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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1927, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1927,
AND JULY, 1926, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920 - 1927.

The value of the building authorized during July showed a seasonal decline of 10.3 p.c. as compared with the preceding month, while there was also a decrease of 11.6 p.c. in comparison with the exceptionally high total recorded in July, 1926. The aggregate for the 63 cities was \$16,511,011, as against \$18,399,858 in June, and \$18,683,415 in the corresponding month of last year; the latter total included a permit for an engineering project estimated at some \$4,000,000 undertaken in Vancouver, which made it considerably higher than in July of any other year of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,500 permits for dwellings valued at over \$6,000,000, and some 2,200 permits for other buildings estimated at approximately \$7,000,000. In June, authority was given for the erection of about 1,700 dwellings and 3,300 other buildings, valued at approximately \$7,800,000 and \$9,000,000 respectively.

Increases of _____ and 24.9 p.c., as compared with June, 1927, were reported in Nova Scotia and Ontario, respectively, while elsewhere there were reductions, of which that of \$1,805,784 or 38.5 p.c. in Quebec was most pronounced.

In comparison with July, 1926, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan registered improvement, that of \$947,567, or 182.9 p.c., in the last named being greatest. British Columbia reported the most marked decline, of \$4,512,478 or 78.0 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg recorded losses as compared with the preceding month, but increases over July of last year, while in Vancouver there was a falling off in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Fredericton, Saint John, Three Rivers, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Peterborough, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Sault Ste Marie, Welland, Brandon, Moose Jaw, Regina, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Nanaimo, South Vancouver and Victoria reported gains as compared with both June, 1927, and July, 1926.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1927.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during July and in the first seven months of each year since 1920. The cumulative total shown for this month includes for the first time permits valued at \$72,800 issued by Charlottetown during April and May. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first seven months of the years since 1920 are also given (1913 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued		Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first seven months
	In July	In first seven months	
1927	\$ 16,511,011	\$97,957,430	147.4
1926	13,683,415	97,443,834	150.2
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	154.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	163.8
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	166.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	161.5
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	194.5
1920	13,743,045	75,497,755	215.3

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was thus slightly greater than in 1926, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued to be lower in any other year since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during June and July, 1927, and July, 1926. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus, "x".

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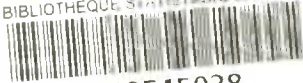
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Table 1.-Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	July, 1927	June, 1927	July, 1926
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	\$ 450,784	\$ 211,650	\$ 81,770
x Halifax	436,285	197,820	76,895
New Glasgow	750	3,000	475
x Sydney	13,749	10,830	4,400
New Brunswick	121,999	365,811	54,758
Fredericton	55,500	-	4,800
x Moncton	7,050	345,065	35,558
x Saint John	59,449	20,746	14,400
Quebec	2,880,788	4,686,572	2,831,865
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,984,988	3,177,250	1,870,250
x Quebec	342,710	435,897	544,730
Shawinigan Falls	61,550	63,550	14,460
x Sherbrooke	31,200	252,400	101,100
x Three Rivers	169,725	82,100	65,050
x Westmount	290,615	675,375	236,275
Ontario	9,010,731	7,214,654	8,097,941
Belleville	15,800	20,425	21,225
x Brantford	54,303	83,552	14,358
Chatham	43,900	111,400	315,250
x Fort William	44,825	101,750	158,000
Galt	8,170	30,445	7,768
x Guelph	31,922	38,815	44,780
x Hamilton	312,250	234,300	248,350
x Kingston	19,129	32,591	23,555
x Kitchener	63,193	188,704	121,945
x London	302,350	152,985	1,246,255
Niagara Falls	130,372	92,965	80,275
Oshawa	621,325	1,283,500	337,830
x Ottawa	205,450	300,820	447,030
Owen Sound	13,500	15,450	52,800
x Peterborough	307,557	40,258	44,135
x Port Arthur	2,188,755	82,185	60,195
x Stratford	36,225	13,210	156,920
x St. Catharines	263,732	153,483	28,378
x St. Thomas	6,430	15,404	7,530
Sarnia	300,095	79,047	78,384
Sault Ste. Marie	72,450	38,300	38,590
x Toronto	2,675,055	2,694,797	2,265,040
York and East York Townships	562,100	488,500	706,230
Welland	43,019	30,885	14,975
x Windsor	300,466	383,525	787,242
Ford	49,500	108,075	337,513
Riverside	62,300	166,025	77,400
Sandwich	159,080	135,640	182,675
Walkerville	100,000	61,000	185,000
Woodstock	17,478	36,618	7,913
Manitoba	906,751	1,405,510	832,962
x Brandon	41,618	14,130	16,402
St. Boniface	68,433	70,430	69,910
x Winnipeg	796,700	1,320,950	746,650
Saskatchewan	1,465,527	1,539,725	517,960
x Moose Jaw	196,267	144,925	54,790
x Regina	827,910	691,935	202,020
x Saskatoon	441,350	702,865	261,150
Alberta	401,828	912,841	481,078
x Calgary	177,373	366,801	117,830
x Edmonton	170,905	521,585	316,350
Lethbridge	51,360	32,755	45,298
Medicine Hat	2,190	1,700	1,600
British Columbia	1,272,603	2,063,095	5,785,081
Kamloops	Nil	3,730	26,775
Nanaimo	8,243	6,150	6,030
x New Westminster	69,431	66,160	101,980
Prince Rupert	22,275	22,595	11,575
x Vancouver	600,272	1,333,040	4,844,025
Point Grey	357,200	430,210	522,650
North Vancouver	22,637	24,925	100,251
South Vancouver	123,400	121,800	116,700
x Victoria	69,145	54,485	55,095
Total - 63 Cities	16,511,011	18,399,858	18,683,415
xTotal - 35 Cities	13,538,384	14,920,738	15,319,063



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Province	1971	1972	1973
Alberta	1,200,000	1,250,000	1,300,000
British Columbia	2,500,000	2,600,000	2,700,000
Manitoba	1,000,000	1,050,000	1,100,000
Ontario	10,000,000	10,500,000	11,000,000
Quebec	6,000,000	6,200,000	6,400,000
Saskatchewan	1,000,000	1,050,000	1,100,000
Atlantic	4,000,000	4,100,000	4,200,000
Total	26,200,000	27,300,000	28,400,000