

Issued August 18, 1931.

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, 1931, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1931, AND JULY, 1930, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1931.

The value of the building authorized during July showed an increase of \$2,408,767, or 28.4 p.c., as compared with the preceding month, but there was a decline of \$4,945,276, or 31.3 p.c., as compared with July, 1930. The aggregate for the 61 cities in July, 1931, was \$10,879,505, as against \$8,470,738 in June, 1931, and \$15,824,781 in July, 1930. The total for the first seven months of 1931, viz., \$68,351,779, was lower than in 1930 and also than in most years of the record, but in using these figures, it should be noted that there has also been a very considerable decline in the wholesale costs of building materials, the Bureau's index (average 1926=100) having fallen from 144.3 in the first seven months of 1920 to 83.6 in the period January-July, 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 1,000 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$4,300,000, and some 2,000 permits for other buildings estimated at about \$6,300,000. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 2,000 dwellings and 2,600 other buildings, valued at approximately \$4,500,000 and \$3,000,000, respectively.

Increases over June, 1931, were reported in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia, the largest gain being that of \$971,018, or 24.8 p.c., in Ontario. Of the reductions in the other provinces, that of \$258,485, or 42.7 p.c., in Manitoba was most pronounced.

In comparison with July, 1930, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick registered improvement, there being gains of 289.2 and 35.9 p.c., respectively, in those provinces. Elsewhere declines were indicated, that of \$1,429,483, or 22.7 p.c., in Ontario being largest.

Of the larger cities, Toronto reported an increase over June, 1931, and July, 1930; in Montreal and Vancouver there were gains in the former, but losses in the latter comparison, while in Winnipeg the July, 1931, total was less than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year. Of the other centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Sydney, Moncton, Westmount, Belleville, Hamilton, Owen Sound, Welland, Riverside, New Westminster and Prince Rupert showed gains as compared with both June, 1931, and July, 1930.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1931.

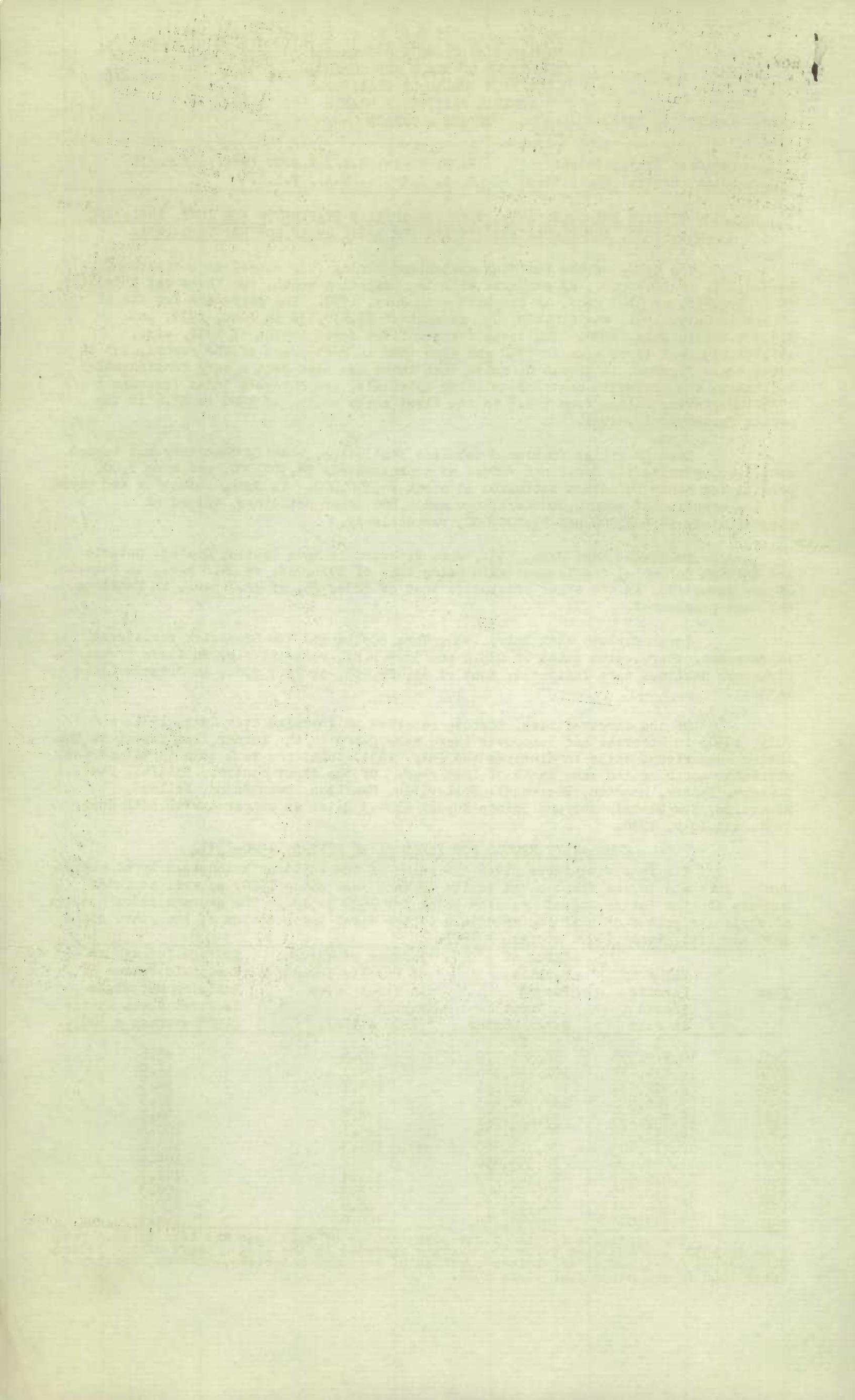
The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during July and in the first seven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first 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).
1931	\$ 10,879,505	\$ 68,351,779	90.5	83.6
1930	15,824,781	101,238,766	134.1	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 32.5 p.c. than in 1930, and was also below the average recorded in the eleven years of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, continued lower than in any other year since 1920.

Faint, illegible text in the top left corner, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.

Faint, illegible text in the top right corner, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.



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

Cities	July, 1931	June, 1931	July, 1930
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I.	-	Nil	81,000
Nova Scotia	299,123	89,740	76,865
x Halifax	276,895	74,755	67,090
New Glasgow	13,995	13,075	5,850
x Sydney	8,233	1,910	3,925
New Brunswick	91,635	135,860	67,430
Fredericton	2,475	33,795	1,000
x Moncton	69,830	35,700	39,850
x Saint John	19,330	66,365	26,580
Quebec	3,982,387	2,433,114	5,394,413
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	3,652,045	2,078,663	4,640,795
x Quebec	205,687	284,791	565,718
Shawinigan Falls	600	3,800	21,350
x Sherbrooke	18,000	14,700	71,200
x Three Rivers	6,350	3,900	20,180
x Westmount	99,705	47,260	75,170
Ontario	4,879,170	3,908,152	6,308,653
Belleville	21,735	3,105	14,600
x Brantford	18,384	20,945	146,317
Chatham	5,500	16,550	35,367
x Fort William	38,450	56,850	284,625
Galt	15,505	27,373	32,297
x Guelph	15,686	10,065	61,847
x Hamilton	878,700	326,600	468,850
x Kingston	49,817	143,435	111,966
x Kitchener	41,599	120,987	79,440
x London	109,920	110,505	118,330
Niagara Falls	5,815	14,640	17,735
Oshawa	1,860	13,070	64,130
x Ottawa	440,505	504,905	1,070,775
Owen Sound	15,000	3,500	12,000
x Peterborough	19,536	72,790	31,000
x Port Arthur	24,255	35,205	85,150
x Stratford	10,515	16,702	59,512
x St. Catharines	28,117	54,792	51,620
x St. Thomas	12,140	61,090	14,475
Sarnia	20,390	4,765	93,425
Sault Ste. Marie	18,638	13,209	21,195
x Toronto	2,445,215	1,557,697	2,319,434
York and East York Townships	560,675	599,351	436,578
Welland	28,420	13,745	12,575
x Windsor	29,135	63,465	457,722
East Windsor	1,350	1,750	145,390
Riverside	10,400	2,060	4,500
Sandwich	1,400	2,025	8,725
Walkerville	1,000	20,000	14,000
Woodstock	9,508	16,976	35,073
Manitoba	347,400	605,885	386,610
x Brandon	4,200	38,775	7,500
St. Boniface	17,050	7,560	29,560
x Winnipeg	326,150	559,550	349,550
Saskatchewan	166,910	257,955	882,326
x Moose Jaw	485	3,620	8,250
x Regina	66,985	145,815	210,451
x Saskatoon	99,440	108,520	663,625
Alberta	295,053	396,761	1,158,323
x Calgary	158,811	183,781	250,038
x Edmonton	115,965	187,485	769,325
Lethbridge	19,442	19,130	132,460
Medicine Hat	835	6,365	6,500
British Columbia	817,827	643,271	1,469,161
Kamloops	8,215	4,430	33,000
Nanaimo	950	2,000	47,018
x New Westminster	56,000	41,610	30,450
Prince Rupert	39,455	9,610	20,060
x Vancouver	660,910	530,565	1,214,230
North Vancouver	6,740	9,430	18,595
x Victoria	45,557	45,626	105,808
Total - 61 cities	10,879,505	8,470,738	15,824,781
x Total - 35 cities	10,052,552	7,609,424	14,480,798

STATISTICS CANADA LIBRARY  
BIBLIOTHÈQUE STATISTIQUE CANADA



1010544989