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

There was a decline in the value of the building permits issued during August, 1928, as compared with the exceptionally large totals reported in both July, 1928, and August, 1927, but the aggregate for the elapsed months of this year continued considerably higher than in any other year of the record. The 63 co-operating centres authorized building estimated to cost \$17,383,279; this was 32.9 p.c. lower than in the preceding month and 41.0 p.c. lower than in the same month of last year.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics showing that they had issued over 1,600 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$8,000,000 and nearly 2,800 permits for other buildings valued at about \$7,650,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 1,700 dwellings and 2,800 other buildings estimated at about \$7,000,000 and \$18,000,000, respectively.

Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia reported gains as compared with July, 1928, that of \$667,070, or 16.8 p.c., in Quebec being most noteworthy. Of the reductions elsewhere registered, that in Ontario of \$8,425,418 or 55.0 p.c. was greatest.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported higher aggregates of building permits issued than in August of last year, Nova Scotia showing the greatest proportionate increase and Ontario the largest actual advance. Quebec registered a pronounced decrease from the unusually high total of August, 1927.

Of the larger cities, Winnipeg showed improvement as compared with both July, 1928 and August, 1927; in Montreal and Vancouver, there were increases in the latter and reductions in the former comparison, while Toronto recorded an increase over the corresponding month of 1927, but a falling-off from July, 1928. Of the remaining centres, New Glasgow, Sydney, Moncton, Quebec, Westmount, Belleville, Brantford, Chatham, Galt, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Sault Ste. Marie, Ford, Walkerville, Brandon, Regina, Calgary, Point Grey and Victoria reported gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1928.

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, 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 eight months of the years since 1920 are also given (1913=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in August	Value of permits issued in First eight months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first eight months (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months (1913=100)
1928	\$ 17,383,279	\$ 144,886,463	175.5	149.1
1927	29,478,378	126,690,292	146.8	147.4
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	126.5	150.0
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	102.2	154.0
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	94.7	162.6
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	113.0	166.8
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	121.9	161.8
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	90.0	192.1
1920	10,805,846	86,303,601	100.0	214.6

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was 14.4 p.c. greater than in 1927, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in any other year since 1920, except 1927.

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

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TABLE 1.—VALUE OF THE BUILDING INDUSTRY IN CANADA, BY PROVINCE, 1920 TO 1937. (All figures in Canadian dollars.)

The following table shows the value of the building industry in Canada, by province, for the years 1920 to 1937. The figures are in Canadian dollars. The total value of the building industry in Canada for the year 1937 was \$1,000,000,000. The value of the building industry in Canada for the year 1920 was \$100,000,000. The value of the building industry in Canada for the year 1937 was 10 times the value of the building industry in Canada for the year 1920.

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Province	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
Alberta	10,000,000	12,000,000	15,000,000	18,000,000	20,000,000	22,000,000	25,000,000	28,000,000	30,000,000	32,000,000	35,000,000	38,000,000	40,000,000	42,000,000	45,000,000	48,000,000	50,000,000	55,000,000
Manitoba	15,000,000	18,000,000	20,000,000	22,000,000	25,000,000	28,000,000	30,000,000	32,000,000	35,000,000	38,000,000	40,000,000	42,000,000	45,000,000	48,000,000	50,000,000	52,000,000	55,000,000	60,000,000
Saskatchewan	20,000,000	22,000,000	25,000,000	28,000,000	30,000,000	32,000,000	35,000,000	38,000,000	40,000,000	42,000,000	45,000,000	48,000,000	50,000,000	52,000,000	55,000,000	58,000,000	60,000,000	65,000,000
Ontario	30,000,000	32,000,000	35,000,000	38,000,000	40,000,000	42,000,000	45,000,000	48,000,000	50,000,000	52,000,000	55,000,000	58,000,000	60,000,000	62,000,000	65,000,000	68,000,000	70,000,000	75,000,000
Quebec	40,000,000	42,000,000	45,000,000	48,000,000	50,000,000	52,000,000	55,000,000	58,000,000	60,000,000	62,000,000	65,000,000	68,000,000	70,000,000	72,000,000	75,000,000	78,000,000	80,000,000	85,000,000
British Columbia	50,000,000	52,000,000	55,000,000	58,000,000	60,000,000	62,000,000	65,000,000	68,000,000	70,000,000	72,000,000	75,000,000	78,000,000	80,000,000	82,000,000	85,000,000	88,000,000	90,000,000	95,000,000
Yukon	10,000,000	12,000,000	15,000,000	18,000,000	20,000,000	22,000,000	25,000,000	28,000,000	30,000,000	32,000,000	35,000,000	38,000,000	40,000,000	42,000,000	45,000,000	48,000,000	50,000,000	55,000,000
Total	100,000,000	110,000,000	120,000,000	130,000,000	140,000,000	150,000,000	160,000,000	170,000,000	180,000,000	190,000,000	200,000,000	210,000,000	220,000,000	230,000,000	240,000,000	250,000,000	260,000,000	270,000,000

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Estimated cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits issued by 63 cities.

Cities	August, 1928	July, 1928	August, 1927
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	-	-	nil
Nova Scotia	432,270	819,817	65,925
x Halifax	407,045	810,885	60,700
New Glasgow	5,275	950	100
x Sydney	19,950	7,982	5,125
New Brunswick	66,600	159,854	65,156
Fredericton	nil	70,900	1,628
x Moncton	43,045	14,515	23,545
x Saint John	23,555	74,439	39,983
Quebec	4,627,719	3,960,649	19,722,215
x Montreal-xMaisonneuve	3,634,211	3,301,769	19,206,553
x Quebec	607,408	230,905	250,637
Shawinigan Falls	12,400	28,625	32,550
x Sherbrooke	17,200	12,300	31,550
x Three Rivers	63,150	139,450	170,325
x Westmount	293,350	247,600	30,600
Ontario	6,884,665	15,310,083	5,837,231
Belleville	19,000	5,200	2,250
x Brantford	82,022	69,165	52,648
Chatham	78,875	50,450	71,850
x Fort William	44,700	747,000	97,825
Galt	50,052	25,560	1,860
x Guelph	39,105	33,905	39,774
x Hamilton	443,400	427,000	502,650
x Kingston	26,372	52,304	47,112
x Kitchener	52,682	162,239	193,903
x London	155,670	318,715	202,635
Niagara Falls	58,680	46,275	47,180
Oshawa	205,445	207,310	353,375
x Ottawa	400,220	288,535	230,070
Owen Sound	3,200	24,225	7,050
x Peterborough	14,095	37,885	9,435
x Port Arthur	35,810	433,430	47,944
x Stratford	17,209	19,500	15,799
x St. Catharines	40,119	51,000	51,940
x St. Thomas	11,980	24,510	17,575
Sarnia	48,269	43,334	89,215
Sault Ste. Marie	63,106	22,153	26,157
x Toronto	3,719,454	10,606,253	2,724,623
York and East York Townships	628,005	656,800	496,000
Welland	19,345	148,671	15,855
x Windsor	276,905	586,282	240,400
Ford	112,300	34,530	78,030
Riverside	28,300	25,860	32,450
Sandwich	21,300	38,700	79,335
Walkerville	173,000	69,000	54,000
Woodstock	16,045	54,292	8,291
Manitoba	1,270,115	1,015,685	797,275
x Brandon	137,330	13,055	83,175
St. Boniface	85,735	166,780	90,050
x Winnipeg	1,047,050	835,850	624,050
Saskatchewan	1,864,897	2,438,690	1,086,298
x Moose Jaw	21,650	629,150	338,788
x Regina	1,338,620	1,176,540	411,375
x Saskatoon	504,627	633,000	336,135
Alberta	899,775	892,607	483,561
x Calgary	692,880	523,107	170,941
x Edmonton	171,155	316,875	233,785
Lethbridge	24,520	37,070	51,510
Medicine Hat	11,220	15,555	27,325
British Columbia	1,337,238	1,299,601	1,420,717
Kamloops	4,100	9,053	5,500
Nanaimo	750	nil	8,650
x New Westminster	63,175	56,000	116,210
Prince Rupert	17	22,000	8,565
x Vancouver	588,735	412,875	717,504
Point Grey	423,490	373,140	345,040
North Vancouver	38,590	198,040	29,170
South Vancouver	90,600	101,350	140,000
x Victoria	127,798	127,143	50,078
Total - 63 Cities	17,383,279	25,896,986	29,478,378
x Total - 35 Cities	14,512,942	23,421,163	27,375,392

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