

Published by Authority of Hon. James Malcolm, M.P.
 Minister of Trade and Commerce.
 DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE
 DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS
 GENERAL STATISTICS BRANCH
 OTTAWA - CANADA

PROPERTY OF THE LIBRARY
 AUG 19 1929
 DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS

Issued Aug. 17, 1929.

Dominion Statistician: R. H. Coats, B.A., F.S.S., (Hon.), F.R.S.C.
 Chief, General Statistics: S.A. Cudmore, M.A., F.S.S.

BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1929, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1929,
 AND JULY, 1928, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1929.

The value of the building authorized during July showed a seasonal decrease of \$4,826,832 or 17.5 p.c. as compared with the preceding month, while there was also a decline of \$2,935,922 or 11.4 p.c. as compared with the exceptionally high total of July, 1928. The aggregate for the 61 cities in July, 1929, was \$22,826,034, as against \$27,652,866 in June, 1929, and \$25,761,956 in July, 1928. With the exception of July of last year, the total for the month under review is the highest for July in the years since the record was commenced in 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,500 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$7,000,000, and some 2,900 permits for other buildings estimated at about \$15,000,000. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 1,600 dwellings and 3,300 other buildings, valued at approximately \$8,700,000 and \$17,000,000, respectively.

Increases as compared with June, 1929, were reported in Nova Scotia, where there was a gain of 181.7 p.c. Of the reductions elsewhere, that of \$2,991,563 or 52.4 p.c. in British Columbia was most pronounced.

In comparison with July, 1928, Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia registered improvement, the gain of \$1,169,922 or 131.1 p.c. in Alberta being especially noteworthy. The largest decrease in this comparison was that of 37.9 p. c. in Ontario, where the total in July of last year had been unusually high.

Of the larger cities, Toronto reported an increase over June, 1929, but a decline as compared with July, 1928, while Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver recorded losses in the former, and increases in the latter comparison. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Sydney, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Brantford, Galt, Oshawa, Sault Ste. Marie, York Township, Welland, Walkerville, St. Boniface, Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and New Westminster showed gains as compared with both June 1929, and July, 1928.

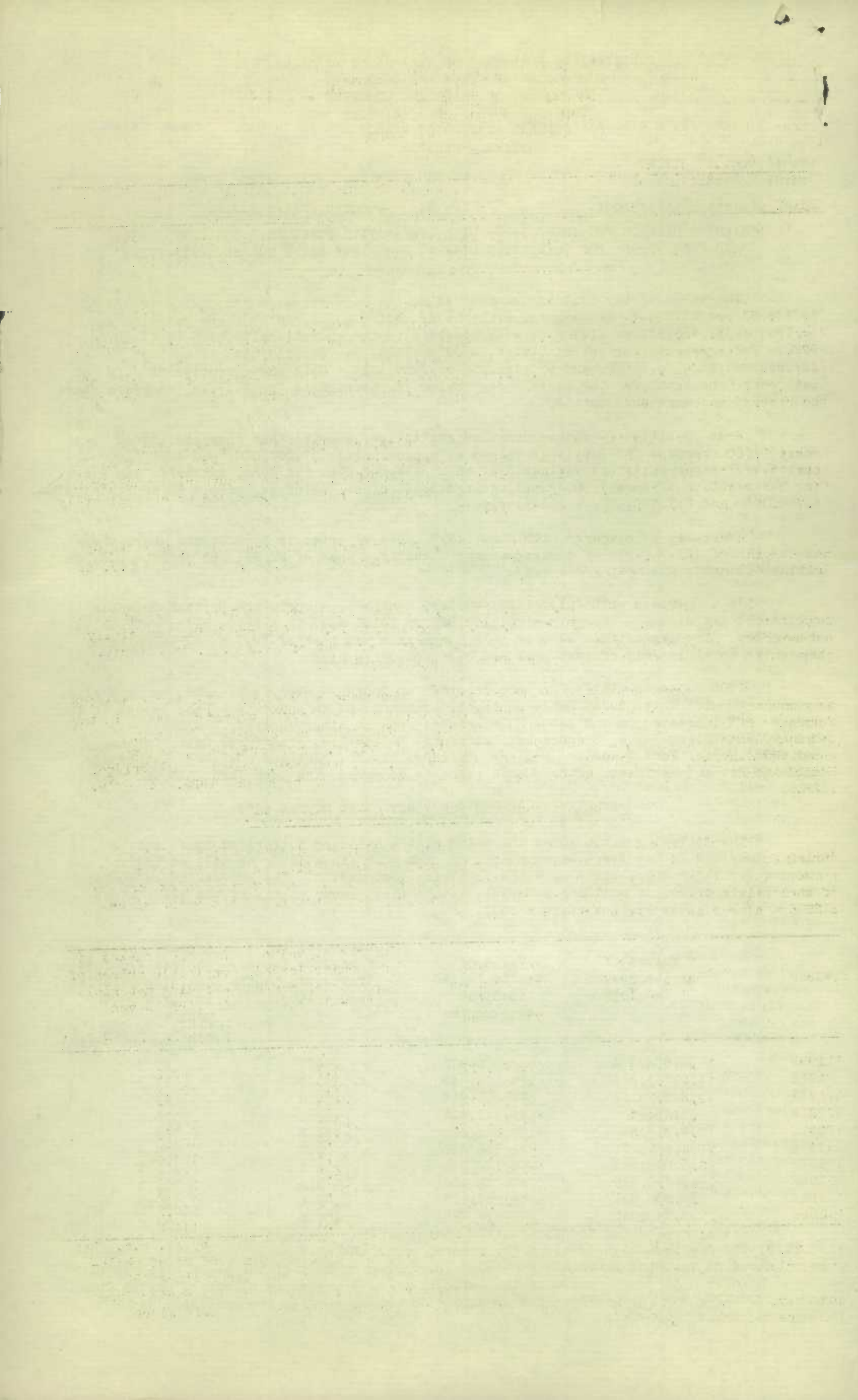
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1929.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 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 (1926 average = 100).

Year	Value of Permits issued in July	Value of Permits issued in first seven months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first seven months (1920 = 100).	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first seven months (1926 average = 100).
1929	\$ 22,826,034	\$ 147,030,023	194.7	99.5
1928	25,761,956	127,798,943	169.3	97.3
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	128.8	96.7
1926	18,685,415	97,443,834	129.1	100.8
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	104.3	103.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	95.8	109.9
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	114.1	111.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	115.3	108.3
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	88.4	130.2
1920	13,743,045	75,497,755	100.0	144.3

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was greater by 15. p.c. than in 1928, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in most of the years since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June and July, 1929, and July, 1928. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus, "x".



Total Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities

Cities	July, 1929	June, 1929	July, 1928
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	681,845	242,037	819,817
x Halifax	508,700	137,852	810,885
New Glasgow	94,560	93,250	950
x Sydney	78,585	10,935	7,982
New Brunswick	46,138	181,460	159,854
Fredericton	- 2/	Nil	70,900
x Moncton	15,040	50,275	14,515
x Saint John	31,098	131,185	74,439
Quebec	5,033,345	5,517,487	3,959,550
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	3,689,065	3,697,514	3,301,769
x Quebec	525,075	1,193,273	230,905
Shawinigan Falls	47,680	37,350	28,626
x Sherbrooke	133,200	117,000	12,300
x Three Rivers	38,825	176,000	139,450
x Westmount	599,500	296,350	246,500
Ontario	9,485,114	9,850,852	15,279,034
Bellefleur	201,775	28,650	5,200
x Brantford	90,755	19,408	69,165
Chatham	9,150	65,000	50,450
x Fort William	76,475	180,900	747,000
Galt	41,990	16,130	25,560
x Guelph	37,507	168,295	33,905
x Hamilton	438,800	1,355,800	427,000
x Kingston	51,655	30,884	52,304
x Kitchener	120,892	131,255	162,240
x London	250,235	252,415	318,715
Niagara Falls	42,502	168,755	46,275
Oshawa	283,550	147,600	207,310
x Ottawa	321,700	502,960	288,535
Owan Sound	22,000	15,100	24,225
x Peterborough	27,650	18,445	37,885
x Port Arthur	65,336	169,420	433,430
x Stratford	73,586	111,041	19,200
x St. Catharines	102,737	103,550	51,000
x St. Thomas	12,900	24,235	24,510
Sarnia	54,620	448,029	43,334
Sault Ste. Marie	214,790	77,755	22,153
x Toronto	4,895,224	3,396,474	10,606,253
York & East York Townships	1,172,220	1,032,330	625,750
Welland	179,500	7,635	148,671
x Windsor	474,760	1,196,553	586,282
East Windsor	30,768	47,990	34,530
Riverside	22,500	67,750	25,860
Sandwich	24,775	52,100	38,700
Walkerville	115,000	60,000	69,000
Woodstock	29,762	14,393	54,292
Manitoba	1,520,832	1,580,386	904,470
x Brandon	83,702	15,426	33,255
St. Boniface	82,480	31,610	35,365
x Winnipeg	1,354,650	1,533,350	835,850
Saskatchewan	1,280,380	2,412,530	2,438,690
x Moose Jaw	25,800	40,000	629,150
x Regina	799,785	1,022,105	1,176,540
x Saskatoon	454,795	1,350,425	633,000
Alberta	2,062,529	2,160,700	892,607
x Calgary	1,473,729	1,106,960	523,107
x Edmonton	463,735	976,915	316,875
Lethbridge	100,925	64,940	37,070
Medicine Hat	24,140	11,880	15,555
British Columbia	2,715,851	5,707,414 1/	1,307,934
Kamloops	19,112	80,600	9,053
Nanaimo	8,720	31,140	nil
x New Westminster	57,525	39,119	56,000
Prince Rupert	- 2/	15,375	22,000
x Vancouver	2,534,230	5,337,925	887,365
North Vancouver	15,075	120,600	198,040
x Victoria	81,189	82,655	135,476
Total - 61 Cities	22,826,034	27,652,866 1/	25,761,056
x Total - 35 Cities	19,988,440	24,976,904	23,448,597

1/ Includes Prince Rupert not shown in the June report. 2/ Report not received. 3/ Includes Point Grey and South Vancouver formerly given separately. From Jan. 1929, when the amalgamation of these cities was effected, the total for the 35 cities includes the "Greater Vancouver" aggregate, instead of that for the area formerly known as Vancouver.

STATISTICS CANADA LIBRARY
BIBLIOTHÈQUE STATISTIQUE CANADA



1010545014