

**Building Permits.**—Table 33 shows the value of the building permits issued by 35 cities for each of the years 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1921. For the year 1921 the total value of the building permits in the table was \$94,508,164, as compared with \$100,679,839 in 1920, a decrease of \$6,171,675.

**33.—Values of Building Permits taken out in 35 cities in 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1921.**

City.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	Increase or Decrease, 1920-1921.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia—					
Halifax.....	2,866,852	5,194,805	3,421,379	2,199,398	- 1,221,981
Sydney.....	428,783	703,531	886,937	556,813	- 330,125
New Brunswick—					
Moncton.....	147,425	2,132,176	1,201,673	699,520	- 502,153
St. John.....	351,323	542,540	1,035,300	574,500	- 460,800
Quebec—					
Montreal—Maisonneuve.....	4,882,873	10,033,901	14,067,609	21,291,273	+ 7,223,664
Quebec.....	904,375	2,134,219	2,301,480	3,695,397	+ 1,393,917
Sherbrooke.....	150,920	873,150	3,265,538	753,900	- 2,511,638
Three Rivers.....	638,975	1,242,450	845,975	1,286,740	+ 440,765
Westmount.....	275,211	883,131	1,179,890	1,576,293	+ 396,403
Ontario—					
Brantford.....	761,500	1,173,580	798,073	404,445	- 393,628
Fort William.....	535,615	627,930	1,045,160	893,050	- 152,110
Guelph.....	83,044	603,259	494,158	433,257	- 60,901
Hamilton.....	2,472,254	5,087,462	4,340,220	4,639,450	+ 299,230
Kingston.....	318,943	657,679	494,736	591,515	+ 96,779
Kitchener.....	226,062	1,176,962	1,277,595	932,050	- 345,545
London.....	877,660	2,455,170	2,146,305	2,527,510	+ 381,205
Ottawa.....	2,635,612	3,252,322	3,305,172	2,716,409	- 588,763
Peterborough.....	241,251	196,368	939,700	541,754	- 397,946
Port Arthur.....	610,527	1,708,845	216,350	113,509	- 102,841
Stratford.....	89,786	278,888	440,782	276,089	- 164,693
St. Catharines.....	465,727	861,636	830,632	776,360	- 54,272
St. Thomas.....	53,395	285,525	258,821	113,640	- 145,181
Toronto.....	8,535,331	19,617,838	25,737,063	23,878,246	- 1,858,817
Windsor.....	570,305	2,601,370	4,850,310	5,123,110	+ 272,800
Manitoba—					
Brandon.....	90,022	98,541	412,829	749,190	+ 336,361
Winnipeg.....	2,050,650	2,948,000	8,370,150	5,530,400	- 2,789,750
Saskatchewan—					
Moosejaw.....	566,575	590,895	1,533,095	500,177	- 1,032,918
Regina.....	1,006,000	1,699,020	2,597,920	2,160,038	- 437,882
Saskatoon.....	604,715	1,404,590	1,150,585	774,466	- 376,119
Alberta—					
Calgary.....	1,196,800	2,212,000	2,906,100	2,298,800	- 607,300
Edmonton.....	351,470	931,346	3,231,955	1,563,696	- 1,668,259
British Columbia—					
New Westminster.....	108,300	166,282	319,109	264,870	- 54,239
Vancouver.....	1,450,229	2,271,411	3,569,666	3,045,132	- 524,534
Victoria.....	289,760	466,591	1,207,572	977,167	- 230,405
<b>Total, 35 Cities.....</b>	<b>36,838,270</b>	<b>77,113,413</b>	<b>100,679,839</b>	<b>94,508,164</b>	<b>- 6,171,675</b>

**The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.**

The Hydro-electric scheme in Ontario had its beginning in 1903, when seven municipalities united in an investigation of the transmission possibilities of Niagara power. The Ontario Power Commission, which was created to report on the question, favoured the construction of a generating plant at Niagara Falls and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario was formed in 1906 to carry out its recommendations.

The capital required by the Commission for its transmission plant was provided by issues of bonds guaranteed by the Government of Ontario, whose security was something more corporate than that of