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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1930, AND JULY, 1929, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1930.

The value of the building authorized during July showed a seasonal decrease of \$2,204,514 or 12.3 p.c. as compared with the preceding month, while there was also a decline of \$6,971,620 or 30.7 p.c. as compared with July, 1929. The aggregate for the 61 cities in July, 1930, was \$15,730,964, as against \$17,935,478 in June, 1930, and \$22,702,584 in July, 1929. The total for the first seven months of 1930, though lower than 1929 or 1928, was nevertheless higher than in any of the years 1920-1927, and was also higher than 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 statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 900 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$3,500,000, and some 2,300 permits for other buildings estimated at about \$7,200,000. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 1,200 dwellings and 2,900 other buildings, valued at approximately \$6,000,000 and \$11,000,000, respectively.

Increases over **June** were reported in Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia, where there were gains of 47.3, 24.8 and 4.7 p.c., respectively. Of the reductions in the other provinces, that of \$3,743,437 or 37.3 p.c. in Ontario was most pronounced.

In comparison with July, 1929, New Brunswick and Quebec registered improvement, there being gains of 45.6 p.c. and 7.2 p.c., respectively, in those provinces. Elsewhere declines were indicated, that of \$3,031,228 or 32.5 p.c. in Ontario being largest.

Of the larger cities, Montreal reported an increase over June, 1930, and also over July, 1929. Vancouver showed a gain in the former but a decline in the latter comparison, while Toronto and Winnipeg recorded losses in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Moncton, Quebec, Chatham, Fort William, Guelph, Kingston, Ottawa, Port Arthur, Sarnia, East Windsor, Woodstock, Edmonton, Kamloops, Nanaimo and North Vancouver showed gains as compared with both June, 1930, and July, 1929.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1930.

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 in First Seven Months (1920 = 100).	Average indexes of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials in First Seven Months (1926 average = 100).
	\$	\$		
1930	15,730,964	98,944,988	131.1	98.9
1929	22,702,584	147,311,851	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	18,683,415	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 less by 32.8 p.c. than in 1929, the previous high level of the record, but it was six p.c. greater than the average of \$93,621,807 recorded in the ten years, 1920-29, while the average index number 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, 1930, and July, 1929. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus, "x".

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

Cities	July, 1930	June, 1930	July, 1929.
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	-	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	76,865	236,064	681,845
x Halifax	67,090	140,610	508,700
New Glasgow	5,850	1,600	94,560
x Sydney	3,925	93,854	78,585
New Brunswick	67,430	150,470	46,313
Fredericton	1,000	55,000	Nil
x Moncton	39,850	26,135	15,215
x Saint John	26,580	69,335	31,098
Quebec	5,394,413	2,844,854	5,033,345
x Montreal- x Maisonneuve	4,640,795	1,985,518	3,689,065
x Quebec	565,718	505,811	525,075
Shawinigan Falls	21,350	5,500	47,680
x Sherbrooke	71,200	117,500	133,200
x Three Rivers	20,180	8,500	38,825
x Westmount	75,170	222,025	599,500
Ontario	6,305,836	10,049,273	9,337,064
Belleville	14,600	13,800	201,775
x Brantford	146,317	38,047	90,755
Chatham	32,550	30,135	9,150
x Fort William	284,625	60,500	76,475
Galt	32,297	27,531	41,990
x Guelph	61,847	29,701	37,507
x Hamilton	468,850	1,066,550	438,800
x Kingston	111,966	51,848	51,655
x Kitchener	79,440	129,811	120,892
x London	118,330	194,980	250,235
Niagara Falls	17,735	31,140	42,502
Oshawa	64,130	16,450	283,550
x Ottawa	1,070,775	255,480	321,700
Owen Sound	12,000	20,150	22,000
x Peterborough	31,000	484,105	27,650
x Port Arthur	85,150	42,685	65,336
x Stratford	59,512	28,531	73,586
x St. Catharines	51,620	58,620	91,722
x St. Thomas	14,475	80,800	12,900
Sarnia	93,425	90,013	54,620
Sault Ste. Marie	21,195	48,654	77,755
x Toronto	2,319,434	6,282,851	4,895,224
York and East York Townships	436,578	598,188	1,172,220
Welland	12,575	16,140	179,500
x Windsor	457,722	259,795	474,760
East Windsor	145,390	26,845	30,768
Riverside	4,500	7,100	22,500
Sandwich	8,725	14,380	24,775
Walkerville	14,000	23,000	115,000
Woodstock	35,073	21,443	29,762
Manitoba	386,610	1,085,432	1,520,832
x Brandon	7,500	1,602	83,702
St. Boniface	29,560	62,780	82,480
x Winnipeg	349,550	1,021,050	1,354,650
Saskatchewan	882,326	1,247,777	1,278,380
x Moose Jaw	8,250	26,075	23,800
x Regina	210,451	452,002	799,785
x Saskatoon	663,625	769,700	454,795
Alberta	1,158,323	928,434	2,062,529
x Calgary	250,038	278,881	1,473,729
x Edmonton	769,325	442,520	463,735
Lethbridge	132,460	196,453	100,925
Medicine Hat	6,500	10,580	24,140
British Columbia	1,459,161	1,393,174	2,742,276
Kamloops	33,000	2,615	19,112
Nanaimo	47,018	1,000	9,470
x New Westminster	30,450	106,300	57,525
Prince Rupert	20,060	36,260	15,675
x Vancouver	1,214,230	1,062,500	2,534,230
North Vancouver	18,595	9,450	15,075
x Victoria	95,808	175,049	91,189
Total - 61 Cities	15,730,964	17,935,478	22,702,584
x Total - 35 Cities	14,470,798	16,569,271	19,985,600

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