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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR JULY, 1925, WITH COMPARATIVE
STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1925, AND JULY, 1924.

There was a further decrease in the value of the building authorized in 60 cities in July, when the building permits issued aggregated \$12,637,551, as compared with \$14,651,813 in June, a decline of 13.7 p.c. The experience of the last 16 years shows, however, that a reduction is usually indicated in July as compared with June. In the more significant comparison with July of last year, there was an increase of \$1,111,235, or 9.6 p.c.; the total for that month was \$11,526,316.

Detailed statements were furnished by some 50 cities, showing that they had issued over 1,500 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$5,500,000 and nearly 2,700 permits for other buildings at a proposed cost of approximately \$7,000,000.

The only province to show an increase over June, 1925, was Quebec; the aggregate there was higher by \$313,605, or 6.9 p.c. than in the preceding month. British Columbia recorded the greatest actual reduction of \$979,936 or 44.5 p.c., while the largest proportional loss of \$152,695, or 83.8 p.c. was in New Brunswick.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia registered higher totals of building authorized than in July, 1924. The largest gain, of \$1,234,065, or 33.6 p.c., was in Quebec. New Brunswick showed the most pronounced decrease of \$770,006 or 96.3 p.c.

Montreal issued permits at a higher valuation than in either June, 1925, or July, 1924, while in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver there were declines in the former and increases in the latter comparison. Moncton, Quebec, Sherbrooke, London, Ottawa, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Windsor, Lethbridge, Nanaimo, New Westminster and South Vancouver showed improvement over the preceding month and also in comparison with the corresponding month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1925

The building permits issued in 60 cities from January to July of this year authorized building of an estimated value of \$77,300,400, as compared with \$71,383,847 in 1924, \$85,882,727 in 1923, \$86,840,512 in 1922, \$86,394,841 in 1921 and \$75,375,684 in 1920. The increase over 1924 was 8.5 p.c., over 1921, 16.4 p.c. and over 1920, 2.6 p.c., while there were declines of 10 and 11 p.c. as compared with 1923 and 1922, respectively, when, however, building costs were higher. The Bureau's weighted index number of wholesale prices of building materials averaged 154.1 during the first seven months of 1925, as compared with 163.8 in 1924, 166.7 in 1923, 161.5 in 1922, 194.5 in 1921 and 215.3 in 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of building permits issued in 60 cities during June and July, 1925, and July, 1924. The 55 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus 'x'.



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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits

Cities	July, 1925	June, 1925	July, 1924
P.E.I. -Charlottetown	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	40,720	47,105	24,015
x Halifax	36,220	46,200	13,260
New Glasgow	625	60	355
x Sydney	3,875	845	10,400
New Brunswick	29,575	182,270	799,581
Fredericton	3,600	-	Nil
x Moncton	16,975	8,270	11,425
x St. John	9,000	174,000	788,156
Quebec	4,867,433	4,553,828	3,643,368
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	3,098,009	2,916,555	2,922,665
x Quebec	1,000,149	382,661	218,338
Shawinigan Falls	10,975	20,900	9,840
x Sherbrooke	500,000	31,500	66,000
x Three Rivers	21,400	57,100	163,650
x Westmount	236,900	1,145,112	262,875
Ontario	5,510,441	6,302,296	5,127,321
Belleville	17,130	29,910	7,200
x Brantford	18,678	24,097	10,665
Chatham	10,215	3,575	19,234
x Fort William	57,140	81,170	83,475
Galt	7,490	27,415	13,290
x Guelph	30,200	87,611	32,110
x Hamilton	229,700	361,000	363,925
x Kingston	27,630	12,277	116,047
x Kitchener	162,406	176,880	59,824
x London	308,155	228,035	157,370
Niagara Falls	101,350	124,765	74,745
Oshawa	45,945	47,600	82,425
x Ottawa	418,220	397,550	238,930
Owen Sound	14,660	15,375	18,500
x Peterboro	36,751	35,630	75,281
x Port Arthur	30,215	35,766	23,225
x Stratford	37,080	29,107	110,921
x St. Catharines	112,500	108,187	51,613
x St. Thomas	15,085	11,705	2,880
Sarnia	20,885	51,308	19,015
Sault Ste Marie	27,105	18,700	89,360
x Toronto	2,681,772	3,046,810	2,370,715
York Township	388,600	465,650	329,400
Welland	14,180	21,855	5,275
x Windsor	396,600	395,676	382,495
Ford	73,280	157,350	105,100
Riverside	37,200	127,200	31,100
Sandwich	98,135	117,600	121,625
Walkerville	85,000	57,000	106,000
Woodstock	7,132	6,142	25,576
Manitoba	515,112	612,635	438,115
x Brandon	6,936	5,500	4,050
St. Boniface	62,176	52,885	63,415
x Winnipeg	446,000	554,250	370,650
Saskatchewan	169,800	396,098	173,415
x Moose Jaw	11,030	125,280	10,710
x Regina	84,200	185,243	63,895
x Saskatoon	74,570	85,575	98,810
Alberta	293,910	356,185	361,370
x Calgary	114,825	151,200	163,325
x Edmonton	138,025	183,540	190,775
Lethbridge	22,800	21,285	5,055
Medicine Hat	3,180	160	2,215
British Columbia	1,220,560	2,200,496	959,131
Nanaimo	140,950	5,700	9,950
x New Westminster	111,860	79,435	14,705
Point Grey	362,400	503,600	453,600
Prince Rupert	37,325	31,600	44,677
South Vancouver	78,635	78,275	42,225
x Vancouver	470,480	1,477,506	352,168
x Victoria	18,850	24,380	41,806
Total 60 Cities	12,637,551	14,651,613	11,526,316
Total 35 "	10,961,438	12,665,703	9,847,139
Cumulative total for	1925	1924	1923
60 Cities - First seven months	77,300,400	71,383,847	85,882,727