13,628
x Kitchener	45,801	79,044	115,592
x London	250,610	106,605	41,050
Niagara Falls	6,245	14,165	11,885
Oshawa	17,910	13,230	12,625
x Ottawa	283,320	147,915	133,244
Owen Sound	5,589	13,150	3,375
x Peterborough	38,039	117,570	77,089
x Port Arthur	26,498	72,264	46,720
x Stratford	4,815	10,635	7,590
x St. Catharines	56,093	70,985	12,990
x St. Thomas	11,040	20,865	22,241
Sarnia	17,860	29,730	7,058
Sault Ste. Marie	40,800	52,210	56,000
x Toronto	507,038	1,027,653	434,857
York & East York Townships	192,672	256,365	99,275
Welland	17,900	44,605	15,000
x Windsor	79,747	110,548	31,441
Riverside	1,480	12,350	3,885
Woodstock	13,612	11,947	20,855
Manitoba	137,725	358,903	226,085
x Brandon	2,970	3,925	7,050
St. Boniface	28,755	40,128	15,135
x Winnipeg	106,000	314,850	203,900
Saskatchewan	37,704	83,900	152,659
x Moose Jaw	5,625	6,125	9,350
x Regina	12,794	61,150	59,784
x Saskatoon	19,285	16,625	83,525
Alberta	297,013	597,733	630,805
x Calgary	110,771	57,898	450,174
x Edmonton	174,045	487,430	157,865
Lethbridge	11,697	50,870	21,241
Medicine Hat	500	1,475	1,525
British Columbia	543,110	763,649	614,053
Kamloops	11,262	10,425	6,177
Nanaimo	15,635	870	3,450
x New Westminster	63,600	64,275	32,315
Prince Rupert	7,500	4,080	550
x Vancouver	402,237	609,280	503,670
North Vancouver	5,800	20,340	7,125
x Victoria	37,076	54,379	60,766
Total - 58 Cities <sup>s</sup>	4,104,401	6,159,468	5,285,997
Total -x 35 Cities	3,406,595	5,319,936	4,889,467

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