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Building Permits Report for June, 1925, with Comparative  
Statements for May, 1925 and June, 1924, and Cumulative  
Report for First Half-Year.

The value of the building permits issued in 60 cities in June was 4.2 p.c. lower than in the preceding month, in accordance with the trend usually indicated at this time of year. In the more significant comparison with the same month of last year, however, there was a gain of 4.9 p.c. The aggregate for June, 1925, was \$14,651,613, for May, 1925, \$15,296,080 and for June, 1924, \$13,961,008.

Detailed statements were furnished by some 50 cities, which issued over 1,550 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$6,800,000 and nearly 2,300 permits for other buildings valued at about \$7,500,000.

In New Brunswick, Quebec, and British Columbia, the value of the permits issued in June was higher than in May. The gains of \$1,332,718 or 41.7 p.c. in Quebec, and of \$132,105 or 322.3 p.c. in New Brunswick, were most pronounced. Of the declines in the other provinces, that of \$1,942,732 or 23.6 p.c. in Ontario was actually the largest, but Saskatchewan registered the greatest proportional reduction, of \$255,249 or 39.2 p.c.

As compared with June, 1924, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia recorded higher aggregates of building authorized. British Columbia reported an increase of \$302,826 or 16.4 p.c., but this was exceeded by the proportional gain of \$75,310, or 70.4 p.c., in New Brunswick. Nova Scotia showed the heaviest decrease of \$162,615 or 77.5 p.c.

Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver issued permits at a higher valuation than in either May, 1925, or June, 1924, while in Winnipeg the total exceeded that for the same month of last year, but was lower than in the preceding month. St. John, Westmount, Belleville, Guelph, Hamilton, London, York Township, Welland, Ford, Riverside, and Moose Jaw registered improvement in both comparisons.

Table I gives the value of the building permits issued in 60 cities during May and June, 1925, and June, 1924. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked by asterisks.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS, 1920-1925.

Table II is a record by provinces of the building permits issued in 60 cities during the first six months of each year since 1920; it also shows the totals for the years 1920-1924, the proportion that the six months' aggregates bear to these totals, and the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials.

The 1925 aggregate of \$64,662,849 was 8.0 p.c. higher than in the corresponding six months of 1924, 11.2 p.c. and 9.1 p.c. lower than in 1923 and 1922, respectively, and 16.6 p.c. and 4.9 p.c. higher than in 1921 and 1920, respectively. Building costs were distinctly lower in 1925 than in any other of the years under consideration.

An analysis of the returns by provinces shows that the 30 cities reporting in Ontario issued 47.6 p.c. of the total value for the six months; this is the same proportion as in the first half of 1924, when the building authorized was lower by \$2,387,109 or 8.4 p.c. In Quebec, the total of \$16,673,487 was 0.9 p.c. greater than last year. This province reported 25.8 p.c. of the six months' aggregate, while in 1924 the proportion was 27.6 p.c. British Columbia registered an increase of \$2,057,695, or 27.8 p.c., over the preceding year. The total for that province was 14.6 p.c. of the aggregate for the 60 cities; in 1924 it formed only 12.3 p.c. of the figure for the half year. The largest proportional increases as compared with last year were those of 142.8 p.c. and 41.1 p.c. in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded losses, that of \$1,013,647 or 40.2 p.c. in the last named being most pronounced. This is largely due to the fact that the figures for May, 1924, included a permit for the construction of a Dominion Government grain elevator at Edmonton.

The permits issued in the four leading cities - Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver - were valued at \$31,790,174; this was 12.9 p.c. more than the 1924 half-yearly total of \$28,162,979. In the present year, these cities recorded 49.2 p.c. of the six months' aggregate for the 60 cities, while the proportion last year was 47.1 p.c.

Toronto reported the largest aggregate of \$12,998,633, which was \$1,991,030, or 18.1 p.c. more than last year. In Montreal, where the permits issued were valued at \$11,481,558, there was a slight gain of 2.1 p.c., as compared with the first half of 1924. The Winnipeg total of \$2,410,440, and that of \$4,899,543 in Vancouver were respectively 36.4 p.c. and 18.4 p.c., higher than in the preceding year.

Table III contains the six-months' aggregates for these cities, together with the yearly totals and the proportion of the permits issued in these four cities to the aggregates for the 60 cities, as well as the percentage that their half-yearly totals are of their yearly totals.

Table I - Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits

	June 1925	May 1925	June 1924
P.E.I.-Charlottetown	-	5,000	nil
Nova Scotia	47,105	93,437	209,720
x Halifax	46,200	79,412	193,335
New Glasgow	60	11,750	5,100
x Sydney	845	2,275	11,285
New Brunswick	182,270	43,165	106,360
Fredericton	#	29,200	2,950
x Moncton	8,270	8,465	2,510
x St. John	174,000	5,500	101,500
Quebec	4,553,828	3,214,110	4,463,109
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	2,916,555	2,140,920	2,195,340
x Quebec	382,661	569,905	1,601,118
Shawinigan Falls	20,900	77,100	3,185
x Sherbrooke	31,500	35,160	40,400
x Three Rivers	57,100	281,650	304,325
x Westmount	1,145,112	109,375	318,741
Ontario	6,302,396	8,245,735	5,862,831
Belleville	29,910	22,475	8,950
x Brantford	24,037	8,590	66,177
Chatham	3,575	67,200	50,200
x Fort William	81,170	65,925	102,850
Galt	27,415	18,143	29,925
x Guelph	87,611	45,220	34,735
x Hamilton	361,000	310,300	210,925
x Kingston	12,277	27,092	50,037
x Kitchener	176,830	166,588	242,357
x London	228,085	224,860	188,855
Niagara Falls	124,765	172,240	49,385
Oshawa	47,600	76,590	40,750
x Ottawa	397,550	1,875,385	377,250
Owen Sound	15,375	426,425	31,400
x Peterboro	35,630	25,210	74,798
x Port Arthur	35,766	179,785	17,966
x Stratford	29,107	54,278	46,870
x St. Catharines	108,187	52,590	199,745
x St. Thomas	11,705	25,020	17,015
Sarnia	51,308	116,390	157,750
Sault Ste. Marie	18,700	41,715	76,073
x Toronto	3,046,810	2,823,972	2,405,725
York Township	465,650	446,950	409,700
Welland	21,855	18,720	12,275
x Windsor	395,676	441,650	534,717
Ford	157,350	149,208	97,650
Riverside	127,200	121,500	64,100
Sandwich	117,600	111,130	166,759
Walkerville	57,000	116,000	62,000
Woodstock	6,142	14,564	35,822
Manitoba	612,635	727,420	701,405
x Brandon	5,500	18,500	171,650
St. Boniface	52,885	46,980	105,655
x Winnipeg	554,250	661,940	424,100
Saskatchewan	396,098	651,347	474,076
x Moose Jaw	125,280	12,680	52,558
x Regina	185,243	219,890	205,710
x Saskatoon	85,575	418,777	215,808
Alberta	356,185	466,295	258,305
x Calgary	151,200	181,850	90,820
x Edmonton	183,540	270,575	115,425
Lethbridge	21,285	13,560	39,140
Medicine Hat	160	310	14,850
British Columbia	2,200,496	1,849,571	1,890,600
Nanaimo	5,700	8,300	9,500
x New Westminster	79,435	37,645	21,380
Point Grey	503,600	551,100	423,000
Prince Rupert	31,600	264,864	20,175
South Vancouver	78,275	163,790	61,200
x Vancouver	1,477,506	795,980	1,200,310
x Victoria	24,380	31,892	155,035
Total - 60 Cities	14,651,613	15,296,080	13,967,006
"      35      "      x	12,665,703	12,204,876	11,989,512
Cumulative total for	1925	1924	1923
60 Cities- First Six Months	64,662,849	59,857,531	72,831,620

# Figures not available.

Table II - Provincial Totals of Building Permits Issued by 60 cities During First Half-Year, 1920-1925.

Province		1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
Pr. Edward Isd.	(1 city)	11,000	16,700	27,500	49,500	127,200	34,500
Nova Scotia	(3 cities)	851,958	603,754	332,844	1,223,584	1,734,457	2,338,612
New Brunswick	(3 cities)	736,715	304,289	446,666	1,107,453	534,355	1,123,270
Quebec	(6 cities)	16,673,487	16,523,301	19,598,131	12,503,048	10,870,750	13,318,280
Ontario	(30 cities)	30,814,524	28,427,415	42,761,546	41,858,395	29,105,123	29,355,724
Manitoba	(3 cities)	3,135,020	2,201,396	2,331,030	4,439,403	3,696,283	5,740,273
Saskatchewan	(3 cities)	1,476,755	1,863,334	1,470,594	2,437,585	1,874,257	2,219,660
Alberta	(4 cities)	1,508,554	2,522,201	1,279,915	2,213,495	2,427,465	3,791,546
British Columbia	(7 cities)	9,452,836	7,395,141	4,583,394	5,283,486	5,080,680	3,731,704
Canada	(6 mos.)	64,662,849	59,857,531	72,831,620	71,115,954	55,451,070	61,653,569
"	(12 mos.)		123,731,196	133,201,347	147,962,173	116,361,720	116,779,628
Proportion of permits issued in first 6 months to total for year			48.4 p.c.	54.7 p.c.	48.1 p.c.	47.7 p.c.	52.8 p.c.
1/Average weighted index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, six months		154.1	165.2	166.1	161.1	197.1	215.5
2/Average index numbers of wages in building trades (for year)		-	169.7	166.4	162.5	170.5	180.9

1/ Compiled by Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Average, 1913 = 100.

2/ Compiled by Department of Labour. Average, 1913 = 100.

Table III - Building Permits Issued by Four Largest Cities in First Half-Year, 1920-1925.

City	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
Montreal	\$11,481,558	\$ 11,248,115	\$ 15,469,327	\$ 9,142,774	\$ 7,330,178	\$8,263,498
Toronto	12,998,633	11,007,603	18,016,857	17,893,725	11,688,813	12,922,551
Winnipeg	2,410,440	1,770,000	2,104,500	4,049,700	3,084,050	5,435,450
Vancouver	4,899,543	4,137,261	2,230,159	2,013,431	1,660,382	1,485,068
Total - six months	31,790,174	28,162,979	37,820,843	33,099,630	23,763,423	28,106,567
Total - twelve months	-	64,348,121	68,496,764	71,907,956	53,795,051	51,744,488
Proportion of permits issued in first six months to total for year	-	43.8 p.c.	55.2 p.c.	46.0 p.c.	44.2 p.c.	54.3 p.c.
Proportion of permits issued in four cities in 6 months to 6 months' total for 60 cities	49.2 p.c.	47.1 p.c.	51.9 p.c.	46.5 p.c.	42.9 p.c.	45.6 p.c.



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