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

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There was an increase of \$13,140,877 or 79.6 p.c. in the value of the building permits issued during August, 1927, as compared with the preceding month, while the total, which was 154.0 p.c., higher than in August, 1926, was also greater than in the same month of any other year since the record for the 63 cities was commenced in 1920. The co-operating cities granted authority for building estimated at \$29,651,888 during the month under review, as compared with \$16,511,011 in July, 1927, and \$11,672,599 in August of last year. The pronounced gains this August were due to an unusually large total in Montreal, where one permit alone accounted for \$12,000,000 of the aggregate; in fact, the August total considerably exceeded that for any other month of the 18 years for which records for Montreal are available.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,100 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$4,000,000 and over 2,500 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$15,500,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,500 dwellings and 2,200 other buildings estimated at approximately \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000, respectively.

Quebec reported the especially noteworthy gain of \$16,840,677 as compared with July, 1927, but there were also advances in Alberta and British Columbia. Of the reductions elsewhere registered, those in Ontario of \$3,091,080 or 34.3 p.c. were most marked.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta reported higher aggregates of building permits than in August of last year, Quebec showing the largest increase of \$17,684,709. Saskatchewan registered the greatest decline, of \$966,722 or 47.1 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver showed improvement as compared with both July, 1927, and August, 1926, while in Winnipeg there was a decrease as compared with the preceding month, but an increase over the corresponding month of 1926. As already stated, the August, 1927, aggregate for Montreal was the highest reported for any month since the record for this city was commenced in 1910. Of the remaining centres, Three Rivers, Chatham, Guelph, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, Ottawa, St. Thomas, Brandon, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster, North and South Vancouver recorded gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1927.

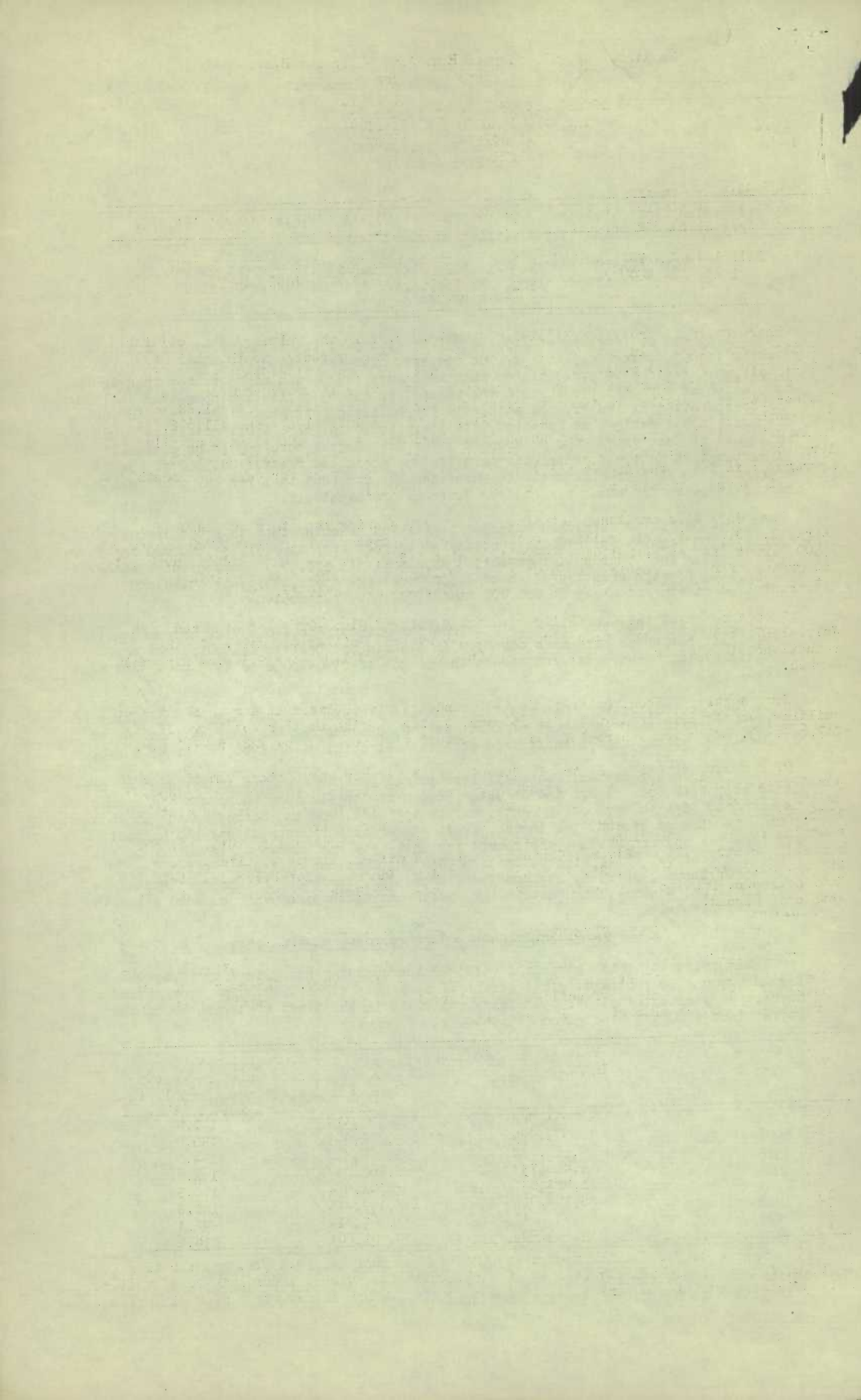
The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 63 cities during August and in the first eight months of each year since 1920. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920 are also given (1913=100).

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Year	Value of Permits Issued		Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months.
	In August	In first eight months	
1927	\$29,651,888	\$127,609,318	147.4
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	150.0
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	154.0
1924	9,406,733	81,762,087	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	86,303,601	214.6

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The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was 16.8 p.c. 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 than in any other year since 1920.



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

	August, 1927	July, 1927	August, 1926
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	-	nil	12,000
Nova Scotia	65,925	450,784	36,115
x Halifax	60,700	436,285	28,270
New Glasgow	100	750	1,730
x Sydney	5,125	13,749	6,115
New Brunswick	67,928	121,999	91,205
Fredericton	4,600	55,500	nil
x Moncton	23,545	7,050	23,905
x Saint John	39,783	59,449	67,300
Quebec	19,721,465	2,880,788	2,036,756
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	19,206,553	1,984,988	1,578,081
x Quebec	250,637	342,710	155,010
Shawinigan Falls	32,550	61,550	60,210
x Sherbrooke	30,800	31,200	20,500
x Three Rivers	170,325	169,725	89,880
x Westmount	30,600	290,615	133,075
Ontario	5,919,651	9,010,731	4,932,232
Belleville	5,500	15,800	11,600
x Brantford	52,683	54,303	14,820
Chatham	71,850	43,900	9,625
x Fort William	96,825	44,825	336,480
Galt	1,860	8,170	9,200
x Guelph	39,774	31,922	17,960
x Hamilton	502,650	312,250	194,700
x Kingston	47,112	19,129	23,589
x Kitchener	193,903	63,193	110,830
x London	202,635	302,350	151,900
Niagara Falls	125,315	130,372	88,330
Oshawa	353,375	621,325	120,320
x Ottawa	230,070	205,450	161,625
Owen Sound	7,050	13,500	8,200
x Peterborough	9,435	307,557	53,395
x Port Arthur	47,944	2,188,755	45,743
x Stratford	15,799	36,225	36,680
x St. Catharines	51,940	263,732	62,325
x St. Thomas	17,575	6,430	13,810
Sarnia	89,215	300,095	40,843
Sault Ste. Marie	26,157	72,450	16,490
x Toronto	2,724,623	2,675,055	1,797,573
York and East York Townships	496,000	562,100	498,075
Welland	15,855	43,019	20,700
x Windsor	240,400	300,466	616,825
Ford	78,030	49,500	186,850
Riverside	34,450	62,300	52,800
Sandwich	79,335	159,080	124,300
Walkerville	54,000	100,000	90,000
Woodstock	8,291	17,478	16,644
Manitoba	797,977	906,751	618,454
x Brandon	83,877	41,618	45,829
St. Boniface	90,050	68,433	60,825
x Winnipeg	624,050	796,700	511,800
Saskatchewan	1,086,298	1,465,527	2,053,020
x Moose Jaw	338,788	196,267	16,400
x Regina	411,375	827,910	1,811,350
x Saskatoon	336,135	441,350	225,270
Alberta	483,561	401,828	375,170
x Calgary	170,941	177,373	133,385
x Edmonton	233,785	170,905	232,495
Lethbridge	51,510	51,360	9,240
Medicine Hat	27,325	2,190	50
British Columbia	1,509,083	1,272,603	1,517,647
Kamloops	102,199	nil	14,570
Nanaimo	8,650	8,243	1,925
x New Westminster	116,210	69,431	51,675
Prince Rupert	8,565	22,275	7,600
x Vancouver	717,504	600,272	695,530
Point Grey	345,040	357,200	503,400
North Vancouver	29,170	22,637	27,150
South Vancouver	140,000	123,400	138,900
x Victoria	41,745	69,145	76,897
Total, 63 Cities	29,651,888	16,511,011	11,672,599
x Total, 35 Cities	27,365,846	13,533,384	9,541,022

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