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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1928, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1928,
AND JULY, 1927, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1928.

The value of the building authorized during July showed an increase of \$3,268,079 or 14.4 p.c. as compared with the preceding month, and of \$9,527,791 or 58.2 p.c. as compared with July, 1927. The aggregate for the 63 cities was \$25,896,986, as against \$22,628,907 in June, and \$16,369,195 in the same month of last year. The total for July, 1928, is the highest for that month since the series was commenced in 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,700 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$7,000,000, and some 2,800 permits for other buildings estimated at about \$18,000,000. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 1,700 dwellings and 3,600 other buildings, valued at approximately \$9,000,000 and \$12,000,000, respectively.

Increases as compared with June, 1928, were reported in Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan, that of \$4,629,679 or 43.3 p.c. in Ontario being especially pronounced. Elsewhere there were reductions, of which that of \$1,925,702 or 32.7 p.c. in Quebec was most pronounced.

In comparison with July, 1927, all provinces registered improvement, the gain in Ontario of \$6,394,357 or 71.7 p.c. being especially noteworthy.

Of the larger cities, Toronto reported marked increases as compared with June, 1928, and July, 1927; Montreal and Winnipeg recorded losses in the former, and increases in the latter comparison, while in Vancouver there was a falling-off in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, Fredericton, Moncton, Fort William, Kingston, Welland, Windsor, Woodstock, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Regina, Medicine Hat, North Vancouver and Victoria showed gains as compared with both June, 1928, and July, 1927.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1928.

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, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. 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		Indexes of value of permits issued, first seven months (1920 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, first seven months (1913 = 100)
	In July	In first seven months		
	\$	\$		
1928	25,896,986	127,503,184	168.9	149.1
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	128.8	147.4
1926	18,683,415	97,443,834	129.1	150.2
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	104.3	154.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	95.8	163.8
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	114.1	166.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	115.3	161.5
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	88.4	194.5
1920	13,743,045	75,497,755	100.0	215.3

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was greater by 31.2 p.c. than in 1927, 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, except 1927.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 63 cities during June and July, 1928, and July, 1927. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus, "x".

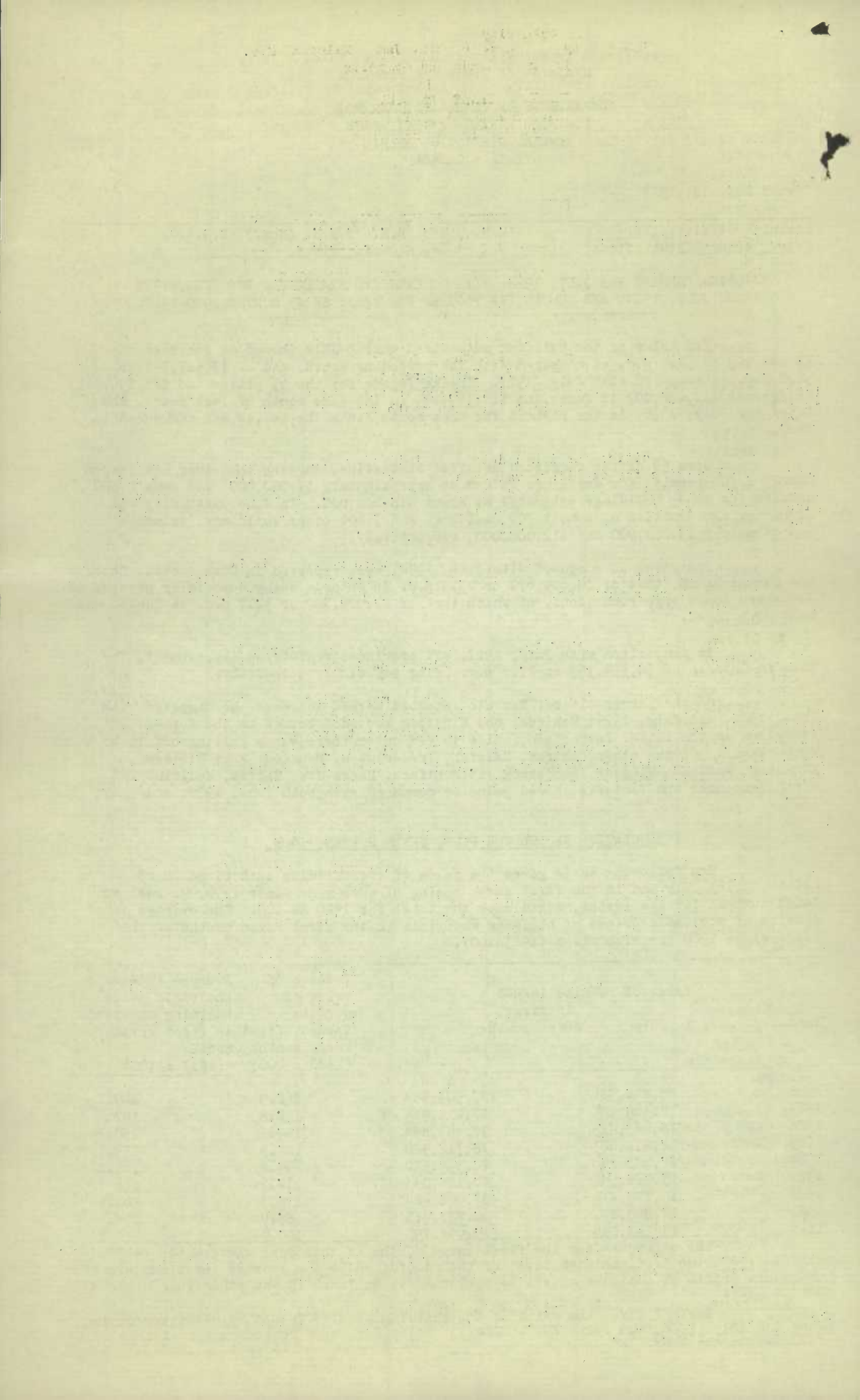


Table 1.-Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 63 Cities.

Cities	July, 1928	June, 1928	July, 1927
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	\$ 819,817	\$ 78,630	\$ 450,784
x Halifax	810,885	55,070	436,285
New Glasgow	950	775	750
x Sydney	7,982	22,785	13,749
New Brunswick	159,854	209,608	65,057
Fredericton	70,900	-	53
x Moncton	14,515	13,060	7,050
x Saint John	74,439	196,548	58,954
Quebec	3,960,649	5,826,351	2,880,788
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	3,301,769	4,003,975	1,984,988
x Quebec	230,905	497,125	342,710
Shawinigan Falls	28,625	22,870	61,550
x Sherbrooke	12,300	204,300	31,200
x Three Rivers	139,450	215,150	169,725
x Westmount	247,600	242,930	290,615
Ontario	15,310,083	10,680,404	8,915,726
Belleville	5,200	14,800	15,800
x Brantford	69,165	83,954	54,203
Chatham	50,450	60,185	43,900
x Fort William	747,000	100,760	44,825
Galt	25,360	38,230	8,190
x Guelph	33,905	76,420	31,922
x Hamilton	427,000	882,650	312,250
x Kingston	52,304	35,191	19,129
x Kitchener	162,239	274,331	63,193
x London	318,715	336,070	302,350
Niagara Falls	46,275	44,139	130,372
Oshawa	207,310	352,580	566,325
x Ottawa	288,535	452,715	205,450
Owen Sound	24,225	96,900	13,500
x Peterborough	37,885	25,013	307,557
x Port Arthur	433,430	101,845	2,188,755
x Stratford	19,500	27,650	36,225
x St. Catharines	51,000	121,810	263,732
x St. Thomas	24,510	43,150	6,430
Sarnia	43,334	200,098	300,095
Sault Ste. Marie	22,153	59,887	72,450
x Toronto	10,606,253	5,174,450	2,675,055
York and East York Townships	656,800	1,079,135	522,075
Welland	148,671	6,870	43,019
x Windsor	586,282	325,033	300,466
Ford	34,530	223,175	49,500
Riverside	25,860	67,550	62,300
Sandwich	38,700	240,225	159,080
Walkerville	69,000	110,000	100,000
Woodstock	54,292	25,588	17,478
Manitoba	1,015,685	1,234,590	905,751
x Brandon	13,055	81,825	41,618
St. Boniface	166,780	35,365	68,433
x Winnipeg	835,850	1,117,400	796,700
Saskatchewan	2,438,690	1,357,475	1,465,527
x Moose Jaw	629,150	36,930	196,267
x Regina	1,176,540	624,170	827,910
x Saskatoon	633,000	696,375	441,350
Alberta	892,607	1,349,745	401,828
x Calgary	523,107	688,203	177,373
x Edmonton	316,875	634,010	170,905
Lethbridge	37,070	22,485	51,360
Medicine Hat	15,555	5,047	2,190
British Columbia	1,299,601	1,832,104	1,281,734
Kamloops	9,053	8,400	800
Nanaimo	Nil	4,500	8,243
x New Westminster	56,000	92,360	69,431
Prince Rupert	22,000	2,200	22,275
x Vancouver	412,875	1,121,614	600,272
Point Grey	373,140	417,230	357,200
North Vancouver	198,040	25,190	22,635
South Vancouver	101,350	123,600	123,400
x Victoria	127,143	57,010	77,478
Total - 63 Cities	25,896,986	22,628,907	16,369,195
xTotal - 35 Cities	23,421,163	13,841,883	13,546,222

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