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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1932,
AND JUNE, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1932.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June was \$4,386,349; this was a decrease of \$903,157 or 17.1 p.c., as compared with the May total of \$5,289,506, while in comparison with June, 1931, there was also a decline of \$4,207,609, or 49.0 p.c., the value for that month having been \$8,593,958. The aggregate for the first six months of 1932, viz., \$22,577,143, was lower than in 1931 and also than in any other year of the record; in this connection, however, it is important to note the considerable decline in the wholesale costs of building materials, the Bureau's index having fallen from 144.5 in January-June, 1920, to 78.6 during the first half of the present year, or by 45.6 p.c. The 1926 average equals 100 in calculating these index numbers.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued nearly 400 permits for dwellings valued at over \$1,100,000 and some 2,100 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$3,200,000. During May, authority was given for the erection of over 400 dwellings and some 2,700 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,250,000 and \$3,800,000, respectively.

Improvement over May, 1932, was recorded in Quebec and Ontario, where there were increases of 4.7 p.c. and 36.5 p.c., respectively. Of the declines elsewhere, that of \$973,147, or 87.8 p.c., in Manitoba was largest.

As compared with June, 1931, there were decreases in all provinces except Nova Scotia, Ontario reporting the greatest loss of \$1,903,971 or 48.0 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with the preceding month, but a decline as compared with the corresponding month in 1931, while Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver reported decreases in both comparisons. Of the other cities, Sherbrooke, Guelph, Niagara Falls, Sault Ste. Marie, Windsor, Woodstock and Nanaimo indicated improvement over May, 1932, and June, 1931.

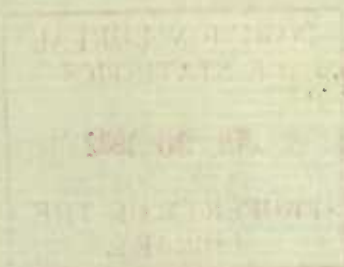
CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1932.

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 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first six months of the same years are also given.

Year	Value of Permits issued in June	Value of permits issued in first six months	Indexes of value of permits issued first six months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first six months (1926 average = 100).
1932	4,386,349	22,577,143	28.7	78.6
1931	8,593,958	58,950,508	74.8	83.6
1930	18,621,487	85,413,985	108.4	98.6
1929	27,816,592	124,609,267	158.2	99.6
1928	22,751,960	102,036,987	129.6	97.0
1927	18,363,239	80,842,719	102.6	96.6
1926	18,718,050	78,760,419	100.0	101.0
1925	14,915,884	65,899,717	83.7	103.1
1924	13,967,006	60,674,154	77.0	110.8
1923	14,286,252	73,047,496	92.7	111.4
1922	17,052,582	71,281,674	90.5	108.0
1921	14,240,934	55,771,684	70.7	132.0
1920	14,113,794	61,754,710	78.4	144.5

The aggregate for the first six months of this year was very much lower than in the first half of 1931 or any previous year of the record; the cost of building, as indicated by the index number of wholesale prices of building materials, was also lower than in any of the last twelve years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and June, 1932, and June, 1931; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".



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

C i t i e s	June, 1932	May, 1932	June, 1931
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	- \$	- \$	- \$
Nova Scotia	92,269	106,340	89,740
x Halifax	88,655	95,230	74,755
New Glasgow	1,050	2,450	13,075
x Sydney	2,564	8,660	1,910
New Brunswick	39,004	40,289	135,860
Fredericton	2,800	3,900	33,795
x Moncton	5,700	12,390	35,700
x Saint John	30,504	23,999	66,365
Quebec	1,534,862	1,466,638	2,433,114
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,420,337	1,310,691	2,078,663
x Quebec	52,250	115,407	284,791
Shawinigan Falls	3,700	2,000	3,800
x Sherbrooke	28,400	19,800	14,700
x Three Rivers	8,110	13,415	3,900
x Westmount	22,065	5,325	47,260
Ontario	2,062,396	1,510,734	3,966,367
Belleville	13,735	18,800	3,105
x Brantford	6,765	7,507	21,538
Chatham	9,530	8,600	16,550
x Fort William	23,250	63,200	56,850
Galt	9,664	12,438	27,373
x Guelph	38,257	16,580	10,065
x Hamilton	149,350	111,000	326,800
x Kingston	28,117	108,390	143,435
x Kitchener	37,155	19,027	120,987
x London	49,450	62,790	110,505
Niagara Falls	105,550	9,802	14,640
Oshawa	6,180	5,539	13,070
x Ottawa	260,390	131,390	504,905
Owen Sound	Nil	2,200	3,500
x Peterborough	16,765	16,255	72,790
x Port Arthur	12,207	156,250	35,205
x Stratford	7,052	7,428	16,702
x St. Catharines	17,850	14,123	54,792
x St. Thomas	1,255	3,874	61,090
Sarnia	8,433	15,407	4,765
Sault Ste. Marie	33,860	12,630	13,209
x Toronto	375,591	514,482	1,615,159
York & East York Townships	126,370	170,628	599,351
Welland	8,235	3,790	13,745
x Windsor	698,850	2,945	63,465
East Windsor	100	1,090	1,750
Riverside	-	Nil	2,060
Sandwich	Nil	900	2,025
Walkerville	1,000	3,000	20,000
Woodstock	17,435	10,669	16,936
Manitoba	134,695	1,107,842	577,404
x Brandon	2,320	6,757	10,294
St. Boniface	3,925	28,335	7,560
x Winnipeg	128,450	1,072,750	559,550
Saskatchewan	86,685	365,050	337,441
x Moose Jaw	2,675	9,350	83,106
x Regina	22,370	25,695	145,815
x Saskatoon	61,640	330,005	108,520
Alberta	248,582	430,633	400,761
x Calgary	74,344	74,008	183,781
x Edmonton	171,345	346,980	187,485
Lethbridge	2,293	9,060	19,130
Medicine Hat	600	585	10,365
British Columbia	187,856	261,980	653,271
Kamloops	8,050	11,375	4,430
Nanaimo	4,300	75	2,000
x New Westminster	9,790	15,145	41,610
Prince Rupert	4,505	3,965	9,610
x Vancouver	126,650	203,465	530,565
North Vancouver	985	1,700	9,430
x Victoria	33,576	26,255	55,626
Total - 61 Cities	4,386,349	5,289,506	8,593,958
xTotal - 35 Cities	4,014,049	4,950,568	7,738,684

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