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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1926, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1926
AND AUGUST, 1925, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-26.

There was a seasonal decline of 36.6 p.c. in the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during August as compared with July, but in the more significant comparison with August of last year there was an increase of 24.9 p.c. The aggregate for the month under review was \$11,874,552, while in the preceding month it was \$10,717,028 and in the corresponding month of 1925 it was \$9,511,008.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued nearly 1,250 permits for dwellings valued at practically \$5,000,000 and over 2,500 permits for other buildings estimated to cost almost \$6,500,000. In July, permits were issued for over 1,500 dwellings and nearly 2,700 other buildings valued at approximately \$7,000,000 in both cases. Authority was also given for an engineering project estimated to cost over \$4,000,000.

Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan registered increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with July; in the latter, the total of \$2,053,020 reported by the three co-operating cities, was \$1,535,060, or 296.4 p.c., higher than in the preceding month. Of the declines elsewhere, those of \$4,266,434 or 73.8 p.c. in British Columbia and \$2,945,409 or 36.4 p.c. in Ontario, were greatest.

As compared with August, 1925, all provinces except Nova Scotia and Quebec reported increases in the value of the building authorized. Saskatchewan reported the largest gain of \$1,850,725.

Montreal and Toronto registered declines in the permits issued as compared with the preceding month and the corresponding month of last year. In Winnipeg and Vancouver there were losses in the former and increases in the latter comparison. St. John, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Port William, Galt, Peterborough, Riverside, St. Catharines, Welland, Woodstock, Brandon, Regina, Calgary, South Vancouver, and Victoria reported higher totals of building authorized than in either July, 1926, or August, 1925.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1926

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during August and in the first eight months of each year since 1910. The January-August average index number of wholesale prices of building materials in those years is also given (1913=100).

Year	Value of permits issued		Average Indexes of Wholesale Prices of building materials in first eight months
	In August	In first eight months	
1926	\$11,874,552	\$109,211,942	150.0
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	154.0
1924	9,406,733	81,762,033	162.6
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	166.8
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	161.8
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	192.1
1920	10,805,846	86,703,601	214.6

The January-August aggregate this year was greater by 23.8 p.c. than in 1925; it was also 3.8 p.c. higher than in 1922, the previous high level since the war, and 40.6 p.c. above the 1921 low mark. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were, at the same time, lower than in any other year since 1920.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated By Building Permits Issued by 63 cities

Cities	August, 1926	July, 1926	August, 1925
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	12,000	Nil	2,800
Nova Scotia	36,115	81,770	90,242
x Halifax	28,270	76,895	77,847
New Glasgow	1,730	475	3,720
x Sydney	6,115	4,400	8,675
New Brunswick	84,300	95,065	20,790
Fredericton	Nil	4,800	4,800
x Moncton	17,000	75,865	15,990
x Saint John	67,300	14,400	Nil
Quebec	2,030,756	2,831,615	2,396,680
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,578,081	1,870,250	1,681,085
x Quebec	155,010	544,730	241,980
Shawinigan Falls	54,210	14,210	25,925
x Sherbrooke	20,500	101,100	93,100
x Three Rivers	89,880	65,050	24,090
x Westmount	133,075	236,275	330,500
Ontario	5,152,757	8,098,166	4,875,180
Belleville	11,600	21,225	5,750
x Brantford	14,820	14,358	26,980
Chatham	10,100	315,250	13,200
x Fort William	336,480	158,000	43,925
Galit	9,200	7,768	2,695
x Guelph	17,960	44,780	38,985
x Hamilton	194,700	248,350	258,450
x Kingston	23,589	23,555	51,774
x Kitchener	110,830	121,945	86,186
x London	151,900	1,246,655	293,100
Niagara Falls	88,330	80,275	184,375
Oshawa	120,320	337,830	118,885
x Ottawa	161,625	447,030	221,845
Owen Sound	8,200	52,800	5,000
x Peterborough	53,395	44,135	23,825
x Port Arthur	45,743	60,195	24,352
x Stratford	36,680	156,920	36,226
x St. Catharines	62,325	28,378	46,485
x St. Thomas	13,810	7,530	15,145
Sarnia	40,843	78,384	76,110
Sault Ste. Marie	16,490	38,815	38,370
x Toronto	1,797,573	2,265,040	1,936,325
York and East York Townships	498,075	706,230	509,115
Wolland	20,700	14,985	6,825
x Windsor	616,825	787,242	454,695
Ford	186,850	337,513	114,925
Riverside	272,850	77,400	54,600
Sandwich	124,300	182,675	65,550
Walkerville	90,000	185,000	109,000
Woodstock	16,644	7,913	12,482
Manitoba	618,454	832,960	438,030
x Brandon	45,829	16,400	9,510
St. Boniface	60,825	69,910	47,920
x Winnipeg	511,800	746,650	380,600
Saskatchewan	2,053,020	517,980	202,295
x Moose Jaw	16,400	54,790	35,260
x Regina	1,811,350	202,020	94,200
x Saskatoon	225,270	261,150	72,835
Alberta	375,170	481,078	263,810
x Calgary	133,385	117,830	73,325
x Edmonton	232,495	316,350	182,445
Lethbridge	9,240	45,298	8,030
Medicine Hat	50	1,600	10
British Columbia	1,511,980	5,778,414	1,221,181
Kamloops	14,570	26,775	33,195
Nanaimo	1,925	6,030	22,075
x New Westminster	51,675	101,980	102,820
Prince Rupert	7,600	11,575	16,750
x Vancouver	685,530	4,844,025	529,755
Point Grey	503,400	522,650	341,900
North Vancouver	27,150	100,251	15,020
South Vancouver	139,900	116,700	108,000
x Victoria	70,230	48,428	51,666
Total - 63 cities	11,874,552	18,717,028	9,511,008
Total - 35 cities	9,527,450	15,352,701	7,563,981

