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## BUILDING PERMITS ISSURD IN CAMADA, JUNE, 1940.

The June report of Building Permits includes returns from 167 of the 202 municipalities in Canada which have systems of issuing such permits and of this number 158 reported detalled operations. The remalning 9 advised that no permits had been issued during the month of June while 35 municipalities had falled to report by the close of July loth.

The total value of permits reported as issued in the month of June 1s $\$ 9,425,773$. Revised values for the month of May include returns from 198 municipalities and aggregate $\$ 13,809,696$. Reports were received from 54 of the original 58 municipalities and show a value of $\$ 7,231,786$ for last month. The corresponding revised value for May includes all returns and is $\$ 10,085,971$ whlle the June 1939 value was $\$ 7,249,970$.

The total value of permits issued by all municipalities during the first six months of the current year is $\$ 46,941,580$. The value for the 58 municipalities for the same period is $\$ 34,249,110$, while their corresponding value in 1939 was $\$ 26,861,062$.

Iruring the month of June new construction of all tyoes amounted to 79 percent of the total value, while the percentage of new residential construction was 44.6

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BUILDING PIRMITS, JUNE, 1940.
Table 1. - Values and Classifications of Building Permits issued by 202 Municipalities in Canada, by Provinces, June, 1940.

| Classification of Permits | Provinces |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CARADA | Prince Edward Island | Nova <br> Scotia | New Brunswick | Quebec |
| All Permits <br> Total Value <br> New Construction <br> Additions, Alterations, Repairs | 9,425,773 | 21,660 | 148,100 | 56,843 | 2,109,259 |
|  | 7,419,507 | 19,360 | 107,960 | 35,550 | 1,650,530 |
|  | 1,926,966 | 2,300 | 40,140 | 21,293 | 458,629 |
| Residential <br> New Construction <br> Additions, Alterations, Repairs | 4.922,817 | 6,210 | 120,740 | 50,443 | 1,323.537 |
|  | 4.207.459 | 3.910 | 101,560 | 30,550 | $1,125,495$ |
|  | 715.358 | 2,300 | 19,180 | 19.893 | 198,042 |
| Institutional | 517.933 | - | - | - | 240,500 |
| New Construction <br> Additions, Alterations, Repairs | 390,907 | - | - | - | 231,500 |
|  | 127,026 | - | - | - | 9,000 |
| Commercial | 2,148,007 | 15,450 | 26.620 | 6,400 | 416.985 |
| New Construction <br> Additions, Alterations, Repairs | 1,577,027 | 15,450 | 6,400 | 5.000 | 268,310 |
|  | 570,980 | , | 20,220 |  | 148,675 |
| Industrial | 1,762,415 | - | - | - | 76,720 |
| New Construction <br> Additions, Alterations, Repeirs | 1,319,520 | - |  | - | 9.950 |
|  | 442,895 | - |  | - | 66,770 |
| Other Building . | 74,601 | - | 740 | - | 51,517 |
| Ner Construction <br> Additions, Alterations, Repairs | 24,594 | - |  |  | 15,375 |
| Classification of Permits | Provinces (Con.) |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ontario | Man1toba | Saskatchewan | Alberta | British Columbia |
| All Permits <br> Total Value New Construction Additions, Alterations, Repairs | 4,451,387 | 666.555 | 236,301 | $\begin{aligned} & 355,967 \\ & 285,716 \end{aligned}$ | 1,379,701 |
|  | 3,568,407 | 359,625 | 159,895 |  |  |
|  | 882,980 | 206,930 | 76,406 | 70,251 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,232,364 \\ 147,337 \end{array}$ |
| Residential | 2,411,419 | 344,305 | 82,411 | 100,275 | 483.477 |
| New Construction Additions, Alterations, Repairs | $\begin{array}{r} 2,116,558 \\ 294,861 \end{array}$ | 285,025 | 49,505 | 60,497 | 434,359 |
|  |  | 59,280 | 32,906 | 39,778 | 49,118 |
| Institutional <br> New Construction Additions, Alterations, Repairs | $\begin{array}{r} 147,536 \\ 55,260 \\ 92,276 \end{array}$ | 40,000 | 700 | 47.847 | 41,350 |
|  |  | 40,000 | - | 47.847 | 16,300 |
|  |  | - | 700 |  | 25,050 |
| Commercial <br> Sew Construction <br> Additions, Alterations, Eepeirs | $\begin{aligned} & 583,493 \\ & 336,825 \\ & 246,668 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 113.500 \\ 66,400 \\ 47,100 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 52,825 \\ & 10,025 \\ & 42,800 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 207.290 \\ 176.817 \\ 30.473 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 725,444 \\ 691,800 \\ 33,644 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Industrial <br> Hew Construction <br> Additions, Alterations, Repairs | $\begin{array}{r} 1,303,025 \\ 1,054,350 \\ 248,675 \end{array}$ | 167.500 <br> 67.500 100,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 100,000 \\ & 100,000 \end{aligned}$ | - | $\begin{array}{r} 115.170 \\ 87.720 \\ 27.450 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Building <br> Hew Construction <br> Addtions, Alterations, Repairs | 5.9145.414500 | $\begin{array}{r} 1.250 \\ 700 \\ 550 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 365 \\ & 365 \end{aligned}$ | 555555 | $\begin{array}{r} 14,260 \\ 2,185 \\ 12,075 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

BUILDINO PERMITS, JUNE, 1240.
Table 2. - Cumulative and Comparatite Record of pullding Permite and their Indexer, together with average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, 1920-1940, (1926-100).

| Year | Value of Bullding Permite Issued |  |  | Index of Value of Building Permits |  |  | Average Index of Wholesale Prices of Building Material. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June | May | First 6 monthe | June | May | Prat 6 months | June | May | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Firat } 6 \\ & \text { monthg } \end{aligned}$ |
| 1940 | $9.425,773$ | 13,809,696(1) | 46,941,580 | (3) | (2) 54.5 | (3) | (3) | 95.1 | (3) |
| 1939 | 7.849.970 | 6,722,431 | 26,861,062 | 41.9 | 36.3 | 34.1 | 88.5 | 88.0 | 87.5 |
| 1938 | 6.577 .474 | 6,599,318 | 25.852 .569 | 35.1 | 35.7 | 32.8 | 89.0 | 89.4 | 90.4 |
| 1937 | 6,005,958 | 5.416.299 | 28,056,942 | 32.1 | 29.3 | 35.6 | 96.4 | 98.0 | 94.9 |
| 2936 | 4,656,689 | 4.836.358 | 18,322,884 | 24.9 | 26.1 | 23.3 | 84.8 | 85.0 | 84.4 |
| 1935 | 5,104.855 | 4,728.340 | 24,640,511 | 27.3 | 25.5 | 33.8 | 81.0 | 81.0 | 81.2 |
| 1934 | 2.411 .460 | 3.019 .761 | 10,411,377 | 12.9 | 16.3 | 13.2 | 83.9 | 83.1 | 82.5 |
| 1933 | 3,589,204 | 2,065.372 | 10.315,899 | 19.2 | 11.2 | 13.1 | 78.9 | 75.6 | 78.9 |
| 1932 | 5.028,324 | 5,488,845 | 24,341,044 | 26.9 | 29.7 | 30.9 | 76.8 | 77.8 | 76.8 |
| 1931 | 8,593.958 | 12,115,291. | 58,950,508 | 45.9 | 65.5 | 74.8 | 82.8 | 83.0 | 83.5 |
| 1930 | 17.943 .154 | 20,321,160 | 85.413 .985 | 99.5 | 109.9 | 108. 4 | 92.2 | 92.9 | 95.0 |
| 1929 | 27,816.592 | 24,185,738 | 124,609.267 | 148.6 | 130.7 | 158.2 | 98.6 | 99.1 | 99.2 |
| 1928 | 22.751,960 | 27.515.522 | 102.036,987 | 121.6 | 148.7 | 129.6 | 96.5 | 96.3 | 95.9 |
| 1927 | 18,363.239 | 20,138,657 | 80,842,719 | 98.1 | 108.8 | 102.6 | 95.5 | 95.6 | 96.0 |
| 1926 | 18,718.050 | 18,504,296 | 78.760 .419 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 99.5 | 99.7 | 101.0 |
| 1925 | 14.915,884 | 15,520.435 | 65.899 .717 | 79.7 | 83.9 | 83.7 | 103.3 | 103.2 | 103.1 |
| 1924 | 14,129,465 | 14,807,589 | 60.674 .154 | 75.5 | 80.0 | 77.0 | 108.? | 109.8 | 110.8 |
| 1923 | 15,100,888 | 18,937.638 | 73.047 .496 | 80.1 | 102.3 | 92.7 | 112.9 | 112.2 | 111.4 |
| 1922 | 17.240.752 | 19.527.061 | 71.281 .674 | 95.3 | 105.5 | 90.5 | 108.4 | 108.9 | 108.0 |
| 1921 | 14,240,934 | 14, 460,878 | 55.771,684 | 76.1 | 78.1 | 70.7 | 119.9 | 124.4 | 132.0 |
| 1920 | 14.113.794 | 13.082.015 | 61.754 .710 | 75.4 | 70.7 | 78.4 | 143.4 | 151.3 | 144.5 |

(1) Bevised figures oontaining returne from 198 municipalities.
(2) Figures based on values reported by the original 58 munfcipalities.
(3) Data not yot availablo.

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SUILDING PERMITS, JUNE, 1940.
Table 3. - Value of Building Fermits issued by 202 Municipalities in Canada in May and June 1940, together with the aggregate for the first six months of this year and for 58 Municipalities in June, 1939.
"N.P.I." - Indicates that no permits were issued during the current month. "No Report" - Indicates that the municipality failed to furnish its monthly report.

|  | Value of Permits Issued during - |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June, 1940 | $\begin{gathered} \text { May, } \\ 1940 \end{gathered}$ | sune. 1939 | Pirst 6 monthe 1940 |
| Canada | 9,425,773 | (1) 13.809 .696 | 7.849 .970 | 46,941,580 |
| Prince Edward Island Charlottetown | $\begin{aligned} & 21,660 \\ & 21,660 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12,550 \\ & 12,650 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9.050 \\ & 9.050 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 36,445 \\ & 36,445 \end{aligned}$ |
| Sova Scotia | 148,100 | (1)501,297 | 184,522 | 1,548,964 |
| Amherst | No report | 10,000 |  | 21,950 |
| Bridgewater | 4,000 | 550 |  | 4,550 |
| Dartmouth | 13,110 | 24,715 |  | 51,547 |
| Glace Bay | No report | 57.578 |  | 128.695 |
| $x$ Halifax | 53,105 | 105,982 9,900 | 97.907 | 639,587 |
| Liverpool | 3,400 | 9.900 |  | 25,460 |
| Lunenburg New Glasgow | 6,500 925 | N.P.I. | 3,275 | 14,200 5,268 |
| New Waterford | 3.350 | 12,150 |  | 23.450 |
| North Sydney | No report | N.P.1. |  | N.P.I. |
| $x$ Sydney | No report | 241,572 | 83.340 | 267.527 |
| Sydney Mines | -8,200 | 3.800 |  | 216,700 |
| Truro | 51,910 | 33.330 |  | 138,765 |
| Yarmouth | 3,100 | 250 |  | 11.565 |
| New Brunswick | 56,843 | 330,082 | 426,155 | 758,489 |
| Camplellton | N.P.I. | 7.250 |  | 7.950 |
| Chathail | No report | N.P.I. |  | 9.400 |
| Dalhousie | No report | 9,350 |  | 10,150 |
| Fredericton | 15,425 | 233.730 | 1,900 | 267.780 |
| $\times$ Moncton | 26,060 | 31,323 | 250,750 | 293.932 |
| Newcastle | 17.P.I. | 1,475 |  | 7.575 |
| $\times$ Saint John | 15,358 | 44,654 | 173.505 | 159,402 |
| St. Stephen | N.P.I. | 2,300 |  | 2,300 |
| Quebec | 2,109,259 | (1) $2,975,054$ | 2,134,283 | 10.947.312 |
| Cap-de-la-Madeleine | 18.970 | 11.775 |  | 49.945 |
| Chicoutimi | 10,425 | 47.650 |  | 100,655 |
| Coaticook | 2.650 | 1,700 |  | 5.750 |
| Drumondville | 11,800 | 3.850 |  | 131,100 |
| Granby | 44,045 | 92.230 |  | 184,050 |
| Grand 'Mere | 11,800 | 3.500 |  | 20,100 |
| Hampstead | 8,175 | 37.300 |  | 47.475 |
| Hull | 7,495 | 35,790 |  | 90,465 |
| Iberville | 4,200 | N.P.I. |  | 6,000 |
| Jollette | 13.710 | 4,160 |  | 81,700 |
| Jonquiere | No report | 18,500 |  | 47.350 |
| Lachine | 49,448 | 38,474 |  | $152,391$ |
| La Tuque | 10,055 | 40,330 |  | 71,460 |

$\bar{x}$ Indicates a municipality whose records are avallable back to 1910.
(I) Revised figures containing returns from municipelities not included in our May report.

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BUIIIING PRRMITS, JUNE, 1940.
Table 3. - Value of Building Permits issued by 202 Municinalities in Canada in May and June 1940, together with the aggregate for the first six monthe of thls year and for 58 Municipalities in June. 1939. - (Contid.)

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(1) Revised figures contalning returns from municipalities not included in our May report.

## THE CONSTRUCTICN INDUSTRY IN CAMADA

BUILDING PERMITS, JUNE, 1940.
Table 3. - Value of Building Permits issued by 202 Municipalities in Canada in May and June, 1940 , together with the aggregate for the first $81 x$ months of this year and for 58 Municipalities in June, 1939 - (Cont'd.)

|  | Value of Permits Issued during - |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June, $1940$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1940 \end{aligned}$ | June, 1939 | $\begin{gathered} \text { First } 6 \\ \text { months } 1040 \end{gathered}$ |
| Ontario - (Continued) |  |  |  |  |
| Dundas | 5.838 | 6,820 |  | 101,433 |
| Eastriew | 3.530 | 55,250 |  | 65.075 |
| East York Twp. | 154,760 | 90,775 | 62,970 | 885.957 |
| Etobicoke Twp. | 91.930 | 221,025 |  | 685,205 |
| Forest Hill | No report | 269.175 |  | 605.705 |
| Fort Erie | No report | 15.350 |  | 23.353 |
| Fort Frances | 7.931 | 14,131 |  | 35,698 |
| x Fort William | 90,109 | 162,278 | 61.352 | 382.047 |
| Gait | 21,904 | 5.896 | 30,289 | 193,240 |
| Gananoque | 3.350 | 3.630 |  | 11.830 |
| Goderich | No report | 3,880 |  | 7.330 |
| $x$ Quelph | 18,035 | 42,217 | 26,532 | 78.602 |
| Haileybury | 100 | 1,125 |  | 4,265 |
| $x$ पamilton | 1,116,708 | 348,218 | 281,559 | 2,126,109 |
| Hanover | N.P.I. | 17,900 |  | 21,300 |
| Hawkesbury | 1,800 | 500 |  | 2,300 |
| Huntsville | 7,125 | 6,400 |  | 15.475 |
| Ingersoll | 4.240 | 1.575 |  | 13.540 |
| Kapuskastng | No report | N.P.I. |  | 8,000 |
| Kenora | 8,637 | 14,125 |  | 30,132 |
| $\times$ Kingston | 59,932 | 90.120 | 67.779 | 220,935 |
| Kirkland Lake (Twp. of Teck) | 68.025 | 53.915 |  | 193,800 |
| $\times$ Kitchener | 63,558 | 195.673 | 48,018 | 298,948 |
| Leamington | 10,000 | 16,300 |  | 26,300 |
| Leastde | 182,975 | 200,250 |  | 906,400 |
| Iindsay | N.P.I. | N.P.I. |  | 9,200 |
| Listowel | No report | 4,300 |  | 70,000 |
| $x$ London | 51,305 | 176,230 | 85,890 | 485.250 |
| Long Brench | 22,450 | 17.540 |  | 92,790 |
| Mimico | 26,225 | 77,450 |  | 214,230 |
| Napanee | No report | 500 |  | 700 |
| New Ligkeard | 3.775 | 29,750 |  | 17,325 |
| Newmarket | 2,700 | 3.550 |  | 11.450 |
| New Toronto | 18,650 | 31,980 |  | 377.637 |
| Niagara Falls | 17,851 | 43.115 | 23,540 | 145.976 |
| North Bay | 32,300 | 35,700 |  | 89,350 |
| North York Twp. | 238,557 | 336.716 |  | 1,380,298 |
| Oakville | 14,940 | 13,288 |  | 56.549 |
| Orillia | No report | 37,855 |  | 44,535 |
| Oshawa | 18.765 | 32,400 | 24,905 | 76.700 |
| $\times$ Ottawa | No report | 651,150 | 232,790 | 1,191,820 |
| Owen Sound | 14,775 | 13,720 | 4.235 | 40,170 |
| Paris | 6,870 | 11,600 |  | 20,170 |
| Parry Sound | 14,000 | 16,465 |  | 62,925 |
| Pembroke | 9.550 | 15,929 |  | 38,799 |
| Perth | 3,100 | 550 |  | 7.350 |
| $\times$ Peterborough | 42,398 | 102.941 | 42,920 | 295.188 |

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Trole 3. - Value of Bullding Permits issued by 202 Municipalities in Canada in May and June, 1940, together with the aggregate for the first six months of this year and for 58 Municipalities in June, 1939. - (Contid.)

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Taute 3. - Yalue of Buildin; Pernits issued by 202 Municipalities in Canads in May and June, 1940, together with the aggregate for the first $81 x$ months of talis year and for 58 Municipalities in Jume, 1939. - (concluded)

|  |  | Value of Permi | Issued dur |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June, $1940$ | May, 1940 | June, $1939$ | First 6 <br> months 1940 |
| SASKATCRENAN - (Concluded) |  |  |  |  |
| $x$ Vonse Jaw | 4,255 | 26.393 | 5.125 | $40.998$ |
| North Battleford | 12.770 | 5.425 |  | $31,520$ |
| Prince Albert | 23,335 | 42.720 |  | 131.934 |
| $x$ Regina | 37.786 | 71, 815 | 83.655 | 354,057 |
| $x$ Saskatoon | 145,700 | 34.885 | 60,590 | 244, 385 |
| Swift Current | 5,315 | 8,165 |  | 22.743 |
| Weybura | 5,710 | 800 |  | 6,560 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $\times$ Calgary | 305.292 | 184.903 | 174,401 | 813,474 |
| Drumheller | 1,000 | 4,500 |  | 49.300 |
| $\times$ Eimonton | No report | 664.010 | 143.175 | 935.565 |
| Lethbridse | 45.225 | 88.543 | 66.225 | 289.543 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Crılliwack | 1,800 | 13.400 |  | 46,250 |
| Cranbrooz | 4.105 | 10,310 |  | 23.805 |
| Eernie | \$.P.I. | 150 |  | 763 |
| Kamloops | 9.675 | 34,918 | 16,403 | 65,346 |
| Kelowna | 8,950 | 10,244 |  | 79,519 |
| Nanalino | 11,500 | 115 | 5.354 | 103,698 |
| Nelson | No report | 14,361 |  | 64,379 |
| New Westminster | 90,030 | 72,500 | 73.910 | 398,070 |
| North Vancouver | 13.400 | 31.840 | 5,615 | 126.580 |
| Frince George | 1,565 | 11,150 |  | 15,165 |
| Prince Rupert | 5.850 | 5,335 | 1,175 | 29,175 |
| Revelstoke | No report | No report |  | 3.517 |
| Rossland | 16.625 | 715 |  | 24,465 |
| Trail | No report | No report |  | 18.245 |
| $\times$ Vancouver | 1,144,360 | 1,162.715 | 864.265 | 4,738, 465 |
| Vernon $\times$ Victoria | 6.650 65.191 | 36,435 274,765 |  | 70,380 |
| $\times$ Victoria | 65.191 | 214,105 | 108,486 | 1,052,751 |
| Total 202 Municipalitios | 9,425,773(2) | 13,809.596(5) |  | 46,341.580 |
| Total 58 Municipalities | 7.231,786(3) | 10,085,971 | 7.549,970 | 34,249,110 |
| Total 35 Municimaities | $6.406 .010(4)$ | 8,743,212 | 6,768,555 | 29.833 .316 |

$\pi$ Indicates a municipality whose records are available back to 1910.
(1) Revised figures containing returns from municipalities not included in our May report.
(2) 167 Municipalities only, reporting.
(3) 54 Municipelities onlv, reporting.
(4) 31 Municipalities only, reporting.
(5) Revised figures containine returns from 198 Municipalities.

