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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1925, WITH COMPARATIVE
STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1925 and AUGUST, 1924.

The value of the building permits authorized in 60 cities during August stood at \$9,258,752, as compared with \$12,641,551 in July, 1925, and \$9,265,945 in August, 1924. There was, therefore, a seasonal decline of 26.8 p.c. in comparison with the preceding month, but of only one-tenth of one per cent in the more significant comparison with the same month of last year.

Detailed statements were furnished by some 50 cities, showing that they had issued more than 1,100 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$4,800,000 and about 2,500 permits for other building at a proposed cost of over \$3,900,000.

All provinces except Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan showed reductions in the value of the building permits issued as compared with July, 1925. There were gains of 113.2 p.c. and 36.8 p.c., respectively, in those provinces. Of the losses in the remaining provinces, that of \$2,492,493 or 51.2 p.c. in Quebec was most pronounced.

As compared with August, 1924, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia registered increases in the value of the permits issued, that of 37.2 p.c. in Ontario being largest. Quebec recorded the greatest decrease of \$1,544,763 or 39.4 p.c.

The value of the building permits issued in Vancouver was higher than in either July, 1925, or August, 1924; in Toronto and Winnipeg there were losses in the first and increases in the second comparison, while Montreal showed declines in both comparisons. Halifax, Westmount, Brantford, Guelph, Hamilton, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Windsor, Riverside, Walkerville, Woodstock, Brandon, Moose Jaw, Edmonton, South Vancouver and Victoria registered increases both as compared with the preceding month and with the corresponding month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1925.

The value of the building authorized in 60 cities during the first eight months of this year was \$86,563,152 as compared with \$80,649,792 in 1924, \$97,269,465 in 1923, \$104,987,692 in 1922, \$77,293,340 in 1921 and \$86,145,140 in 1920. There were, therefore, increases of 7.3 p.c., 12.0 p.c. and 0.5 p.c. in 1925 as compared with 1924, 1921, and 1920, but the total was 11.0 p.c. and 17.5 p.c. lower than in 1923 and 1922, respectively. The Bureau's weighted index number of wholesale prices of building materials averaged 154.0 during the first eight months of 1925, compared with 162.6 in 1924, 166.8 in 1923, 161.8 in 1922, 192.1 in 1921 and 214.6 in 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of building permits issued in 60 cities during July and August, 1925, and August, 1924. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits

Cities	Aug. 1925	July, 1925	Aug. 1924
Prince Ed. Island-Charlottetown	2,800	4,000	nil
Nova Scotia	86,822	40,720	87,675
x Halifax	77,847	36,220	77,420
New Glasgow	300	625	805
x Sydney	8,675	3,875	9,450
New Brunswick	15,990	29,575	113,164
Fredericton		3,600	17,675
x Moncton	15,990	16,975	5,830
x St. John	nil	9,000	89,959
Quebec	2,374,940	4,867,453	3,919,706
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,681,085	3,098,009	3,219,625
x Quebec	341,980	1,000,149	373,558
Shawinigan Falls	13,900	10,975	68,625
x Sherbrooke	93,100	500,000	11,000
x Three Rivers	14,375	21,400	10,450
x Westmount	330,500	236,900	236,250
Ontario	4,677,755	5,510,441	3,408,834
Belleville	5,750	17,130	50,700
x Brantford	26,980	18,676	12,072
Chatham	13,200	10,215	110,325
x Fort William	47,925	57,140	71,175
Galt	2,695	7,490	5,744
x Guelph	36,985	50,200	30,577
x Hamilton	258,450	229,700	254,050
x Kingston	51,774	27,630	34,363
x Kitchener	66,165	162,408	45,281
x London	293,100	306,155	207,515
Niagara Falls	134,375	101,350	20,895
Oshawa	118,885	45,945	37,155
x Ottawa	221,845	418,220	106,030
Owen Sound	5,000	14,650	6,200
x Peterboro	23,825	36,751	33,805
x Port Arthur	24,352	30,215	20,125
x Stratford	36,226	37,080	45,427
x St. Catharines	46,485	112,500	65,997
x St. Thomas	15,145	15,085	10,380
Sarnia	76,110	20,885	63,940
Sault Ste. Marie	38,370	27,105	69,835
x Toronto	1,936,325	2,681,772	1,098,130
York Township	516,700	386,600	310,500
Welland	6,825	14,180	44,640
x Windsor	454,695	396,600	375,385
Ford	114,925	73,280	143,260
Riverside	54,600	57,200	42,000
Sandwich	61,550	98,135	48,285
Walkerville	104,000	85,000	40,000
Woodstock	12,482	7,132	4,643
Manitoba	438,030	515,112	391,850
x Brandon	9,510	6,936	6,500
St. Boniface	47,920	62,176	31,300
x Winnipeg	380,600	446,000	354,050
Saskatchewan	232,295	169,800	306,376
x Moose Jaw	35,260	11,030	6,930
x Regina	94,200	84,200	114,310
x Saskatoon	102,835	74,570	165,136
Alberta	265,810	283,910	197,677
x Calgary	73,325	114,825	86,690
x Edmonton	162,445	138,025	96,290
Lethbridge	8,030	22,880	13,997
Medicine Hat	10	8,180	700
British Columbia	1,166,300	1,220,560	840,661
Nanaimo	22,075	140,950	15,860
x New Westminster	102,820	111,860	29,192
Point Grey	341,900	362,400	470,400
Prince Rupert	16,750	37,325	13,875
South Vancouver	108,000	78,695	47,002
x Vancouver	529,755	470,480	231,745
x Victoria	45,000	18,850	32,587
Total 60 Cities	9,258,752	12,641,551	9,265,945
x Total 35 "	7,577,600	10,961,438	7,587,584
Cumulative total for	1925	1924	1925
60 Cities - First eight months	85,565,152	80,649,792	97,269,465

