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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR AUGUST, 1924, WITH COMPARATIVE  
FIGURES FOR JULY, 1924, AND AUGUST, 1923.

Reports from 56 cities, tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, show that there was a decline in prospective building during August, when the value of the permits issued was \$9,463,756, as compared with \$11,090,760 in July, 1924. This was a decrease of \$1,627,004 or 14.7 per cent, which was considerably more than the average decline registered during August as compared with July, based on figures for 35 cities in the last fourteen years. In comparison with August, 1923, there was a falling off of \$1,548,002 or 14.1 per cent; the value for that month was \$11,011,758.

Detailed statements were furnished by 46 cities, showing that they had issued nearly 300 permits for dwellings valued at over \$3,000,000, and some 2,000 permits for other buildings estimated to cost more than \$2,000,000.

The value of the building authorized in Nova Scotia, Quebec and Saskatchewan was higher than during July, there being increases of 266.0, 22.7 and 91.4 per cent, respectively, in these provinces. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$1,629,794, or 34.3 per cent in Ontario was the largest actual loss, while the most pronounced proportional reduction, of \$688,093 or 86.1 per cent, was in New Brunswick.

As compared with August, 1923, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Saskatchewan registered increases in the value of permits issued; those in Quebec of \$1,966,975 or 78.6 per cent and in New Brunswick of \$81,284 or 269.1 per cent, were most marked. The 26 cities reporting in Ontario recorded a decline of \$2,289,640 or 42.3 per cent, while in British Columbia there was a decrease of \$1,204,340 or 59.1 per cent.

The value of prospective building in Montreal was higher than in July, 1924, and also than in August, 1923. In Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, however, there was a falling off in both comparisons. Halifax, Fredericton, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Belleville, Chatham, St. Chatharines, Welland, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon, Nanaimo and New Westminster recorded gains as compared with the preceding month and also with August of last year.

The value of the building permits issued in 56 cities during the first eight months of this year was 17.2 per cent lower than in the same period of 1923, and 24.4 per cent lower than in 1922. There was, however, an increase of 2.9 per cent as compared with 1921. The total for the January-August period 1924 was \$78,437,887; in 1923, \$94,737,438; in 1922, \$103,689,217 and in 1921, \$76,245,999.

The table on the back of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during August as compared with July, 1924, and with August, 1923. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".



Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits.

C i t y	August 1924	July 1924	August 1923
	\$	\$	\$
P.M.I. - Charlottetown	nil	nil	12,700
Nova Scotia	87,675	23,955	53,225
x Halifax	77,420	13,200	16,425
New Glasgow	805	355	11,000
x Sydney	9,450	10,400	25,800
New Brunswick	111,489	799,582	30,205
Fredericton	16,000	nil	4,625
x Moncton	5,530	11,425	19,580
x St. John	89,959	788,157	6,000
Quebec	4,469,708	3,643,368	2,502,733
x Montreal - Maisonneuve	3,219,825	2,922,665	1,839,367
x Quebec	373,553	218,338	287,770
Shawinigan Falls	68,625	9,840	900
x Sherbrooke	11,000	66,000	6,300
x Three Rivers	560,450	163,650	35,695
x Westmount	236,250	262,875	276,001
Ontario	3,128,087	4,757,881	5,417,727
Belleville	42,400	200	6,000
x Brantford	12,072	10,950	18,284
Chatham	110,325	19,234	21,675
x Fort William	71,175	83,475	57,825
Galt	5,744	13,290	21,040
x Guelph	30,577	32,110	76,387
x Hamilton	254,050	363,925	458,550
x Kingston	34,363	116,047	23,344
x Kitchener	45,281	59,824	80,855
x London	207,515	157,370	247,020
Niagara Falls	20,895	74,745	31,015
Oshawa	37,155	83,525	180,170
x Ottawa	106,030	238,930	267,505
Owen Sound	6,200	18,500	12,050
x Peterboro	33,805	75,281	25,033
x Port Arthur	20,125	23,225	36,680
x Stratford	45,525	110,921	92,383
x St. Catharines	65,997	51,613	64,970
x St. Thomas	10,380	2,880	25,270
Sarnia	63,540	19,015	79,535
Sault Ste Marie	70,835	89,360	112,725
x Toronto	1,098,530	2,370,715	2,077,425
York Township	310,500	329,400	780,100
Welland	44,640	5,275	9,885
x Windsor	375,385	382,495	527,680
Woodstock	4,643	25,576	84,321
Manitoba	392,250	438,065	537,742
x Brandon	6,500	4,000	27,052
St. Boniface	31,700	63,415	76,790
x Winnipeg	354,050	370,650	433,900
Saskatchewan	242,876	126,915	194,455
x Moose Jaw	12,930	10,710	9,300
x Regina	114,310	63,895	73,755
x Saskatoon	115,636	52,310	111,400
Alberta	197,677	361,370	224,637
x Calgary	86,690	163,325	78,000
x Edmonton	96,290	190,775	123,050
Lethbridge	13,297	5,055	20,420
Medicine Hat	700	2,215	3,167
British Columbia	833,924	939,624	2,038,334
Nanaimo	15,860	9,950	3,860
x New Westminster	29,192	14,705	11,360
Point Grey	470,400	453,600	248,000
Prince Rupert	13,375	44,877	19,498
South Vancouver	47,002	42,225	49,450
x Vancouver	231,745	352,168	1,514,490
x Victoria	25,920	22,099	191,676
Total 56 Cities	9,463,756	11,090,760	11,011,758
Total x 35 Cities	8,067,515	9,781,108	9,222,832
Accumulative total for first eight months - 56 cities	1924 78,437,887	1923 94,737,438	1922 103,689,217

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