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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1930, AND JUNE, 1929, AND CUMULATIVE REPORT FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1930.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June was \$17,935,478; this was a decrease of \$1,685,824 or 8.6 p.c. as compared with the May total of \$19,621,302, while in comparison with June, 1929, there was also a decline of \$9,881,114 or 35.5 p.c., the value for that month having been \$27,816,592. The aggregate for the first half of 1930, though lower than in 1929 or 1928, was nevertheless considerably above the average for the last ten years, while the wholesale cost of building materials was lower than in most years of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued over 1,200 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$6,000,000 and some 2,900 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$11,900,000. During May, authority was given for the erection of over 1,300 dwellings and some 3,200 other buildings, valued at approximately \$5,300,000 and \$10,000,000, respectively.

Improvement over May, 1930, was reported in New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, the gain of \$474,832 or 5.0 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced. Of the declines elsewhere, that of \$2,247,055 or 44.1 p.c. in Quebec was largest.

As compared with June, 1929, there were decreases in all provinces except Ontario, British Columbia reporting the greatest loss of \$4,324,240 or 75.6 p.c.

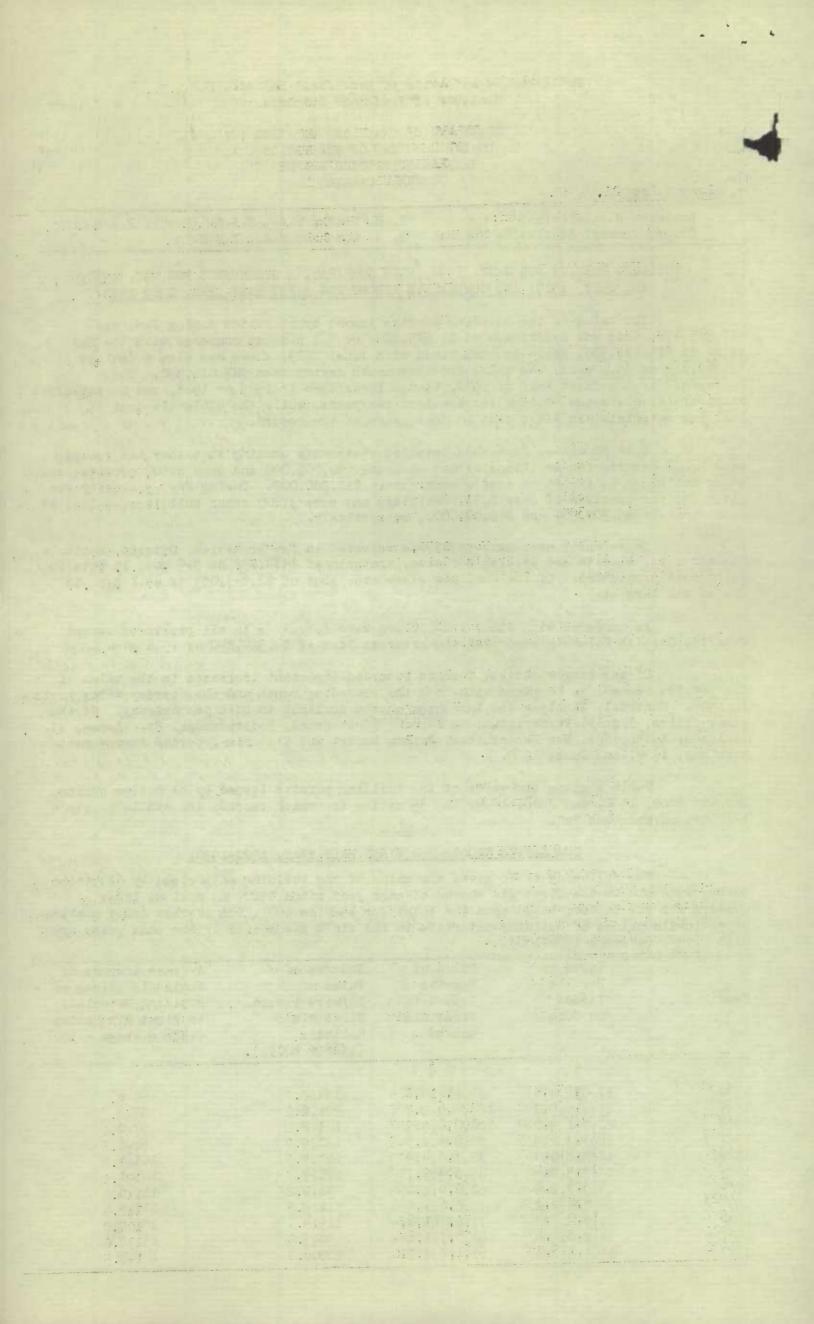
Of the larger cities, Toronto recorded important increases in the value of the permits issued, as compared with both the preceding month and the corresponding month in 1929. Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancauver showed declines in both comparisons. Of the other cities, Sydney, Fredericton, Sherbrooke Yowen Sound, Peterborough, St. Thomas, St. Boniface, Lethbridge, New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Victoria reported improvement over May, 1930, and June, 1929.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and June, 1930, and June, 1929; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1930.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during June and in the first six 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 six months of the same years are also given, (average 1926=100).

Year	2	Value of Permits Issued in June	Value of Permits Issued in First Six Months	Indexes of Value of Permits issued, First Six Months, (1920 = 100).	Average indexes of Wholesale prices of Building Materials in First Six Months (1926 average - 100).
		\$	\$ 1		
1930 1929 1928 1927 1926 1925 1924 1923		17,935,478 27,816,592 22,751,960 18,363,239 18,718,050 14,915,884 13,967,006 14,286,252 17,052,582	83,214,024 124,609,267 102,036,987 80,842,719 78,760,419 65,899,717 60,674,154 73,047,496 71,281,674	134.7 201.8 165.2 130.9 127.5 106.7 98.2 118.3	98.6 99.6 97.0 96.6 101.0 103.1 110.8 111.4 108.0
1921		14,240,934	55,771,684	90.3 100.0	132.0 1 ⁴⁴ .5



The aggregate for the first half of 1930 was lower by \$41,395,243 or 33.2 p.c. than in 1929, in which year construction authorizations reached their highest level in this record; the total for the first half of the present year, however, was 7.4 p.c. above he six months' average of \$77,467,883 recorded in the ten years, 1920-1929. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, moreover, has been lower this year than in most of the years since 1920.

Provincial Totals of Building Permits Issued.

Table 2 is a record by provinces of the building permits issued by 61 cities during the first six months of each year since 1921; it also shows the totals for the same years, the proportion that the six months aggregates bear to the yearly totals, and the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials and of wages in the building trades.

All provinces except Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick reported smaller aggregates of building permits issued than in the first six months of last year; the increase of \$1,414,750 or 159 p.c. in the latter took place chiefly in Saint John. The New Brunswick total for the elapsed months of 1930 was the highest in the eleven years' record. Of the declines elsewhere indicated, that of \$17,008,173,or 52 p.c., in the six cities of Quebec was most pronounced. It is interesting, however, to note that the record of contracts awarded, maintained by the MacLean Building Review, shows for Quebec a substantial increase in the first six months of 1930, as compared with 1929. This took place chiefly in the business and engineering building divisions, the latter of which very often represents work outside the cities.

During the first six months of this year, the 31 cities furnishing returns in Ontario reported 46.3 p.c. of the total value of the building authorized, as compared with 37.0 in the same months of 1929. In Quebec, on the other hand, the proportion decreased from 26.3 p.c. last year, to 19.0 in the elapsed months of 1930, and in British Columbia, from 13.1 p.c. to 10.8 p.c.

Totals of Permits Issued by Four Leading Cities.

In Table 3, are given the aggregates of permits issued in the four largest cities in the first half of each year since 1921, together with the proportion that their totals are of the yearly and half-yearly totals for the 61 cities. The building authorized by these centres was valued at \$40,534,761 in the first six months of 1930; this was 38.7 p.c. lower than in the same months of last year and 17.2 p.c. less than in 1928. With these two exceptions, however, the building authorized considerably exceeded the aggregate for any other year of the record, in most of which the cost of building materials was higher. The decrease in these four cities as compared with 1929 was rather greater than the general decline in the 61 cities, and the ratio to the total for the 61 cities was lower than in the preceding year.

Contracts Awarded.

According to the MacLean Building Review, the value of construction contracts awarded throughout the Dominion during the January-June period, 1930, was \$240,626,000, as compared with \$278,121,700 in 1929, \$256,257,300 in 1928 and \$191,323,800 in 1927. Of the total contracts awarded this year, \$48,586,100 was classed as residential building, \$82,722,900 as business, \$18,451,500 as industrial, and \$90,865,500 as engineering. In 1929, the total was divided as follows:- residential, \$69,513,300; business, \$94,255,300; industrial, \$37,719, 600 and engineering, \$76,633,500. Thus the only increase as compared with the first half of 1929, was in the engineering class.

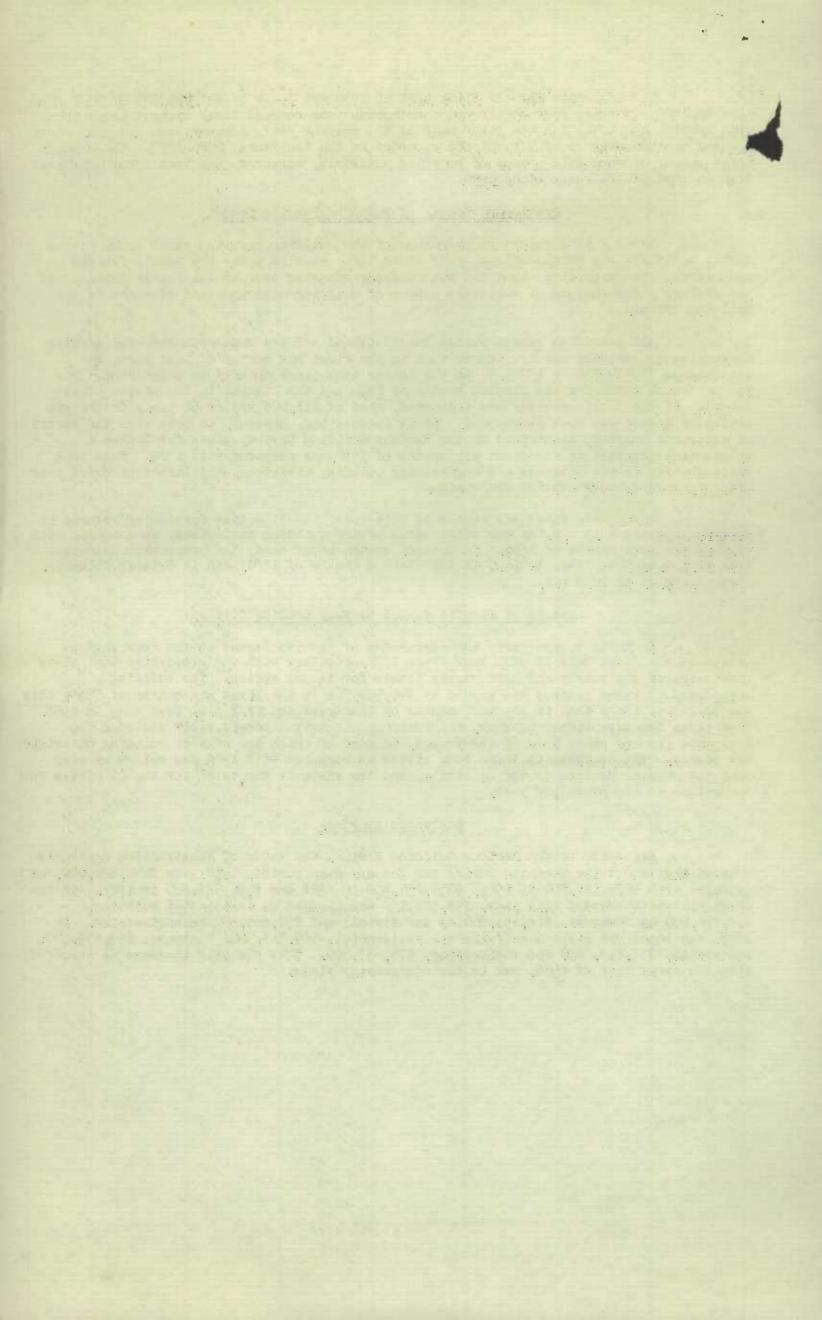


Table 1. Estimated Cost of Building Wor			
itores	June, 1930	May, 1930	June, 1929
ince Edward Island - Charlottetown	\$	\$	\$
va Scotia	Nil 236,064	Nil	Nil
x Halifax	140,610	387,690 331,682	242,037 137,852
New Glasgow	1,600	9,950	93,250
x Sydney	93,854	46,058	10,935
lew Brunswick	150,470	128,780	181,450
Fredericton	55,000	-	Nil
x Moneton	26,135	87,225	50,275
x Saint John	69,335	41,555	131,185
uebec	2,844,854	5,091,909	5,546,002
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,985,518	3,527,543	3,697,114
x Quebec Shawinigan Falls	505,811	1,071,006	1,193,273
x Sherbrooke	5,500 117,500	99,640 97,300	80,065 103,200
x Three Rivers	8,500	35,920	176,000
x Westmount	222,025	250,500	296,350
ntario	10,049,273	9,574,441	9,974,637
Belleville	13,800	29,975	27,650
x Brantford	38,047	28,792	19,408
Chatham	30,135	12,100	55,000
x Fort William	60,500	43,650	180,900
Galt	27,531	33,425	16,130
x Guelph	29,701	65,418	168,295
x Hamilton	1,066,550	334,650	1,355,800
x Kingston	51,848	271,886	30,884
x Kitchener	129,811	112,073	131,255
x London	194,980	1,125,730	252,415
Niagara Falls	31,140	108,260	108,755
oshawa x Ottawa	16,450 255,480	16,710	147,550
Owen Sound	20,150	3,505,065 10,150	502,960 15,100
x Peterborough	484,105	22,130	18,445
x Port Arthur	42,685	28,321	169,420
x Stratford	28,531	52,203	111,041
x St. Catharines	58,620	48,440	103,550
x St. Thomas	80,800	20,260	24,235
Sarnia	90,013	64,580	448,029
Sault Ste. Marie	48,654	61,498	214,790
x Toronto	6,282,851	2,520,908	3,396,474
York and East York Townships	598,188	806,050	1,032,330
Welland	16,140	28,660	7,635
x Windsor	259.795	143,772	1,196,553
East Windsor	26,845	8,170	47.990
Riverside Sandwich	7,100 14,380	15,300	65,450
Walkerville	23,000	13,750	52,200 60,000
Woodstock	21,443	34,515	14,393
anitoba	1,085,432	1,083,524	1,580,386
x Brandon	1,602	5,104	15,426
St. Boniface	62,780	18,220	31,610
x Winnipeg	1,021,050	1,060,200	1,533,350
askatchewan	1,247,777	1,148,134	2,413,956
x Moose Jaw	26,075	23,960	41,428
x Regina	452,002	409,969	1,022,10
x Saskatoon	769,700	714,205	1,350,42
lberta .	928,434	868,796	2,160,700
x Calgary	278,881	290,056	1,106,96!
x Edmonton	442,520	503,210	976,91
Lethbridge	196,453	68,195	64,940
Medicine Hat	10,580	7,335	11,880
ritish Columbia Kamloops	1,393,174	1,338,028	5,717,41
Nanaimo	2,615 1,000	39,835 3,600	80,500
x New Westminster	106,300	65,715	31,140
Prince Rupert	36,250	15,290	39,11
x Vancouver	1,062,500	1,153,485	15,37! 5,337,92!
North Vancouver	9,450	7,000	120,600
x Victoria	175,049	53,103	92,655
Total - 51 cities	17,935,478	19,621,302	27,816,598
Total - 35 cities	16,569,271	18,101,094	24,974,130

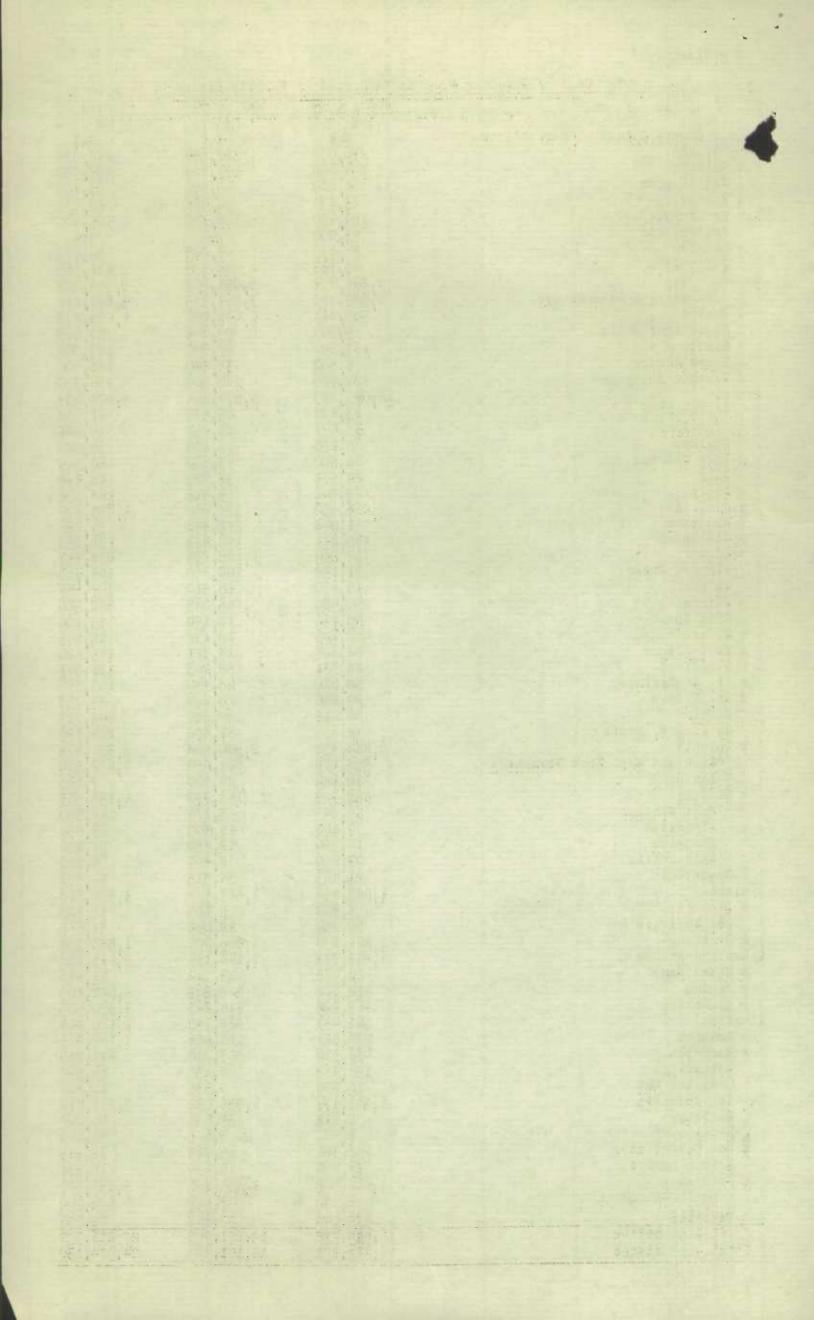


Table 2.- Provincial Totals of Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities during First Half-Year, 1921-1930.

Province	No. of Cities	1930	1929	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921
Prince Edward Isd. Nova Scotia New Brunswick Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta British Columbia	1 3 6 31 3 4 7	47,500 2,101,186 2,301,814 15,822,542 38,515,554 4,452,898 5,397,497 5,578,742 8,996,291	20,000 3,210,636 887,064 32,830,715 46,111,907 7,112,772 9,459,676 8,620,364 16,356,133	Nil 1,297,200 762,468 22,838,301 46,203,940 6,890,235 5,093,105 6,338,136 12,613,602	Nil 1,009,780 1,046,970 18,995,355 35,441,040 5,637,703 4,202,147 3,297,769 11,811,955	31,334,947 8,491,110 2,884,162 2,429,373	11,000 851,958 755,090 16,647,887 31,808,126 3,140,730 1,506,755 1,508,554 9,669,617	16,700 603,754 304,289 16,523,301 29,028,415 2,201,396 1,363,334 2,522,201 7,610,764	27,500 332,844 446,666 19,598,131 42,761,546 2,331,030 1,470,594 1,279,915 4,799,270	49,500 1,223,584 1,107,458 12,503,048 41,858,395 4,439,403 2,437,585 2,213,495 5,449,206	127,200 1,734,457 534,855 10,870,750 29,105,123 3,696,283 1,874,257 2,427,465 5,401,294
Canada 6 months Canada 12 months	61	83,214,024					65,899,717 125,029,367				
Proportion of permits first 6 months to total year 1/ Average weighted in of wholesale prices of materials, 6 months	al : r ndex num	bers	53.0 99.6	46.6 97.0	43.8	50.4	52.7	47.9	54.7	48.1	47.8 132.0
2/ Average index number wages in building trad (for year)			197.5	185.6	179.3	172.1	170.4	169.7	166.4	162.5	170.5

^{1/} Compiled by Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Average 1926 = 100.

^{2/} Compiled by Department of Labour, Average 1913 = 100.

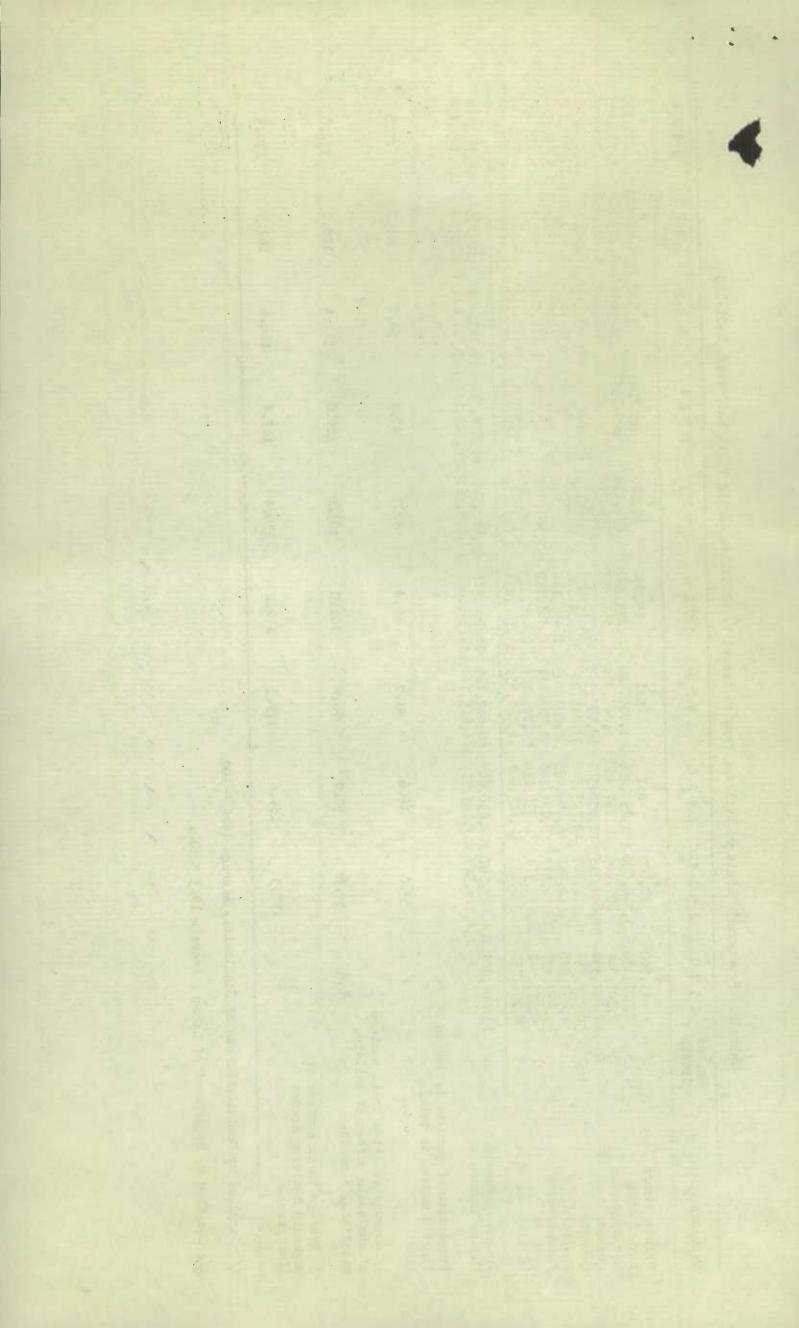


Table 3	Building	Permits	Issued	by	Four	Largest	Cities	in	First	Half-Year,	1921-1930.

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City	1930	1929	1 9 2 8	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921
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Montreal	10,934,261	27,299,816	15,356,336	11,689,052	12,682,239	11,440,158	11,248,115	15,469,327	9,142,774	7,330,178
Toronto	18,361,492	19,944,176	20,334,098	13,038,265	11,945,913	12,998,633	11,007,603	18,016,857	17,893,725	11,688,813
Winnipeg	4,174,850	6,727,250	6,153,000	4,579,300	8,069,600	2,412,940	1,770,000	2,104,500	4,049,700	3,084,050
Vancouver	7,064,158	12,204,010	7,105,285	6,023,951	7,756,825	4,899,543	4,137,261	2,230,159	2,013,431	1,660,382
Total, 4 largest cities 6 months	40,534,761	66,175,252	48,948,719	35,330,568	40,454,577	31,790,174	28,162,979	37,820,843	33,099,630	23,763,423
Total, 4 larges cities 12 months	-	126,387,555	111,279,782	94,732,185	83,613,495	63,438,784	64:348:121	68,496,764	71,907,956	53,795,051
Proportion of permits issued by 4 largest cities in first 6 months to total for year		5.2.4 p.	.c. 44.0 p.	.c. 37.3 p.	c. 48.4 p.	.c. 50.1 p.	c. 43.8 p.	.c. 55.2 p.	c. 46.0 p.	.c. 44.2 p.
Proportion of permits issued by 4 largest cities in 6 months, to 6 months' total for										

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