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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JUNE, 1923, WITH  
COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR MAY, 1923, and JUNE, 1922.

According to reports tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, there was a decline of 23.6 per cent in the value of the building permits issued in June as compared with May. This seasonal decrease is often experienced during June, the largest aggregate of permits granted usually occurring in April or May, when the building season is commencing. The comparison with June, 1922, also shows less projected activity during the month under review, there being a reduction of 15.9 per cent. Statements received from 56 cities showed that they had authorized building to the value of \$14,345,573, whereas in May, 1923, the total had been \$18,766,065 and in June, 1922, \$17,052,582.

Detailed returns were furnished by 49 cities, which issued over 1,500 permits for dwellings at a total valuation of approximately \$7,600,000, and for some 3,600 other buildings estimated to cost nearly \$5,800,000. Since the erection of several houses, apartments, stores, etc., is very frequently authorized by one permit, the number of buildings to be put up would be somewhat larger.

All provinces except Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick registered declines in the value of prospective building as compared with the preceding month. The increase in Nova Scotia of \$70,543, or 91.8 per cent was the largest, while of the declines recorded elsewhere that in Ontario of \$3,136,195 or 28 per cent was the most pronounced. Alberta, with a percentage decline of 40.4, however, showed the greatest proportional loss.

Only Quebec and Prince Edward Island recorded increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with June, 1922, there being percentage gains of 12.1 and 93.8 respectively in those provinces. Of the decreases indicated in the remaining districts, that of \$1,176,166 or 12.7 per cent in Ontario was the largest actual decline, while Nova Scotia, with a loss of \$193,528 or 56.8 per cent, registered the greatest percentage reduction.

All of the four largest cities - Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver - reported less contemplated building as compared with May, 1923, and with June, 1922. The only increases in both comparisons were indicated in St. John, Quebec, Three Rivers, Brantford, Chatham, London, St. Thomas and New Westminster.

In the records for this month York Township appears for the first time. This township, constituted with its present area of 10,690 acres on July 19, 1922, is geographically part of Toronto. Its assessed population in 1922 was 51,974, which would place it in twelfth place among the cities of Canada.

The table on page 2 shows the value of the building permits issued during June as compared with May, 1923, and April, 1922, the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 being marked by asterisks.

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by  
Building Permits.

City	June 1923	May 1923	June 1922
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	\$ 15,500	nil	8,000
Nova Scotia	147,412	76,869	340,940
x Halifax	38,315	43,462	183,330
New Glasgow	5,440	5,500	18,400
x Sydney	103,657	27,907	139,210
New Brunswick	157,091	119,555	344,015
Fredericton	7,600	19,750	80,215
x Moncton	65,591	39,805	248,800
x St. John	83,900	60,000	15,000
Quebec	3,987,550	4,692,339	3,556,902
x Montreal - Maisonneuve	2,230,820	3,524,825	2,558,977
x Quebec	1,220,439	402,269	438,190
Shawinigan Falls	1,500	168,225	8,200
x Sherbrooke	128,500	48,000	136,000
x Three Rivers	157,900	114,430	57,900
x Westmount	248,391	435,090	357,635
Ontario	8,070,597	11,206,792	9,246,763
Belleville		22,675	15,300
x Brantford	128,745	109,065	48,370
Chatham	45,050	28,650	41,375
x Fort William	61,900	44,625	67,350
Galt	16,775	35,650	59,940
x Guelph	79,605	74,116	430,100
x Hamilton	343,445	1,020,535	440,575
x Kingston	36,832	56,402	38,312
x Kitchener	262,280	326,080	561,045
x London	566,035	500,930	317,180
Niagara Falls	72,322	195,709	68,172
Oshawa	443,690	159,995	48,565
x Ottawa	309,360	503,742	422,800
Owen Sound	31,800	183,000	31,725
x Peterborough	53,127	26,175	29,389
x Port Arthur	85,590	1,335,418	29,770
x Stratford	55,455	110,895	62,533
x St. Catharines	52,505	121,430	151,088
x St. Thomas	181,925	43,245	16,550
Sarnia	53,125	69,840	77,525
Sault Ste. Marie	64,810	76,785	63,450
x Toronto	4,032,530	4,081,440	4,392,980
York Township	758,900	1,172,450	1,238,300
Welland	1,325	16,510	104,311
x Windsor	311,705	869,315	440,025
Woodstock	21,761	22,115	50,033
Manitoba	695,057	858,286	1,387,174
x Brandon	23,469	17,556	30,305
St. Boniface	43,988	58,330	107,869
x Winnipeg	627,600	782,400	1,249,000
Saskatchewan	402,685	515,845	710,337
x Moose Jaw	7,970	29,760	49,692
x Regina	221,990	274,225	381,100
x Saskatoon	172,725	211,860	279,545
Alberta	252,165	423,040	423,125
x Calgary	108,200	133,560	161,400
x Edmonton	137,305	275,980	246,975
Lethbridge	4,260	10,800	12,270
Medicine Hat	2,400	2,700	2,480
British Columbia	617,516	872,839	1,035,326
Nanaimo	11,150	33,583	14,710
x New Westminster	97,805	35,723	35,700
Point Grey	194,350	297,100	448,500
Prince Rupert	11,200	19,830	14,400
South Vancouver	27,220	42,360	64,640
x Vancouver	232,830	413,113	384,530
x Victoria	42,961	31,130	72,846
Total - 56 cities	14,345,573	18,766,065	17,052,582
Total - x 35 cities	12,511,407	16,124,508	14,474,202

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